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Right Intent, Right Results

Press the lotus button (Make BJP win

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(Amendment) Act), triple

talaq (prohibition act)

and (scrapping of) Article

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Policeman on poll duty dies

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GARIABAND (CG): A jawan of the Madhya Pradesh Special Armed Force deployed on poll duty died allegedly by suicide by shooting himself with his service rifle in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district on Friday. police said.

Gariaband falls in the

Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituency where polling is underway in the second phase of the general elections. The incident took place around 9.30 am at a government school in Kudedadar village under Piparchhedi police station limits where security personnel on poll duty have been stationed, a police official here said. Head Constable Jiyalal Pawar allegedly shot himself with his service rifle in a room at the school, he said. He was in the reserve team and was not deployed for active poll work, the official said. Pawar belonged to Batallion no. 34 of the MP Special Armed Force,

Over 72.13 pc turnout in three LS seats in CG

Of the eight assembly segments in the Kanker Lok Sabha constituency, polling ended at 3 pm in Antagarh, Bhanupratappur, Keshkal and Kanker assembly segments.

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RAIPUR: More than 72 per cent of voters exercised their franchise till 5 pm in three Lok Sabha constituencies, all having Naxalite presence, in Chhattisgarh, where the second phase of the general elections was held on Friday, officials said

Polling began Kanker, Rajnandgaon and Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituencies at 7 am and was held in different time slots. A turnout of 72.13 per cent was registered till 5 pm, an election official said.

Of the eight assembly segments in the Kanker Lok Sabna constituency, polling ended at 3 pm in Antagarh, Bhanupratappur, Keshkal and Kanker assembly segments, while in Sihawa, Sanjari-Balod, Daundilohara and Gunderdehi it concluded at 6 pm, he said.

In the Rajnandgaon



FACTFILE

The tribal-dominated Kanker seat recorded a 73.50 per cent turnout.

Lok Sabha constituency, polling in the Manpur-Mohla assembly segment ended at 3 pm, and in the seven other assembly segments, it concluded at

The polling was held in the Mahasamund

said "blindly distrusting"

can breed unwarranted

"democracy is all about

striving to build harmony

scepticism.

Maintaining



constituency till 6 pm, except in nine sensitive polling booths under Bindranawagarh segment, assembly

I have received complaints that my photos on EVMs are smaller and unclear as compared to those of rivals.

> **Bhupesh Baghel** Former CG CM

The tribal-dominated Kanker seat recorded a 73.50 per cent turnout, Mahasamund 71.13 per cent and Rajnandgaon 71.87 per cent till 5 pm, the official said.

where it ended at 3 pm.

The voting figure may go up as they are yet to receive the final data from several booths, he

Among the early voters, state assembly speaker and former chief minister Raman Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, former MP Abhishek Singh cast their votes in Kawardha town (Rajnandgaon seat), candidate Santosn Pandey and his wife

Sahaspur-Lohara Rajnandgaon, BJP candidate Rupkumari Chaudhary in Harratar village in Mahasamund, BJP candidate Bhojraj Nag and his wife at Antagarh in Kanker.

I VVPAT

SC dismisses pleas on 100% verification

Press Trust of India

The bench suggested the poll panel can examine whether electronic machines can be used for counting VVPAT slips and also whether bar codes can be used for parties along with their symbols.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme **FACTFILE** Court on Friday rejected pleas seeking complete The petitions had

cross-verification of votes claimed the polling cast using EVMs with a devices can be tinkered Voter Verifiable Paper with to manipulate the Audit Trail (VVPAT) and results. any aspect of the system

and trust between all institutions", a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta delivered two concurring verdicts and dismissed all

the pleas in the matter, including those seeking to go back to ballot papers in elections. The court issued two directives. Pronouncing his verdict, Justice Khanna directed the Election Commission to seal and store units used to load symbols for 45 days after the symbols have been loaded to electronic voting machines in strong rooms.

Google Doodle marks general elections with voting symbol

DELHI: Google marked the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections with a colourful doodle on its homepage celebrating the inked index finger, which signals that a person has voted. The Google Doodle shows an index finger marked with indelible ink replacing the 'O' in the logo.

> Bemetara falls in Durg Lok Sabha constituency which will go to polls on

(Congress) "..they have said they will make a separate law for minorities. Tell me, should the country function on the basis of Sharia? Should triple talaq be reintroduced? Congress has been heading forward with the agenda of Mus-

BJP leader alleged.

lim league," the senior reservations for Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled "Rahul baba, neither



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Phir Ek Baar

Modi Sarkar

Congress have said they will make a separate law for minorities. Tell me, should the country function on the basis of Sharia?.

BEMETARA (CG): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday claimed that Congress has said it would make a separate law for minorities, and asked whether the country should "function on the basis of Sharia."

Speaking at an election rally in Bemetara district of Chhattisgarh, he also said those who refused invitation for the consecration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya for their vote bank politics did not have the right to rule the coun-

May 7.

Nobody can accomplish in 1,000 years what Modi has done in ten years, Shah said. The Union minister also accused Congress of being anti-Other Backward Class, and said it was Modi's guarantee that no one can touch the

Castes and OBCs.

CHHATTISGARG

Polling in five VS of 3 LS recorded at 63.92%

For the second leg of polling in three Lok Sabha seats of Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund and Kanker and the polling in 5 Vidhan Sabhas of the 3 Lok Sabha got completed at 3:00 pm..

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QUOTE



Democracy all about striving to build harmony. trust among all its pillars through open dialogue,

Justice Dipankar Datta

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SC to consider listing plea of Delhi govt against central law

The Supreme Court on Friday told the Delhi government that it would consider listing its plea challenging the central government's law establishing pre-eminence of the lieutenant governor over the elected dispensation in controlling services in the national capital.

'Stunting risk higher among children living in hills' viding access to healthcare under five years of age, exposure to high altitude **NUMBER**

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| STUDY |

NEW DELHI: Children living in India's hills and mountains are at an increased risk of stunted growth, with the risk increasing with rise in altitude, according to new research published in the British Medical Journal Nutrition, Prevention & Health.

Analysing data of more than 1.65 lakh children

researchers observed that stunting was more common among those born as a third or later child to parents, and those having a small size at birth.

Data was included from the 2015-16 National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) for analysis. The WHO standards were used to define stunting.

researchers,

The overall prevalence of stunting among these children was found to be 36%.

including those from Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, suggested that continuous environment can reduce appetite, and limit oxygen and nutrient absorption, even as, they said, a direct causal link was not established in the observational study. The team also said that

food insecurity in hilly and mountainous regions tends to be more, arising out of lower crop yields and harsher climate. Proin these regions, including implementing nutritional programmes, is challenging, they said. The overall prevalence

of stunting among these children was found to be 36 per cent. Prevalence was higher among children aged 1.5-5 years (41 per cent) than among those under 1.5 years of age (27 per cent).

Raipur



Congress is getting swept on all 11 Lok Sabha seats in the state

Arun Sao

Deputy CM, Chhattisgarh Govt



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said while addressing a huge public meeting in Chilahati, Masturi of Bilaspu

BJP does development while Congress works to cheat: Sai

Modi ji and BJP developed tribal and scheduled caste dominated areas. Top leaders of Congress are making objectionable comments on Prime Minister in frustration

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR/MASTURI: 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP government have always been concerned about the interests of tribal and scheduled dominated areas. Scheduled caste dominated areas have developed rapidly under the BJP government. Today, the construction and development work of the grand Jaitkham in Girodpuri has been done by our BJP government', Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said while addressing a huge public meeting in Chilahati, Masturi of Bilaspur on Friday. He said that the previous Raman govern-

ment had sanctioned Rs 123

Food at 20

pc discount

in Babylon

RAIPUR: Under the leadership of Collector and District Election Offi-

cer Dr. Gaurav Singh, a unique initiative has been

launched as part of the

sweep activities. The Bab-

ylon Hotel has declared a

20 percent discount for

voters to promote voter

awareness. Additionally,

for every three buffets

ordered, the fourth per-

son will receive a com-

plimentary meal. This

promotion will run from

May 7th to May 12th, 2024. The hotel management

has formally submitted

a letter to the Collector

regarding this initiative,

which was also praised by

the Collector. Dr. Gaurav

Singh expressed that these

sweep activities are cru-

cial in raising voter aware-

ness and are expected

to contribute towards an

increase in voter turnout.

Hotel

crore for the development of roads in Masturi area and BJP government itself had sanctioned Rs 34 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana. It is clear that BJP cares about roads, water and electricity while Congress only works to cheat, he said. He said that today big leaders of Congress were making objectionable comments on Prime Minister in frustration after seeing their certain defeat. 'When Leader of Opposition Charandas Mahant is talking about hitting Modi ji with sticks, then Kawasi Lakhma is saying that Modi ji should die which is very shameful', said Sai adding that public will give a befitting reply to

HIGHLIGHT

- Modi ji has to be made Prime Minister for the third time by electing BJP candidate as MP from Bilaspur
- Previous Raman government had sanctioned Rs
 123 crore for the development of roads in Masturi area.

such people and will dismiss them at zero. The Chief Minister appealed to the public to make Modi ji the Prime Minister for the third time by making BJP candidate Tokhan Sahu win with a huge majority. Attacking Congress and Bhupesh

Baghel, Sai said that out of 36 promises made by the Congress government, not a single promise was properly fulfilled. Under the leadership of Bhupesh Baghel, Chhattisgarh had become a den of crime and corruption, he said, maintaining that Congress committed scam in liquor, coal, sand, government land, DMF amount etc. The state was made poor by looting, he said and added that due to such irregularities people of Chhattisgarh voted Con-

in 2023.

He alleged that Bhupesh Baghel's government made the youth addicted to gambling. Baghel was accused of taking protection money

gress out of the government

of Rs 508 crore for uninterrupted running of Mahadev Satta app and FIR was also registered which is a matter of shame for Chhattisgarh, Sai said, adding that the accused of the scams that took place during the Congress rule are facing jail today.

Highlighting the achievements of his government, the Chief Minister said that his government fulfilled the big promises of Modi's guarantee. On the very second day of taking oath, he gave approval for Rs 18 lakh PM Awas, 2 years outstanding bonus given to 12 lakh farmers and procured paddy at 21 quintals per acre besides giving a price of Rs 3100 per quintal.

MISHAP

Six suffer burn injuries after blast in Ambuja-Adani mines

Central Chronicle News

At least six persons sustained severe burn injuries after a blast that took place in mines of Ambuja Adani cement.

RAIPUR/BALODABAZAR: A blast occurred while filling cylinders in the mines at Ambuja Adani Cement Plant located in Baloda Bazar district on Friday. Six people have suffered burn injuries in the accident and have been admitted to the hospital.

The condition of two of the injured is said to be critical. They have been referred to Raipur after first aid considering their condition. The remaining four are undergoing



At least six persons were burnt in a major mishap in mines of Ambuja Cement Plant on Frid

FACTFILE

 The condition of two of the injured is said to be critical. They have been referred to Raipur treatment at Ambuja Adani Hospital. The matter belongs to Kotwali police station area.

It is being told that this accident happened while filling nitrogen gas. A few months ago, a similar accident had taken place

at UltraTech Cement Plant located in Hirmi, in which three people were injured. Even before this, many accidents have happened in Ambuja Adani Cement Plant, in which people have also lost

their lives.

| VOTERS SUPPORT |

First time voters gave support to Brijmohan

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: In the city-rural area of Tilda Nevra, more than 100 first-time voters, led by former municipal president Mahesh Aggarwal, met the BJP candidate for the Raipur Lok Sabha seat, Brijmohan Agarwal, and expressed their support by pledging to vote for the BJP. This meeting indicates a sig-

nificant show of support from this group of new voters towards the BJP candidate in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has seen significant progress, particularly impacting the youth. Through initiatives like skill develprograms, opment over one lakh startups



Under the leadership of PM, India has seen significant progress, particularly impacting the youth.

Brijmohan Agrawal MLA, Raipur South



numerous job opportunities for the youth. Additionally, Modi's focus on c nies to expand their businesses in India, further increasing employment prospects across various sectors. This growth trend indi cates a positive trajectory and showcases the transformative impact of Modi's leadership.

have emerged, creating

Briefs

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Couple dies after being hit by a speeding vehicle

A tragic accident took place near Tekari village of the assembly constituency Raipur.

A couple riding a bike died on the spot after being hit by a speeding cement mixture capsule vehicle, while their six-month-old daughter and 16-year-old brother-in-law were seriously injured. Both have been admitted to Ambedkar Hospital. On receiving information about the accident, the Vidhan Sabha police reached the spot, seized the capsule and arrested the driver.

According to the information received from the Vidhan Sabha police station, Danesh Sahu (26), a resident of Jaraud village of Arang police station area, was traveling with his wife Hina Sahu (23), daugther Jagriti Sahu (six months) and brother-in-law Deendayal Sahu (16) on bike number CG 04 NT 6697 on Thursday. He was going from Farhad village to Birgaon.

DIME

Five accused nabbed, 20 stolen bikes seized



On taking the complaint of vehicle thefts in Tikrapara thana on regular basis, the senior officers were informed about it and seeing seriousness of the matter, all the CCTV cameras in the region were searched and information about the prisoners already put behind bars was crosschecked and keeping close watch on them, their whereabouts were checked through informers.

Failing to find any clues in this, the police went to the site of incidents from where vehicles were stolen and checked on the style of theft and with likely chances of their next theft kept an eye on them wearing civil clothes.

Voter awareness program

Ramakrishna Care Hospital's exemplary initiative for voter awareness



Under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh, the prestigious Ramakrishna Care Hospital of the district has taken a commendable initiative by participating in the voter awareness program. A special discount offer has been announced for the resident voting on May 07 on showing the ink mark on their finger. Collector Dr. Singh appreciated this initiative and called it exemplary for other institutions also

Chief Operating Officer of Ramakrishna Care Hospital, Dr. Akhil met Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh and informed him about this exemplary initiative. The hospital will provide 30 percent discount in all types of health checkups to the voters and their family ing till May 12. Alon will also get priority that the voting citiz to wait. This schem mented with the aim voters which will be May to 12 May 2024.

members who vote on the polling date, May 7th. Along with this, the hospital will also give 30 percent discount in OPD physician consultation. Due to which people will be motivated to vote more and more.

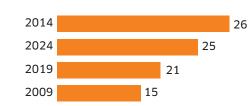
The hospital management said that this initiative has been taken to strengthen democracy and to motivate citizens to vote. The hospital will also provide free ambulance pickup facility for voters in Raipur Municipal Corporation area from the day of voting till May 12. Along with this, they will also get priority in OPD billing so that the voting citizens will not have to wait. This scheme is being implemented with the aim of motivating the voters which will be available from 07 May to 12 May 2024

The Day's NUMBERS

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NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CONTEST-ING FROM DURG CONSTITUENCY

Loksabha ele tions yearwise



SPORTS

Match between Raipur and Kawardha ends in a draw

The 1st semi-final match of the Under-19 Plate Group Inter District Tournament between Raipur and Kawardha has ended in a draw.

The match took place from 22nd-24th April at Raipur's RDCA Ground where Kawardha won the toss and elected to field first.

During their 1st innings, Raipur scored 325 in 73.2 overs in which Daksh Kumar and Faiz Khan shone with the bat by scoring 84 and 66 runs respectively. Meanwhile, Shizan Ali was the pick of the bowlers for Kawardha as he scalped three wickets.

However, things went downhill for Kawardha in their first innings as they could muster only 172 runs in just 60 overs. The top scorers for Kawardha were Gagan Gupta and Shree Chandravanshi who scored 64 and 43 runs respectively. On the other hand, Aryaman Singh and Faiz Khan took 4 and 2 wickets each to put Raipur in a strong position.

EARTH DAY World Earth Day celebrated in Dur

celebrated in Durga College



The Geography department of Durga College jointly under the aegis of Eco Club observed World Earth Day. On this occasion under Mission Life, in order to keep the earth balanced, it is by bringing changes in our behavior, the conservation of water, electricity, fuel can be done and discussions on all these issues was held. Dr Poornima Shukla HoD Geography Department and President Eco Club informed that if we do not save water, then days are not far off the condition of our city too would be like that of Chennai of South or Capetown of Africa and we may have to pass through same phase.

Raipur News

Ten years were a period of injustice, dictatorship: Alka

We will be successful in stopping BJP from 180 to 200 seats. BJP and RSS do not have the courage to contest elections

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: National President of Mahila Congress Alka Lamba said that there was no BJP wave anywhere in the country and that BJP's slogan of crossing 400 was not succeeding. Lamba during her 3-day tour to Chhattisgarh addressed a press conference at Rajiv Bhawan, the Congress headquarters in the capital Raipur.

She appealed to the voters to exercise their franchise in the second phase of elections in the country on Friday.

Polling took place on three Lok Sabha seats of Chhattisgarh under second phase. Lamba said that everyone must come out of their homes and vote.

Alka Lamba said that 10 years were a period of injustice and dictatorship. BIP made its manifesto in a closed room whereas Congress manifesto emerged from a journey of 10,000 kilometers.

The manifesto has been prepared after listening to women, farmers, youth and labourers. BJP is suffering huge losses in Rajas-

Congress is contesting the elections on 5 justices and 25 guarantees.

The Prime Minister



Agniveer Yojna will be scrapped after formation of Congress govt

According to her unemployment broke 45-year record.

Regarding Agniveer Yojana, she said recruitment under Agniveer Yojana was done on contract basis. A youth was recruited from Punjab, he was shot in the chest but martyr was not written before his name because he was recruited on contract under the Agniveer

HIGHLIGHT

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Congress is contesting the elections on 5 justices and 25 guarantees.

scheme, she said. The dead body is brought in a private van and money is demanded from the family members, she added. Therefore, after the formation of Congress government, Agniveer Yojana will be scrapped,

Lamba said that the Prime Minister was seeking votes on the basis of religion.

Under ground cabling

UNDER GROUND CABLING

Cong is winning all four seats in the first and second phase: Baij

Modi.

Central Chronicle News

Now Congress's focus is on 7 seats in the third phase

RAIPUR: After voting in three Lok Sabha seats of the second phase, State Congress President Deepak Baij expressed his gratitude to the voters and said that people voted in queues in the scorching heat, this shows the faith of the voters of the country and Chhattisgarh towards democracy. After the first phase and second phase of voting, the inclination of voters outside the polling stations was clearly visible towards Congress. In the scorching heat, people came out of their homes to cast their votes to make a difference. Congress party is winning all the four Lok Sabha seats in Chhattisgarh with huge votes. In today's voting, Bhupesh Baghel from Rajnandgaon, Tamradhwaj Sahu from Mahasamund, Biresh Thakur from Kanker are winning

the election. State Congress President Deepak Baij said that after the first and second phase, the entire focus of the Congress party is on 7 seats in the third phase. There is a better atmosphere in favor of Congress candidates in all the seven seats of the third phase. There is a wave of change going on in the

state which was clearly visible in two phases and in the third phase also the voting will be against

State Congress President Deepak Baij said that the Prime Minister should tell what happened to his promises of 2014 even after the completion of his two terms? What happened after promising to reduce inflation in 100 days? What happened to doubling the income of farmers? Modi should tell

FASTFACTS

- Voting in a queue in the scorching heat is a symbol of faith in democracy.
- Wave in favour of Congress seen in Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund, Kanker

that even after 10 years, Indian farmers are marching towards Delhi for their support price guarantee. Why did the youth not get 2 crore jobs, why did the price of petrol and diesel not become Rs 35? Why didn't Rs 15 lakh come into everyone's account? What happened to the promise of a house for every homeless person by 2022, what happened to the promise of bringing black money from abroad and bringing Rs 15 lakh in the account of every citizen?

NEWSLINE

PROBE

FM welcomes CBI investigation into PSC scam



tigation into PSC scam has been issued. Finance Minister OP Choudhary has expressed relief over the approval of the Modi government on the decision of the state government. With this he talked about justice for the brothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh.

Finance Minister OF Choudhary said in his video message that during the time of Bhupesh Baghel and Congress government in Chhattisgarh, a market was organized in PSC for the jobs that were available for the brothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh. 'We fought a street battle against this, we struggled. We stood with the brothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh', he said.

SUSPENSION

Three employees suspended for absence from election duty

Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Gaurav Singh has suspended three employees who were absent from election duty.

An order in this regard has also been issued today. Janu Dhruv, assistant teacher posted in Government Primary School, Sonesiiii, Nitesh Turkane, Assistant Grade 3, posted in the office of Deputy Director and Rakesh Singh Dhruv, Assistant Grade 3, Raipur remained absent from Lok Sabha election duty without any information.

AWARENESS PROG

SCF debunks cancer myths in awareness program



RAIPUR: Recently, a cancer awareness program was organized for students in Shankaracharya College Raipur by Sanjeevani Cancer Foundation. Shankaracharya Raipur Chairman Mr. Nishant Tripathi (BG), Dr. Pranjali Sharma, Mr. Toshan Singh Rathore, and from Sanjeevani Cancer Foundation (SCF) Medical Oncologist Dr. Rakesh Mishra, Neelambar Patel were present in this program. The students of Shankaracharya College participated enthusiastically in this program and got informed about the myths and facts related to cancer.

Collector inspects Raipur South polling stations

Central Chronicle News

Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Gaurav Singh today inspected the polling stations of Raipur South Assembly constituency and gave necessary instructions to ensure basic arrangements for 3rd phase of polling under Lok Sabha elections 2024.

RAIPUR: Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Gaurav Singh visited polling centers with more than 5 booths and gave instructions ensure facilities transportation. lights, fans, drinking water, toilets etc. in the centres.

Instructions were given to keep benches in the polling centers for the voters to sit in

He instructed to look at the arrangements for the stay of the polling party in the polling centers and gave instructions to strengthen the arrangements. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra, SDM Nandkumar Choubey and many officers and employees were present.

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and demanding justice.

On farmers' agitation

contest elections.

We will be successful

strength.

Mahila Congress Pres-

During the inspection, the Collector gave instructions to make the polling centers as ideal polling centres. Dr. Singh saw the facilities of the polling booth gave necessary and instructions.

He inspected the polling booths in Government Saraswati Girls School, Nayapar, Madhav Rao Sapre School, Naveen Girls Higher Secondary School, Purani Basti, Sundarlal Sharma Lakhnagar and Sant Kanwar Government Girls School.

Brijmohan got support from Ahir **Yadav**

RAIPUR: Umrao Yadav,

the State President of Chhattisgarh assisting the Chhattisgarh.

Kosaria Ahir Yadav Seva Samaj Youth Cell, expressed his support for BJP canaidate Brijmonan Agarwal from Raipur in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Yadav highlighted that the Yadav community has received consistent support and assistance from Brijmohan Agarwal for the past three decades. He emphasized that Agarwal has been a reliable source of support, Yadav community with various challenges. Umrao praised Brijmohan Agarwal, highlighting his work in building community buildings for the Yadav community in

Umrao mentioned that Brijmohan Agarwal, as a minister and MLA, is known for making prompt decisions to fulfill society's demands.



about Rs 7 crore, the electric wires spread over the roads have been eliminated.

RAIPUR: Raipur Smart City Limited has successfully streamlined Malviya Road, a significant project in one of the busiest and oldest commercial areas in the city. Under the guidance of Abinash Mishra, the Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Managing Director of Raipur Smart City, the project involved organizing the chaotic electrical wires on this main road by installing them underground. This initiative not only enhances the aesthetics of the area but also improves safety and efficiency by reducing the risk of accidents and



FASTFACTS

Got rid of electricity and cable wires, old pillars were also removed

The network of wires that was visible due to the cable connection wires being installed on the electric poles has been removed as

head wires. The project included cabling of LT lines with 11 KV HT in a 650-meter

outages caused by overunderground stretch of Malviya Road. The work involved removing the pillars installed earlier by CSPDCL. With the completion of this project, costing about Rs 7 crore, the electric wires spread over the roads have been eliminated. Additionally, the network of wires that was visible

due to the cable connection wires being installed on the electric poles has been removed as well. This project aimed to improve the aesthetic appearance of the area by removing the unsightly overhead electrical infrastructure and moving the power lines underground. It was likely undertaken to enhance the visual appeal of the area and provide a cleaner and more organized urban landscape.

| AIIMS-KIDNEY TRANSPLANT |

Kidney transplant to renal hypertension patient in AIIMS-R

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: All India Institute of Medical Sciences has successfully transplanted a kidney to a female patient suffering from kidney dysfunction due to renal hypertension. This is one of the first transplants at the institute. Usually, patients with chronic kidney diseases (CKD) need transplants. AIIMS also achieved a significant milestone of 25 successful kidney transplants in almost one and a half years with two new kidney trans-

A 25-year-old female from Korba district was presented in the nephrology department of AIIMS with kidney dysfunction. The diagnosis suggested that she had been suffering from renal hypertension for two years. Due to hypertension, her kidneys were not functioning, and she needed three dialvsis sessions in a week. She had blood pressure



around 150 to 250 mmHg, which could lead to other chronic diseases.

Consultants tried to manage her condition through different prescriptions, but anti-hypersensitive medicines were not effective for her condition. Then, an expert team in AIIMS was formed, and it was decided to remove her dysfunctional kidney by laparoscopic technique and to transplant a kidney. Her mother donated a kidney. The operation

Water pollution, a disorder.

Dr. Vinay Rathore

tension, and lifestyle disorders contributed to renal hypertension at a young age. This is a typical case of such

HoD, Nephrology AIIMS-R

was complex but successfully managed by experts from the nephrology, urology, and anaesthesiology departments.

Dr. Vinay Rathore, HoD, Nephrology, said that water pollution, tension, and lifestyle disorders contributed to renal hypertension at a young age. This is a typical case of such a disorder. Dr. Rathore suggested embracing a tension-free, healthy lifestyle and avoiding junk food

and polluted water.



"Initiative of traders and hospitals to offer discounts would incentivise voting",

Richa Prakash Chaudhary

Show inked finger to get discounts at shops, hospitals

Initiative by businessmen to encourage people to participate in festival of democracy

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Voting will be held in the district on May 07 in the third phase of Lok Sabha General Election-2024. It is the duty of every citizen to exercise their franchise. Besides, it is everyone's collective responsibility to make people aware and encourage to vote. Various business organizations have announced discounts to those who purchase from shops after casting their

SDM Mukesh Raote convened a meeting of the traders' organizations at Durg Municipal Corporation. In order to promote voting and encourage voters, the traders have announced attractive discounts. On the day of polling on May 7, the voters will get a discount at the shops of Indira Market on showing the indelible ink mark on the finger. Bullion Traders Association has announced 50% discount on gold making charges, Readymade Garments Association announced 15% discount, TMT Bar traders will give Rs 50 per



Private hospitals participate for voter awareness

HIGHLIGHT

Sparsh Hospital will provide free OPD consultation on May 07 to the patients who reach the hospital after casting their vote. They will also get a 25% discount on the tests prescribed at OPD. From May 08 to 12, the hospital will provide a 50% discount on OPD consultation. If a person is admitted to the hospital after vot-

Avail discount on apparel, jewellery, furniture, stationery and cosmetics

ing on 07 May 2024, the hospital will exempt the room rent for that day. SR Hospital, Chikhli will also provide free OPD consultation on

07 to the patients who show their inked finger. They will also get a 30% discount on the tests prescribed at OPD. From May 08 to 12, the hospital will provide a 60 % discount on OPD consultation. If a person is admitted to the hospital after voting on 07 May 2024, the hospital will exempt the room rent for that day.

Star Campaigner's expenses to be recorded in the party's account

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District Election Officer clears doubts of candidates regarding expenses of star campaigners

BHILAI: Some candidates contesting the elections in Durg had certain doubts regarding the expenses on star campaigners. District Election Office has made it clear that as per the provisions of I (1 & ll) of Rule 77 of the Representation of the People Act 1951, on Advertisement in Print and Electronic Media, if the advertisement for general party campaign with photo of star campaigner or appeal is published in print and electronic media without reference to any candidate, the expenditure on such general advertisement will be credited to the account of the political party. If such a leader is a candidate in any constituency, the expenditure on such a general party campaign, even if his photograph is in the print and electronic media, shall not be credited to the account of such leader, because it is a general party campaign, without reference to its constituency. If posters, banners, flags, stickers etc bearing the photo or appeal

of a star campaigner are used during the election without reference to any particular candidate, the expenditure will be credited to the account of the political party. If the leader is a candidate in a constituency, the proportionate expenditure on such items actually used in his constituency shall be included in his election expenses. If any atten-

FASTFACTS

- Candidate has to bear 50% expense on sharing vehicle with star campaigner
- Candidate has to bear entire expense of public meeting on sharing stage with star

campaigner dant including security guard, medical attendant or any other person or member of the party, who is not a candidate in the concerned constituency, travels with the star campaigner of the political party in his own vehicle, aircraft, helicopter, etc., the travel expenditure will be recorded in the account of the political party. As a result, no part of the travel expenses of the political star campaigner will be booked in the candidate's account.

JEE MAINS

Utkarsh Bhardwaj of SSV-X tops **JEE Mains in** twin city



BHILAI: Result of JEE Mains which was conducted in the month of April was declared on Thursday. Following students of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector 10 have qualified for JEE ADVANCE (2024) Utkarsh Bhardwai (99.77). Armaan Khan(97.1) Ishaan Singh (95), Akshat Pandey (94.98), Hemank Sahu (91.91), Lokendra Sahu (91.06), Anushree Sahu (84.92), Mehul Sahu (82), Dhawal kumar Uike (65.74), Priyanshu Suryavanshi (60.98). Bipin Desh mukh (Principal, Sri Sankara Vidyalaya) and staff congratulated the students on their success. S Swaminathan (Secretary, SSES) and management members of Sri Sankara Education Society wished the students good luck for their future endeavours.

HEALTH

Malaria cannot be eradicated without public participation: Dhruv

BHILAI: Municipal Corporation organised a workshop on the occasion of World Malaria Day, BMC Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv said that without public participation, the vector -borne and water-borne diseases cannot be controlled or eradicated. On World Malaria Day, the Health Department of BMC took out a raily in the labour dominated areas of Zone 1 and 3. Women self-help groups and health workers participated in the rally and pledged to make Chhattisgarh a malariafree state by the year 2030.

CRIME

Instagram friend held for raping girl



BHILAI: Police arrested a 22-year-old youth on charges of threatening and raping a girl. After befriending her on Instagram, he lured her into a love trap and raped her. When the victim refused, he threatened to kill the girl and her brother as well as make her obscene photo / videos viral. The victim lodged a complaint at Supela Police Station against Rajnandgaon resident Pratham Hariharno. The victim complained that the accused befriended her on Instagram and lured her into a love trap. He has been sexually assaulting her since 2023.

quintal discount; furni-**Brainstorming** session between IIT Bhilai & CG MFP

Central Chronicle News

ECOBRICKS made from single use plastic items and creative crafts work was displayed to encourage students for utilisation of plastic items

BHILAI: A brainstorming session and discussion between the Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai and Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading and Development) Co-operative Federation Limited was held the other day.

The meeting was jointly chaired by Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai and Anil Rai (IFS), MD, CG MFP Federation. Faculty members from departments of Liberal Arts, Biotechnology, Material Science, and Chemistry participated in the discussion, wherein problem statements pertinent to the work of the MFP Federation with tribal communities were identified and a roadmap prepared for future collaborative work. IIT Bhilai is a premier academic and research institution established by the Ministry of Education, GoI, and has the expertise and facilities to carry out R&D in the area of Chhattisgarh. MFP Federation is the apex organization in the state of Chhattisgarh, responsible for all aspects relating to the management, development, and trade of the minor forest produce sector in the state.

ture traders will give 20 percent discount, whole-

sale stationery shops will

offer 20 percent discount

while 15% discount will

be available on cosmet-

ics, dry fruits and puja

Raote, Deputy Commis-

sioner Mohendra Sahu,

Chandan Manhare and

the office bearers of the

will urge the traders and

customers to cast their

votes. The office bearers

of the traders' organiza-

tion pledged to cast their

traders'

SDM Mukesh

organisations

Both organizations develop will jointly research projects on identified problem statements and develop accessible and responsive technologies in the domain, which will also help in the preservation of indigenous tribal knowledge.

Fine imposed for causing

BHILAI: Bhilai Municipal

the open.

dust pollution

Corporation is continuously taking action against the people involved in illegal work or construction. The team of Zone 2 and 4 took action on people responsible for dust poliution and spreading litter. On the instructions of BMC Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv, various teams are monitoring the illegal activities taking place in the area. The revenue team of Zone 4 visited the Industrial Area Chhawani and found that in Ward 41, Baljit Singh Kurre was causing dust polling by dumping and negligently handing the cement dust. Locals complained of respiratory problems due to cement dust. The BMC team instructed Kurre to relocate his cement work from the densely populated area. Fine of Rs 10000 was imposed on him. On the other hand, the health staff of Zone 2 collected a fine of Rs 1000 from Sagar Jaiswal, who threw garbage in

Sangwari polling stations to have attractive decoration

Central Chronicle News

Officials conduct visit to finalise plans decoration, selfie booths, etc.

BHILAI: The Model and Sangwari polling stations will be beautifully decorated with innovative ideas and will have various facilities also. Durg Municipal Corporation Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar informed that Model / Sangwari polling stations are being established at Borsi Government School, Potiyakala Government School, Surana College, JRD School, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel School, Gayabai School and other places. Pink Both Nodal Officer Shubham Goir conducted inspection of such polling stations the other day. Arrangements are being



FASTFACTS

Efforts to achieve cent percent voting

Polling process to be webcasted from selected booths

Wheelchairs and volunteers to be deployed for disabled voters

done to ensure that voters do not face any kind of problem in the voting process. Efforts are being made to achieve the target of cent percent vot-

For voter awareness, hoardings have been installed at various places. Nodal Officer Shubham Goir said that selfie booths with different themes

being made in the polling centres. The focus is on activities like taking photos of the voters after voting and motivating everyone to vote. They are especially targeting the women voters and are encouraging them to leave all the household work and give priority to voting. Awareness programmes are being con-

ducted under SVEEP.

make the day special,

Bhubneshwari, Principal

| EARTH DAY |

World Earth Day celebrations at Kendriya Vidyalaya CISF

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BHILAI: The World Earth Day was celebrated in Kendriya Vidyalaya CISF, Bhilai under Yuva Tourism Club. The celebration of earth day began with the special morning assembly program. The students under guidance of Reena Sahu, Librarian presented information on origin, aims and theme of earth day 2024. In order to emphasise

the theme of Earth Day

-2024 'Planet Vs Plastic' Suneeta Gawande, PGT Chemistry suggested ways to minimise use of plastic and eliminate single use plastic from school and home. An innovative idea of ' ECO-BRICKS 'made from single use plastic items and creative crafts work was displayed to encourage students for utilisation of plastic items in environment friendly way and protect earth from plastic pollution.



Geetu PGT, Biology guided students of senior classes in making creative craft items from single use plastic boxes, disposable water bottles and collage making from old newspapers on theme. Club Incharge of Yuva Tourism Club Dr Pankaj Kumar Shukla encouraged students to participate in various environment-related activities such as poster making, painting, slogan writing, poem recitation etc. To

"Celebration of Earth Day prompts us to see ourselves not separate from nature but intricately connected"

> Bhubneshwari Principal, Kendriva Vidyalaya CISF, Bhilai

KV CISF appreciated the efforts of students and motivated all students and staff members of Vidyalaya to pledge to avoid using plastics in Vidyalaya and home, go on nature walks, make lifestyle changes that reduce carbon footprint, educate family and friends on ways to save the environment and also adopt 3Rs of reduce, reuse and recy-

cle in lifestyle.

Battle-2024

"You have heard about maneater tigers, but have you heard about the jobeater BJP?"

Mamata Banerjee



Congress allies want to lay foundation of India's division on religious lines: Adityanath

Congress manifesto is harmful for the country and it was necessary that the opposition be thwarted by the people in the ongoing elections

Press Trust Of India

LUCKNOW: Citing the controversy around the inheritance tax and wealth redistribution, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said the INDIA bloc and its constituent Congress want to lay the foundation of the country's division on religious lines. Adityanath accused opposition parties of trying to rob the hard-earned wealth of people, "reintroduce personal laws" and "resurrect the Maoist insurgency".

Train services

to Assam's

Barak Valley

restored: NFR

GUWAHATI: Train services to Assam's Barak Valley was restored late on Fri-

day afternoon after being snapped since the pre-

vious day which had left

around 500 passengers

stranded, many of whom

were on way to vote in

the ongoing second phase

elections. Political parties had appealed to the rail-

way authorities to expedite

restoration of the affected

section and arrange for

alternate transportation

means, with polling taking

place in Silchar and Kam-

ringani constituencies of

Barak Valley. Several trains

were cancelled, short-ter-

minated or rescheduled

since Thursday follow-

ing the derailment of the

engine of a goods train

between Jatinga Lam-

pur and New Harangajao

stations under Lumding

Addressing the media at his official residence here, the chief minister termed the Congress manifesto as harmful for the country and said it was necessary that the opposition be thwarted by the people in the ongoing elections.

Adityanath said the BJP began its campaign with the slogan of 'Modi Ki Guarantee', and highlighted the development works, good governance and improved security under the government. "But just before the first

phase (of polls), the man-

HIGHLIGHT

Opposition parties are trying to rob the hard-earned wealth of people, "reintroduce personal laws" and "resurrect the Maoist insurgency"

ifesto of Congress, the most important constituent of the INDI alliance, was announced. The contents of the manifesto bode danger for India which is the world's largest democracy," he said.

While the BJP was initially campaigning on welfare and development issues, the Congress manifesto drew the attention of the BJP, the chief minister

Adityanath cited the recent remarks by Sam Pitroda, the Ranganath Misra Commission, the Sachar Committee report and the Muslim reservation in Karnataka as he targeted the Congress over the recent controversies on inheritance tax and redistribution of wealth. "Congress' com-

ments on inheritance tax is also a dangerous indication," he said. Adityanath said Congress has claimed that it will conduct a survey of people's wealth. "The party's manifesto mentions this," he said. "Firstly, they want to lay the foundation of dividing the country along religious lines. Secondly, those who have accumulated some wealth, built a property... and mothers and sisters who purchase jewellery, they (Congress) will take them under their

Nomination filing for 3 LS seats in Jharkhand begins

Press Trust Of India

Scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on May 4 and the last date for withdrawing such documents is May 6.

RANCHI: The filling of nomination papers for three Lok Sabha seats - Chatra, Koderma and Hazaribag - in Jharkhand commenced on Friday with the issuance of notification for the fifth phase of parliamentary polls, an official said. BJP candidate Kalicharan Singh filed his nomination papers for the Chatra Lok Sabha constituency on the first day of submitting the document. The three

constituencies will go to



FACTFILE

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polls on May 20. Before filing his nomination, Singh said, "I am thankful to the party for reposing faith in me. I am sure that people would cast votes in favour of the BJP, as they want development of the country under the

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

The BJP has fielded Singh, replacing its sitting MP Sunil Kumar Singh, who had defeated Congress' Manoj Kumar Yadav by a margin of over 3.77 lakh votes in 2019.

| LS ELECTION |

division.

Sibal slams EC for not sending notice to Modi

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Friday said the Election Commission seeking a response from the BJP instead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the opposition charge that he gave a divisive speech in Rajasthan showed that it is a "helpless puppet". Taking cognisance for

the first time of a model code violation complaint against a prime minister, the EC on Thursday issued the notice to BJP president JP Nadda seeking his response to complaints filed by Congress, CPI, CPI (ML) and civil society groups regarding the remarks made by Modi on April 21 in Banswara. These complaints had referred to Modi's

Election Commission seeks BJP's response for Modi's openly communal utterances. Kapil Sibal

MP Rajya Sabha



allegations that the Congress wanted to redistribute the wealth of the people to Muslims and that the opposition party won't even spare the 'mangalsutra' of women. In a post on X, Sibal said, "Election Commission(EC): No 'lal ankh' to Modi. Seeks BJP's response for Modi's openly communal utter-

Briefs

INPATIENTS VOTE

41 inpatients cast vote, thanks to city hospital and civic body

BENGALURU: Manipal Hospitals Group assisted 41 inpatients cast their vote in the Lok Sabha polls on Friday, with the help of city civic body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The hospital administration put their ambulance service into action to help them exercise their democratic right. Green corridors were created across constituencies to ensure easy, hassle-free voting, they said. Chief Operating Officer of Manipal Hospitals Karthik Rajagopal said that the patients were escorted to the polling stations in hospital-designated vehicles, after a comprehensive health assessment and receiving clearance from their attending physicians. According to the hospital administration, all 41 medically-fit inpatients transported to the respective constituencies were accompanied by medical staff including nurses and a doctor. PTI

SHIFTING PARTY

Another BJD MLA joins BJP ahead of polls in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Weeks after resigning from the ruling BJD, Soro MLA Parshuram Dhada on Friday returned to the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha and assembly polls in Odisha. Dhada joined the saffron party at an event organised at the BJP's headquarters here in the presence of its state president Manmohan Samal, former president Samir Mohanty and other leaders. The legislator quit the BJD on April 3 after being denied a ticket to contest the upcoming polls. He had successfully contested the assembly polls in 2014 and 2019 from Soro constituency on a BJD ticket. The BJP has already fielded Raju Das as its candidate from the Soro assembly segment, but the party has yet to announce candidates from Nilagiri, Balasorre Sadar, Jaleswar and Basta under the Balasore Lok Sabha seat. PTI

LS voting in Bengal

Polling for 3 LS seats peaceful, over 72 pc voter turnout recorded till 5 pm



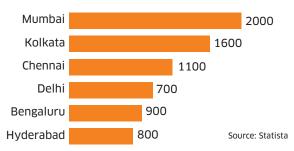
KOLKATA: Polling for three Lok Sabha constituencies in West Bengal in the second phase of parliamentary elections was peaceful with a voter turnout of over 72 per cent registered till 5 pm on Friday, an EC official said. Voting for Darjeeling, Balurghat and Raiganj constituencies started at 7 AM and continued till 6 PM, he said. Till 5 PM, Balurghat recorded the highest polling percentage at 72.30, followed by Raiganj at 71.87 and Darjeeling at 71.41, the Election Commission official said. "Today's polling was peaceful. There is no report of any untoward incident in the three parliamentary polls, the official added.

constituencies," he said. Forty-seven candidates, including state BJP pres ident Sukanta Majumdar, are in the fray in this phase, with 51.17 lakh people eligible to exercise their franchise. Altogether 5,298 polling stations have been set up across the three constitu-

There are 1,999 polling stations in Darjeeling, 1,730 in Raiganj and 1,569 in Balurghat, he said. A total of 272 companies, comprising 27,200 personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), along with 12,983 state policemen have been der

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KEY CITIES AND ANNUAL RAINFALL (IN MILLIMETERS)



PADYATRA-OFFENCE Shiv Sena (UBT)

candidate booked for holding 'padayatra' sans permission in Sangli

PUNE: The police have registered an offence against Shiv Sena (UBT) Lok Sabha candidate Chandrahar Patil for holding a 'padayatra' (foot march) allegedly without permission in Maharashtra's Sangli district, an official said on Friday. A case under section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by a public servant) of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Maharashtra Police Act has been registered against Patil and three organisers, the official said. Patil and his party workers held a 'padayatra' and paid door-to-door visits in Khatao and Bedag villages in Miraj on April 25, without obtaining permission from the assistant returning officer (ARO), thus violating the model code of conduct, he said. Patil, a wrestler and two-time winner of Maharashtra Kesari, is pitted against the BJP's sitting MP, Sanjay Kaka Patil, in the Sangli Lok Sabha seat.

NOMINATION FILING

Filing of nomination for 5 Odisha Lok Sabha seats, 35 Assembly segments begins

BHUBANESWAR: The process of filing nomination papers for five Lok Sabha constituencies and 35 Odisha Assembly segments to be held on May 20 started on Friday with the Election Commission of India and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) issuing the notification in this regard. The five Lok Sabha constituencies are Bargarh, Sundergarh (ST), Bolangir, Kandhamal and Aska Lok Sabha constituencies along with 35 assembly segments under the Lok Sabha constituencies. As per the notifications, May 3 is the last date for making nominations while scrutiny of nominations will be done on the next day. Candidates can withdraw their nominations on or before May 6. The Election Commission has made different schedule for voting in the 35 Assembly constituencies that come under the five Lok Sabha constituencies. PTI

Anurag Pandey



Chhattisgarh



Polling in five VS of 3 Lok Sabha recorded at 63.92%

Here the polling had concluded at 3:00 pm; Polling in other places continued till 6:00 pm; This include Mohala-Manpur of Rajnandgaon LS seat and Bhanupratappur

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RAJNANDGAON, KAWARDHA, KANKER: For the second leg of polling in three Lok Sabha seats of Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund and Kanker and the polling in 5 Vidhan Sabhas of the 3 Lok Sabha got completed at 3:00 pm. This include Mohala-Manpur Rajnandgaon LS seat and Bhanupratappur, Kanker, Keshkal of Kanker LS and 9 booths of Brindanavagarh of Mahasamund Lok Sabha seat. In rest of the

By 1:00 pm the polling in above three constituencie was 53% and by afternoon hours in

places the polling would

continue till 6:00 pm.

Congress and

BJP workers

controversial

KHAIRAGARH: Congress

and BJP workers clashed

over a controversial

poster and demanded

action in Jalbandha vil-

lage of the district. As

per information, Con-

caught five youths who

were putting up post-

ers defaming Lok Sabha

candidate from INC Bhu-

pesh Baghel as belonging

to a special sect which

led to the alteration, and a complaint was

filed by Block President Akashdeep Singh. While

on the other hand, BJP

leaders Prakash Singh

Thakur, Sarpanch Deen-

dayal Sinha, Bharat

Verma, Anuplal Verma

and others filed an appli-

cation accusing the Con-

gressmen of assaulting

the youths who pasted

allegedly

clash over

posters

gressmen

total of 63.92 % of polling was recorded. In Rajnandgaon LS seat, former CM and Speaker State Assembly Raman Singh and Dy. CM Vijay Sharma in Kawardha and MLA Pandaria Bhavana Bohra exercised their franchise for the second phase of polling here on

Friday. In the Model Poll-

ing centre at Lohara-339

(Odiyakala), a newly mar-

ried couple Rameshwar

3 Vidhan Sabha seats, a

Markam and wife exercised their franchise. In a minor incident in Kawardha, there was verbal duet between a BJP party workers and ASP Vikas Kumar. In

one booth of Kawardha

HIGHLIGHT

CM and Speaker **State Assembly** Raman Singh and Dy. CM Vijay Sharma in Kawardha and MLA Pandaria Bhavana Bohra exercised their franchise

city, ASP asked the BJP worker not to go inside wearing saffron coloured stole and on this the BJP worker Saurabh Singh along with other workers entered into verbal dialogue with ASP and somehow it was settled. As per reports in Polling Centre No. 94 in Rajim developed a fault and

on hearing about which the officer in-charge rushed to the place. On hearing about this Congress LS candidate Tamradhwaj Sahu also reached the place. Similarly from Vishrampur block of Keshkal Vidhan Sabha, there are reports of heavy rains and hailstorm in the morning hours and it affected the polling and by 2:00 in the afternoon, there was 62% polling and it ended at 3:00 pm.

Cong worker got badly singed

In Kawardha district of Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha area, a major incident took place at Chiyadad

and in this while distributing voter's slip a Congress worker came into contact of high tension wire and got badly singed. The youth is reported to be critical and referrred to Distric Hospital for treatment.

As per reports, Congress had erected its 'pandal' below HT line, about 100 mt away from the polling centre in Baiga tribe dominated Chiyadad polling centre and from where the voters were being distributed slip. During this the 'pandal' came into contact with the HT line and the Congress worker sitting inside it also got badly singed.

AWARENESS AMONG TRIBALS

Collector inspires 100% voting in Baiga dominated villages

Central Chronicle News

Collector and District Election Officer Leena Kamlesh Mandavi motivated the Baiga voters

GAURELA-PENDRA-MAR-WAHI: As part of the Voter Awareness Program, Collector and District Election Officer Leena Kamlesh Mandavi motivated the Baiga voters to cast their votes in the Baiga dominated village Amadob in the remote Vananchal area of Gaurela development block. She said that voter

awareness programs are

being run in the entire

district and on complet-

ing 18 years of age, one

gets the right to vote.

The number of voters



FACTFILE

The Collector honoured veteran voter Soni Bai Baiga (83 years), Jamunia Baiga (77 years) and who is going to vote for the first time

in Amadob Panchayat is 792 and the Collector asked all the voters to go to the polling centre at Government Primary School Amadob on coming 7th May between 7 am to 6 pm without any restrictions.

The Collector honoured veteran voter Soni Bai Baiga (83 years), Jamunia Baiga (77 years), Bhanwar Singh Agaria (74 years) and young voter Panchu Baiga, who is going to vote for the first time.

| ENVIRONMENT |

the posters.

Water hyacinth choking Sontirtha Ghat

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: The condition of Prayagraj of Chhattisgarh and Triveni Sangam of Kumbh Nagri Rajim is in a bad condition, owing to over growth of water hyacinth in and along the banks. In all the Ghats, prominently the Atal Ghat, Sangam Ghat, Belahi Ghat, Nehru Ghat and Sontirtha Ghat par-

ticularly invasion by the water weed has become a major problem, as devotees coming from entire 33 districts of Chhattisgarh, other states and abroad performing religious rituals are broadly affected as Ghats are choking due to the vast growth of the killer weed.

Though all the Ghats are used for rituals, Sontirtha Ghat is majorly



Many devotees in line to take holy dip have opined that at least the periphery of the Ghat.

Devotees visiting Triveni



used for post cremation rituals and to ease public access to the Ghat the Chhattisgarh government has built a cemented staircase here, but due to lack of maintenance and cleanliness, dirt dominates the pathway, leading to both sanitation and environmental concerns. First timers to the Ghat, after facing the situation abstain from more visits.

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HEALTHCARE

Sonography machine inaugurated in MCH hospital in Pandaria

PANDRIA: Taking an important step towards strengthening the healthcare facilities in Pandariya-Block, a new sonography machine has been inaugurated at MCH Hospital and with this 3,35,916 people of the entire area will be benefited. Due to lack of sonography facility in the city, the patients had to go out of the city, to private hospitals and this much awaited facility will now provide a big relief to the local people.

Officials of the block have appreciated this initiative and said that this step will help in increasing the reach of health services in rural areas and more facilities will be added in future, so that better health services can be provided to the people. Installation of sonography machine in Pandariya development block is an important step towards improving health services.

NSS unit administered oath of voting keep the voters aware



KORBA: Under the direction of Collec tor and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant and guidance of SVEEP Nodal Officer Sambit Mishra is continuously, working to keep the voters aware of their franchise right. In the same series, through the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Higher Secondary School Lafa of District Panchayat Pali, the villagers were administered an oath of 100 percent voting in the Lok Sabha elections.

From around the region

WR-II IRSM Badminton tourney inaugurated



BILASPUR: Akhilesh Singh, HOP (Lara) kicked off the WR-II IRSM (Badminton) at Lara on 25th April 2024. WR-II (IRSM) is being played at Lara from April 25 to 27. Players from all stations of WR-II are participating in this tournament. At the inaugural programme, Singh administered a sports oath to all players to play with true sports spirit.

Addressing the gathering he underlined the importance of sports for a nealthy life. Singh, along with Khan, HOHK, HODS, all GMs, and captains of all partici- employees were present.

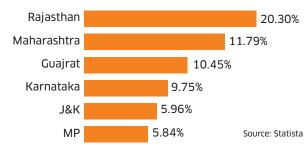
pating teams unveiled the trophy of this tournament. Total 66 employees from , NTPC's Korba, Sipat, Khargone, Gadarwara, Lara and Western Region Head quarters are participating in 4 categories, i.e. singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team event.

Among others Smt Sangeeta Singh, President, Prerita Mahila Samiti and office bearers of PMS, Shri Rajeev Ranjan, GM (O&M) Shri Ravi Shankar, GM (Project), Shri Jakir

The Day's **NUMBERS**

Statewise estimated potential of Renewable Power in India as on 31/03/2023

WHAT IS THE STATEWISE ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE POWER IN INDIA?



FAREWELL

Farewell given to RK Nishad with fanfare on selection in Agniveer

NAWAPARA-RAJIM: Ramesh Kumar Nishad, resident of Somwari Bazar, former NCC student of the prestigious Harihar Government Excellent School of the region and his father Shankar Nishad were bid farewell with much fanfare on Thursday after his selection in Agniveer. It is noteworthy that on the selection of Ramesh Nishad from a very poor family in Agniveer, former councilor Annapurna Devangan, Harihar Shala's exercise teacher SN Devangan and Harihar Shala's NCC cadets, Ratiram, Ghanshyam Sonkar, Amar, Suraj, Kishan, played musical instruments with great fanfare. A large number of local residents including Squirrel, Sagar Yadav bid farewell. Shrinishad was the CHM of NCC while teaching in Harihar School. Srinishad will leave for Hyderabad after his presence in Raipur. Harihar School Principal Mrs. Sandhya Sharma, while congratulating Ramesh Nishad on his selection in Agniveer.

AWARENESS

SVEEP program being run for voter awareness ends with oath



DONGARGAON: The SVEEP program being run for voter awareness in the city was formally concluded here under the direction of District Election Officer and Collector Sanjay Aggarwal and District Panchayat CEO Suruchi Singh. The program was concluded at the local Atmanand School premises, during which a question and answer session was conducted with the officers, employees, BLOs, Anganwadi workers etc. In the program, a dance was presented by Yusuf Yadav on the theme of 'Main Bharat Hoon' which was highly appreciated.

Chhattisarh News

'Congress planning to take property thru inheritance tax'

Cong specified that by imposing the inheritance tax, they plan to take our forefather's wealth

RAIPUR/TAMNAR: Recently, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Deo Sai organized a huge rally at Raigarh's Tamnar where he severely criticized Congress' manifesto and stated that they have clearly specified that by imposing the inheritance tax, they plan to give our forefather's hard-earned wealth.

India's former Prime Manmohan Singh had stated that Muslims shall have the first right over all the government resources. Now, the Congress government is bringing the same to life in their manifesto in which they are going to charge a heavy inheritance tax from the people.

This tax states that people will have a 45 ancestors' property while the remaining 55 per cent will belong to the government. CM Sai has therefore appealed to the public to be wary of such schemes of the Congress.

Furthermore, he also stated that PM Modi has shut down all threats from Pakistan by doing surgical strikes and air strikes that has put Pakistan in its place.



Society condemns civilian casualties from Maoist IEDs

The All Tribal Society (ATS) has vehemently denounced the spurious arrests being conducted under the guise of the ongoing anti-Naxal operations in the district, demanding an immediate halt to such egregious

Jaggu Ram Telami, the District President, stated that the community has been inundated with

KORBA: All the officers

HIGHLIGHT These detainees are then subjected to

unlawful detention

ATS demands an immediate halt to such egregious practices

grievances of individuals being apprehended from rural locales, markets,

fairs, and jungles, only to be falsely labeled as Maoists. These detainees are then subjected to unlawful detention spanning 10 to 15 days under the pretense of interrogation at undisclosed locations. Disturbingly, even students returning from residential schools have not been spared, branded as Maoists upon reaching their homes.

Participate in election work with due sincerity: Meena

Central Chronicle News

Observer P S Meena said that the objective of the Election **Commission of India** is to conduct the election process in a fair, transparent and peaceful manner.

IKORBA: To conduct the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 safely and transparently, micro observers appointed for the election work were trained by Master Trainer Dr. M. Joshi in the presence of General Observer Prem Singh Meena and Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant. In the training, micro observers were given detailed information about the elections and they were instructed to discharge their responsibilities sincerely for the smooth conduct of the election work. Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat Sambit Mishra, Municipal Commissioner Pratishtha Mamgai along with other officers, employees and micro observers were present.

On this occasion. Observer P S Meena said that the objective of the Election Commission of India is to conduct the election process in a fair, transparent and peaceful manner. Collector Mr Vasant said that it is a matter of great pride

to participate in election work and under the Lok Sabha elections 2024; the entire responsibility of conducting the elections in Korba Assembly of the district has been handed over to the women polling personnel. Micro observer duty has been imposed for more than polling sensitive booths identified in the district, which includes 61 polling stations of Korba Assembly. Only female micro observers

FASTFACTS

- During the training, district level master trainer Dr. M.M. Joshi gave detailed information about the work done by micro observers
- The centre has to observe how many voters voted from the Voter ID card and how many voters voted from the ASD list

have been appointed in these polling stations and encouraging the female micro observer, the Collector said that your job is to micro monitor the voting process and on the day of voting, the entire process of voting including the mock poll to be conducted in the polling booth in the morning has to be closely observed.

NEWSLINE

SCHOOL RESULTS

100% result for Elysium School's annual exams



examination result of Ely sium School was declared in the chief hospitality of GIMP Chairman Viplay Sahu, which has come to a 100 percent. The program was presided over by Dr. Arun Bhardwaj, Director of the institution, and throwing light on education, Chief Guest Viplav Sahu said that education is the mantra which helps in erasing all our doubts and fears about all the challenges and joys of our life and is the device which makes us happy and peaceful and also makes us a better social human being. Program Chairman Dr. Arun Bhard waj said that there is no need to be disappointed that not everyone's marks are equal; it is a lesson in better preparation which ensures further success.

VOTER SLIPS

Voter slips being door-to-door

KOREA: Door-to-door distribution of voter slips

distributed from

Post Office.

and guide books is being done rapidly by the BLOs of the polling centres set up in Baikunthpur and Sonhat (partial) development blocks so that vot ers can reach their nearest polling center and vote on May 7. Apart from EPIC card, there will be facility to vote with 12 other identity cards and as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, by issuing guidelines to help the voters in voting, any voter can vote by presenting these 12 types of identity cards at their respective polling stations, which includes Aadhar Card, MNREGA Job Card, Passbook with photo issued by Bank or

BIKE RALLY

SVEEP Bike Rally on April 27

KORBA: In order to cre-

ate awareness among the

voters for the Lok Sabha polls 2024, a district-level SVEEP Bike rally will be organised on April 27. In this rally, the employees of all the departments will be present and in this helmet is compulsory. In the same way on April 28, Cycle rally, 'Divyang' rally, 'nav-vadhu awareness sammelan programme', and 'nuk-kad natak', 'rally' and messages and flagship programmes will be organised to create awareness programme among school/college students, NCC/NSS and Scouts & Guide. The Cycle Rally on April 28 will be taken outfrom Collectorate gate to CSEB ground from 5:00 pm and all participants will have to bring their cycles. Divyang Rally will be organised from 5:30 pm and it will be from CSEB football ground to CSEB Chowk and back to

the ground.

Victim of road Convenience centre accident on duty receive compensation

Adding further, he also

stated that the previous

Congress government

started the PSC scam but

now BJP has taken strict

actions against this and

sent the case to the CBI

for further investigation.

At first, they requested

the CBI to take an active

interest in this case and

now finally PM Modi has

assented to the investi-

gation which is a huge

Chhattisgarh. Now no

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Central Chronicle News of this amount to wife of the deceased Poorn-**Collector and DRO** ima Rajak. It is notable Verma on reaching here that a LB lecturer Vijay Lal Rajak, R/o the house of the Gram Pendarwani, was deceased in Gram nanged over the job of Pendarwani, handed Presiding officer (POs) over the cheque of for LS polls 2024. this amount to wife For this a training for of the deceased.

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PO's was organised on April 14 at Govt Girli's HS School Khairagarh after obtaining and training he was returning home. Mid-way anear Garm Chaknar, at around 6:30 pm, he was hit by an unknown vehicle and he died on the spot.

on part of Collector and DRO Chandrakant In this regard, Teh-Verma, the LB lecturer sildar Gandai, made Vijay Lal Rajak who met a detailed report of with an accident on his payment of 'Anurgrah return after training on Rashi' as compensation election duty and died amount of Rs 15 lakh to has received a compenhis family members. It was on submission of sation amount of Rs 15 lakh. Collector and DRO all the documents and verifying about the inci-Verma on reaching the dent that his compensahouse of the deceased in Gram Pendarwani, tion amount was paid to handed over the cheque

formed for postal ballot

and employees who have been deployed for general election under Korba Lok Sabha area No 04, the convenience centre have been formed so that they can cast their votes and for the absence category, essential services voters also convenience centres have been established. Under this the members of Security Force and Home Guards can cast their votes on April 29 and 30 at District Panchavat Resource Centre premises Korba and polling team officials and the applicants from other districts with postal ballot, vehicle drivers can cast their votes at the convenience centre from May 1 to 6; absence category essential services voters cast their votes from May 1-3 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. In the same way the security force and Home Guards can cast their votes at Govt Mukutdhar Pandey College Katghora.

Child marriage prevention awareness prog till May 10

Central Chronicle News

As part of this drive, awareness programs are being conducted across various regions of the state to stop child marriages.

BIJAPUR: Under directives of Collector Anurag Pandey and guidance of the District Program Officer of the Women and Child Development Department, a fortnight-long campaign is being organized in the district from April 25 to May 10, coinciding with the Akshaya Tritiya festival, to prevent child marriages and safeguard children's rights. As part of this drive, awareness programs are being conducted across various regions of the state to stop child marriages. With the same objective, the



Women and Child Development Department, a fortnight-long campaign is being organized

FASTFACTS

- The efforts to make Bijapur district child marriage-free are being supported as a positive message
- Any information related to child marriage can be immediately reported to W&CDD

Akshaya Tritiya Hindu festival, which has been celebrated for centuries and on this day, there is a high likelihood of child marriages taking place, the efforts to make Bijapur district child marriagefree are being supported as a positive message. During the fortnight, rallies, wall painting, awareness drives by volunteers at crowded places like markets will be carried

out to educate people about the ill-effects of child marriage. Child marriage is a major issue for society as it not only violates children's rights but also disrupts the collective development of the community.

On the first day of the fortnight, efforts are being made through wall writings so that child marriage can be completely elimi-

| CONFERENCE |

KHAIRAGARH:

Chhattisgarh

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Ch'garh's Culture: A flag bearer of continuous devp: Prof Chakrawal

Central Chronicle News

BILASPUR: The inauguration of a two-day National Conference organized under the joint auspices of the Hindi Department and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, under the auspices of the School of Arts of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), took place at 10.00 a.m. on April 25, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar.

During the inaugural program, the Chief Patron of the Conference and the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, stated that art is the essence of living. Those who recognize this fact attain self-awareness and liberation. Art plays a vital role in expressing an individual's perspective. He said that art is the best investment in the world. He mentioned that Chhattisgarh's culture conveys



a message of continuous development to the world. Chakrawal stated that while being ancient, Chhattisgarh's

art and culture have also witnessed and responded to the developments of changing times. Bastar's art, culinary diversity, folk

art, and literature, along with the simplicity of life, establish it as a distinct entity in the entire nation. He emphasized that the youth should know and understand Chhattisgarh's forest beauty, architecture, and joyous atmosphere. Professor Chakrawal also stressed upon the inclusivity aspect of education ingrained in the National Education Policy-2020.

Prof. Pawan Sudhir from NCERT, New Delhi, addressed the program,

Youth should know and understand Ch'garh's forest beauty. architecture, and joyous atmosphere

Prof. AK Chakawal V-C- GGU, Bilaspur

stating that this university established in the name of Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji is like an ashram where education is being spread in a holistic manner. Describing the topic of the workshop, she said that this workshop is not only for participants associated with arts and social sciences but also useful for youth associated with information, technology, and science to understand the internal relationship of art and



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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Take risks in your life. If you win, you can lead; if you lose, you can guide. [Swami Vivekananda]

OUR VIEW

Supreme Court's Key Edicts on EVM Protocol and Oversight

Tn a pivotal juncture coinciding with the second phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Supreme Court has bolstered the credibility of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) while deliberating on petitions advocating comprehensive verification processes through Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). Emphasizing meticulous scrutiny of protocols and technical facets, Justices Dipankar Datta and Sanjiv Khanna dismissed pleas advocating 100% verification via VVPAT, cautioning against unfounded skepticism that could breed unnecessary doubts. The bench rebuffed proposals to revert to paper ballots, reaffirming trust in the existing electoral framework. Despite rejecting the plea for universal VVPAT scrutiny, the apex court issued two notable directives to the Election Commission. Firstly, it mandated the sealing and preservation of Symbol Loading Units (SLUs) for a minimum of 45 days following the symbol loading process. This stringent measure aims to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the traceability of symbols loaded into EVMs. Furthermore, the court stipulated a post-declaration verification protocol for EVM microcontroller memory, contingent upon candidate requests within seven days of results. Candidates assuming second and third positions in the election can avail themselves of this option, albeit bearing the associated expenses, with reimbursement contingent upon evidence of tampering. Additionally, the Supreme Court recommended exploring the feasibility of employing dedicated machines for VVPAT slip tabulation, augmenting the existing validation mechanism. Currently, random sampling of VVPAT slips from five EVMs per Assembly segment serves as a supplementary validation measure, bolstering electoral transparency. During proceedings, the Election Commission elucidated the technical intricacies of VVPAT systems, elucidating the immutable nature of one-time programmable microchips and the standalone nature of EVMs devoid of external connectivity.

| GUEST VIEW |

Safeguarding Public Health from Ethylene **Oxide Threat**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s decision to conduct thorough investigations into spice brands following a complaint from Hong Kong's food regulator is a commendable step towards ensuring public health and safety. Ethylene oxide, the pesticide under scrutiny, poses significant health risks, being classified as a Group 1 carcinogen

by the International Agency for Research on Cancer. This colorless, combustible, and reactive gas is not only carcinogenic but also has the potential to destroy bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Exposure to ethylene oxide can lead to various health issues, including shortness of breath, headache, nausea, diarrhea, and respiratory disorders. The European Union's ban on the



Arka Goswami

use of ethylene oxide for food and animal feed fumigation underscores the seriousness of this issue. While it is still permitted for medical device disinfection, its use in food products is highly regulated due to its hazardous nature. Consumers rightfully expect assurances regarding the quality and safety of the products they purchase. Therefore, it is imperative that thorough investigations are carried out to detect any traces of ethylene oxide in spices before they are launched into the market.

Comment

Testing time for Election Commission to prove its neutrality

n the throes of India's democratic process, where every election is a testament to the nation's commitment to its foundational principles, the neutrality of the Election Commission stands as a bedrock of integrity. Yet, as the 2024 Lok Sabha Polls unfold, it's becoming increasingly evident that this neutrality is under scrutiny. The current electoral climate is rife with divisive rhetoric, veering away from substantive issues towards polarizing narratives aimed at garnering votes. In such a pivotal moment, it's imperative for the Election Commission to assert its impartiality and uphold the sanctity of the democratic process.

The essence of democracy lies in fair and free elections, where every citizen's voice holds equal weight. However, the recent trajectory of political discourse has strayed far from this ideal. Rather than engaging in meaningful dialogue on development and governance, parties have resorted to exploiting religious sentiments and identity politics to sway voters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks, laden with divisive undertones, serve as a stark reminder of the dangers posed by such rhetoric. By targeting specific communities and employing fear-mongering tactics, these statements not only undermine the spirit of democracy but also sow seeds of discord within society.

The Election Commission's response to such transgressions will be a litmus test of its commitment to neutrality. The principles enshrined in Section 123 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, explicitly prohibit electoral appeals based on religion, caste, or community. In light of this, the Commission must demonstrate its resolve to uphold these principles by taking swift and decisive action against any violations. Failure to do so would not only erode public trust in the electoral process but also embolden further attempts to subvert it for narrow political gains.Moreover, the Commission must rise above partisan



Yash Pal Ralhan

The author is an icon for PwD nominated by election commission Chandigarh.

pressures and ensure a level playing field for all parties. The recent shift in campaign agendas, from development to emotive issues, underscores the need for a vigilant watchdog that remains steadfast in its commitment to fairness. Whether it's addressing inflammatory speeches or curbing the spread of misinformation, the Commission must act as a bulwark against any attempts to derail the electoral process.

At the heart of this debate lies the question of inclusivity and social cohesion. In a diverse nation like India, where pluralism is not just a virtue but a way of life, the role of the Election Commission becomes even more critical. By upholding the principles of secularism and equality, the Commission can ensure that every citizen, regardless of their background, feels valued and represented in the democratic process.

In this regard, the recent controversy surrounding Sam Pitroda's comments on inheritance tax serves as a reminder of the need to focus on substantive issues rather than tangential debates. While discussions on policy matters are essential for informed decision-making, they should not detract from the larger goal of strengthening democracy. The Commission must therefore prioritize issues that have a direct bearing on the welfare of the electorate, steering clear of distractions that serve no

constructive purpose. As the nation prepares for the remaining phases of the Lok Sabha Polls, the eyes of the world are on the Election Commission. Its ability to navigate through the turbulent waters of electoral politics while staying true to its mandate will define the credibility of India's democratic institutions. Now more than ever, it is incumbent upon the Commission to rise above partisan interests and uphold the principles of democracy with

unwavering resolve. In conclusion, the forthcoming decisions of the Election Commission will shape the course of India's democratic journey for years to

Heavy Dubai Rain Linked to Climate Change

Circumstantial evidence suggests climate change worsened recent deadly downpours in Dubai. 10-40% more rain fell due to 1.2°C warming. By Seth Borensteinap



Dubai's floods were made worse by climate change, I Photo: AF

ircumstantial evidence points to climate change as worsening the deadly deluge that just flooded Dubai and other parts of the Persian Gulf, but scientists didn't discover the definitive fingerprints of greenhouse gas-triggered warming they have seen in other extreme weather events, a new report found.

Between 10 per cent and 40 per cent more rain fell in just one day last week – killing at least two dozen people in the United Arab Emirates, Oman and parts of Saudi Arabia than it would have in a world without the 1.2 degrees Celsius (2.2 degrees Fahrenheit) warming that has come from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas since the mid-19th century, scientists at World Weather Attribution said Thursday in a flash study that is too new to be peer-reviewed.

In at least one spot, a record 11 inches (28.6 centimeters) of rain fell in just 24 hours, more than twice the yearly average, paralysing the usually bustling city of skyscrapers in a desert.

One of the key tools in WWA's more than 60 past reports has been creating computer simulations that compare an actual weather event to a fictional world without climate change, but in the Dubai

case there wasn't enough data for those simulations to make such a calculation. But analysis of decades of past observations, the other main tool they use, showed the 10 per cent to 40 per cent bump in rainfall amounts.

Even without computer simulations, the clues kept pointing at climate change, scientists said.

"It's not such a clear fingerprint, but we have lots of other circumstantial evidence, other lines of evidence that tell us that we see this increase,"

said Imperial College of London climate scientist Friederike Otto, who coordinates the attribution study team. "It's what we expect from physics. It's what we expect from other studies that have been done in the area, from other studies around the world, and there's nothing else that's going on that could explain this increase."

There is a long-known effect in physics that finds the air holds 7 per cent more moisture with every degree Celsius (4 per cent for every degree Fahr-

enheit). Otto said she has confidence in the conclusion, but said this was one of the harder attribution studies the team has undertaken.

El Nino, which is a natural occasional warming of the central Pacific that changes weather systems worldwide, was a big factor, the report said. These heavy Gulf downpours have happened in the past but only during an El Nino. And the researchers said those past deluges seem to be trending heavier - something scientists have long said would

happen in many parts of the world as the world warms.

This flooding, which came from two separate and near simultaneous storm systems, would not have happened without El Nino, said study co-author Mansour Almazroui of the Centre of Excellence for Climate Change Research (CECCR), King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia. Nor would it have been like this without human-caused climate change, Otto added.

Because rainfall amounts varied over the region and the lack of data, the report couldn't put a figure on if climate change had increased the likelihood of downpours like this in Dubai, but Otto estimated that it's probably about three times more likely to happen now than in pre-industrial times. The report and its authors threw cold water on speculation that UAE cloud seeding had anything to do with the amount of rain or its likelihood. Many scientists dispute cloud seeding's effectiveness in general. Even so, the clouds in the storm system were not seeded, the report said. And the results of cloud seeding, if any, in general are more immediate, Otto said. And this storm was forecast days in advance.

YOURLETTERS

Deceptive Ads exploit consumers

Misleading advertisements deceive consumers into purchasing substandard products, often endorsed by celebrities, while regulatory oversight remains inadequate. Despite scrutiny, offenders face minimal penalties. The Supreme Court's call for accountability extends to the Indian Medical Association, urging caution in endorsing expensive brand-name medications. To protect consumers, stringent regulations and responsible advertising practices are imperative. Manufacturers must be held accountable for misleading promotions.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

EVM confidence boost

The Supreme Court, while hearing a plea for 100% matching of EVM votes with VVPAT slips, assured consideration of strengthening the EVM system. Rejecting a return to paper ballots, the Court dismissed hacking concerns as mere suspicion. With no hacking incidents, trust in the machines is crucial. Hopefully, SC directions will resolve EVM controversies. Whether parties will refrain from blaming EVMs in defeat remains uncertain. Trust in EVMs is paramount for democratic integrity.

MK Nair, Raipur

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Radisson Hotel Group strengthens footprint in Delhi

ONikhil Sharma, Radisson Hotel Group MD and Area Senior VP, South Asia,



Deloitte projects India's FY25 GDP growth at 6.6 per cent

Deloitte said the rapid growth of the middle-income class has led to rising purchasing power and even created demand for premium luxury products and services.

Press Trust Of India

Deloitte NEW DELHI: India on Friday said it estimates India's GDP growth at 6.6 per cent in the current fiscal helped by consumption expenditure, exports rebound and capital flows. In its India's economic outlook report, Deloitte said the rapid growth of the middle-income class has led to rising purchasing power and even created

Bank of

Q4 profit

cent to Rs

1,218 crore

NEW DELHI: State-owned

Bank of Maharashtra

(BoM) on Friday reported

a 45 per cent jump in

its net profit to Rs 1,218

crore for the March quar-

ter, helped by a decline

in bad loans and a rise

in interest income. The Pune-based lender had

earned a net profit of Rs

840 crore in the year-

ago period. During the

quarter, the bank's total income increased to Rs

6,488 crore as against Rs

5,317 crore a year ago,

BoM said in a regulatory

Interest income grew

to Rs 5,467 crore during

the period under review,

from Rs 4,495 crore in

the corresponding quar-

ter a year ago. The bank's

board has recommended

a dividend of Rs 1.40 per

share or 14 per cent of Rs

10 face value out of the

net profits for the year

ended March 31, 2024.

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Maharashtra

jumps 45 per

demand for premium luxury products and services. With the expectation that the number of middle-to-high-income segments will be one in two households by 2030/31, up from one in four currently, we believe this trend will likely become further amplified, driving overall private consumer expenditure growth, it said. Deloitte has revised

India's economic growth

Deloitte has revised India's economic growth prediction for last fiscal to a range of 7.6 to 7.8 per cent

•we believe this trend will likely become further amplified, driving overall private prediction for last fiscal to a range of 7.6 to 7.8 per cent. In January, the firm had projected growth for 2023-24 fiscal in the range of 6.9-7.2 per cent. The country's GDP growth is estimated to reach around 6.6 per cent in FY 2024-25 and 6.75 per cent in the year after, as markets learn to factor in geopolitical uncertainties in their investment and

consumption decisions,

Deloitte said in its quar-

terly update to its economic outlook.

"The global economy is expected to witness a synchronous rebound in 2025 as major election uncertainties get sorted out and the central banks of the West may announce a couple of rate cuts later in 2024. India will likely see improved capital flows and a rebound in exports" said Deloitte India Economist Rumki Majumdar.

I AKSHAYA TRITIYA CELEBRATIONS I

Reliance Jewels unveils Vindhya Collection

Agencies

Ninth in its iconic 'Jewels of India' collection series, Vindhya is inspired by the rich artistic traditions of Madhya Pradesh.

MUMBAI: Reliance Jewels, India's leading jewellery brand, continues its tradition of celebrating festivals with unique and exquisite collections, by introducing the Vindhya collectionon Akshaya Tritiya this year. Ninth in its iconic 'Jewels of India' collection series, Vindhya is inspired by the rich artistic traditions of Madhya Pradesh. Fashion icon and Bollywood diva Disha Patani unveiled the exclusive festive collection at a special event at the Reliance Jewels' store in Varanasi. Akshaya Tritiya, an auspiciousfestival signifying prosperity and abundanc



FACTFILE

Crafted with precision, the Vindhya collection offers a diverse range of jewellery pieces

2. Vindhya collection marks the latest addition to Reliance Jewels extraordinary series'Jewels of India'

ein the Hindu culture, is considered to be the perfect occasion for buying jewellery. Celebrating the occasion, the Reliance Jewels Vindhya Collection offers a stunning array of jewellery pieces that pay tribute to the rich cultural heritage and architectural splendour of Madhya Pradesh. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sunil Nayak, CEO,

Reliance Jewels, said,"The launch of the Vindhya Collection this Akshaya Tritiya marks our commitment to celebrating India's diverse cultural heritage. Inspired by the rich traditions of Madhya Pradesh, this collection is the ninth in our 'Jewels of India' series and stands as our testament to showcasing Indian art and craftsmanship."

| NEW LAUNCH |

Realme announced launch of NARZO 70 Series 5G

NEW DELHI: Realme, the most reliable smartphone service provider, announced the launch of realme NARZO 70 Series 5G, the newest addition to the realme NARZO lineup. The series unveiled two breaksmartphones: realme NARZO 70x 5G & realme NARZO 70 5G.

realme NARZO series is a stylish line of smartphones that delivers a comprehensive user experience.

The realme NARZO 70x 5G houses a massive 5000mAh Battery and supports a 45W SUPER-VOOC Charge, allowing for quick charging and long-lasting battery life. The phone's aesthetic appeal is heightened by



the Segment's Thinnest 7.69mm Ultra-slim Horizon Design and a light body weighing just 188g.

The realme NARZO 70x 5G is available in two stunning colors: Misty Forest Green and Snow Mountain Blue and two storage variants: 4GB+128GB, priced at Rs 11,999, and 6GB + 128GB, priced at Rs 13,499.

BizBriefs

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

VITEEE begins in 125 cities in India and 6 cities abroad

The VIT Engineering Entrance Exam (VITEEE), the entrance examination conducted by Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) for admission to B.Tech. programmes of VIT Group of Institutions-VIT-Vellore, VIT-Chennai, VIT-AP (Amaravati) and VIT-Bhopal, is scheduled from April 19th to 30th, 2024 as Proctored Computer Based Test at 125 cities in India and six cities abroad - Dubai, Muscat, Qatar, Kuwait, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

The results will be available tentatively on May 3rd, 2024 in www. vit.ac.in and on the same day online counselling process will begin. Applicants within 1 lakh ranks are eligible to participate in the counselling for admission to B. Tech. programmes of all campuses of VIT-Vellore, Chennai, VIT-AP and VIT-Bhopal. Applicants of ranks above 1 lakh are eligible only for VIT-AP and VIT-Bhopal. PTI

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How markets behaved today

Markets snap five-day rally; Sensex tumbles over 600 pts



MUMBAI: Market benchmarks Sensex and Nifty wilted under selling pressure on Friday after a five-day rally as investors pared exposure to banking, financial and consumer durable stocks amid mixed trends in global markets. Rising global crude prices, a depreciating rupee and persistent foreign fund outflows further weighed on sentiment, traders said.

Profit-taking also came into play as the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked it lost 722.79 points or 0.97 per cent and M&M PTI

to 73,616.65. The NSE Nifty declined 150.40 points or 0.67 per cent to 22,419.95. Bajaj Finance was the biggest drag on the Sensex chart, skidding nearly 8 per cent after the company's March quarter earnings failed to cheer investors. European markets were trading in the green. Wall Street ended lower on Thursday.

Major Gainers: Wipro, ITC, UltraTech Cement, Titan and Axis Bank 609.28 points or 0.82 per cent to **Major Losers:** Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd settle at 73,730.16. During the day, Bank, Nestle, Kotak Mahindra Bank

The Day's **NUMBERS**

Revenues in the e-commerce segment by the country 2023 (in billion US dollars)

Greater China United Kingdom **United States**

CORPORATE

KTM CUP Season 2 ignites with North Zone qualifiers in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Following an exhilarating debut in Coimbatore with 240+ participants in KTM CUP S2, KTM India celebrated another success in Delhi on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Renowned as the world's leading sports motorcycle brand, KTM concluded the KTM CUP S2 selection round, India's largest racing championship, in the heart of India's motorsport scene. The North Zone qualifiers were held at Kartomania, Gurgaon over a period of two days. A high-adrenaline event, the North Zone qualifier of KTM CUP Season 2 witnessed outstanding riders engaging in intense competitive high-speed battles across the Pro, Amateur, and Women's divisions embodying the 'Ready to Race' philosophy of the KTM. Speaking on occasion, Mr. Sumeet Narang, President (Probiking) at Bajaj Auto Ltd., said, "Following the roaring success in Coimbatore, we add another feather to our caps. Season 2 of the KTM CUP witnesses participants demonstrating competitive spirit and adrenaline-fueled sportsmanship. PTI

NIFTY LEVEL

GLOBAL E-COMMERCE

MARKET

Nifty likely to reach 25, 810 by 2024-end: **Prabhudas Lilladher**

South Korea



NEW DELHI: The NSE benchmark Nifty is likely to reach the 25,800 level by December 2024 as stable economic policies and normal monsoon will boost demand growth, Prabhudas Lilladher said in a report on Thursday. The index is currently trading at 22,570.35 level. Going by the prediction of Prabhudas Lilladher, the Nifty is expected to climb another 3,239.65 points or 14.35 per cent from its current level by December-end this year Amnish Agarwal, Head of Institutional Research, Prabhudas Lilladher, said the Nifty is expected to scale up to 25,810 levels by December 2024. PTI



Supreme Court judgment on **Electronic Voting Machines** was a "tight slap" to the Congress-led opposition.

Narendra Modi



SC to consider listing plea of Delhi govt against central law

A bench was urged by advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for AAP government, that the whole administration has come to a standstill and the matter needed to be heard.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday told the Delhi government that it would consider listing its plea challenging the government's law establishing pre-eminence of the lieutenant governor over the elected dispensation in controlling services in the national capital.

The CJI said presently a nine-judge bench matter is going on and he will consider the submission.

Presently, the ninejudge bench headed by the CJI is hearing petitions raising a vexed legal question whether private properties can be consid-

ATS arrests

country-made

Squad (ATS) has arrested

an arms supplier from Madhya Pradesh and

five others with 25 coun-

try-made pistols and 90

cartridges, an official said

The action has come

weeks ahead of the Lok

place on May 7. A prelim-

(26), a native of Madhya

Pradesh's Jhabua district,

allegedly procured illegal

to his contacts in Gujarat

on commission, the ATS

stated in a release. The

ATS recently received a

tip-off that Damor would

come to Narol bridge in

Ahmedabad city on April

Anti-Terrorist

six with

weapons

AHMEDABAD:

Gujarat

on Friday.

ered "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) of the Constitution, which is a part of the Directive Principles

of State Policy. Amending the petition became necessary after the ordinance was replaced by a law.

It had taken note of the submissions of Singhvi that earlier the challenge was directed against the ordinance which later became a law after it was cleared by the two Houses of Parliament and got presidential assent.

Parliament cleared the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill 2023, also known as the

HIGHLIGHT

CJI-led bench had permitted the Delhi government to amend its petition challenging the central government's ordinance establishing pre-eminence of the lieutenant governor over the elected dispensation in controlling services.

Delhi Services Bill, that gave the lieutenant governor sweeping control over service matters. After the president gave her assent, the bill became a law.

The top court had

earlier referred to a five-judge Constitution bench the Delhi government's plea challenging the Centre's May 19 ordinance which took away the control over services from the city dispensation and set off a fresh

tussle between the two

power centres.

The Centre had on May 19 last year promulgated the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 to create an authority for transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government termed it a "deception" with the Supreme Court

verdict on control of services. The matter is still pending in the Supreme Court.

Before the ordinance was promulgated, a fivejudge Constitution bench headed by the Chief Justice, in a unanimous verdict, had sought to put an end to the eightyear-old dispute between the Centre and the Delhi government triggered by a 2015 home ministry notification asserting its control over services, holding the National Capital Territory administration is unlike other union territories and has been accorded a 'sui generis' (unique) status the Constitution.

| FIRING OUTSIDE SALMAN'S RESIDENCE |

2 men nabbed from Punjab sent to police custody

Press Trust Of India

The crime branch on Thursday arrested the duo, who had allegedly provided weapons and cartridges to the shooters, from Punjab.

Sabha election in the **MUMBAI:** A Mumbai court state scheduled to take on Friday remanded to police custody till April inary probe has revealed 30 two men arrested the key accused, Shifrom Punjab in connecvam aka Shiva Damor tion with the firing outside Bollywood superstar Salman Khan's residence in Bandra. firearms and sold them

The police informed the court that the accused were key persons in the crime and were arrested based on technical evidence. They need to be interrogated to find out who supplied them with weapons and



FACTFILE

Gupta and Pal allegedly fired outside 58-year-old Khan's house at the Galaxy Apartment in Bandra in the early hours of April 14

asked them to give the same to the two shootarrested earlier, police said.

police have The alleged that Chander and Thapan had come to Panvel (in Raigad district near Mumbai) on

March 15 to hand over two country-made pistols and 38 live rounds to the shooters Sagar Pal and Vicky Gupta. The court on Thursday remanded Pal (21) and Gupta (24) to police custody till April 29.

| COASTAL ROAD |

25 to deliver firearms.

Girder connecting coastal road and sea link installed

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) successfully launched a massive 25,000-ton girder connecting the south-bound corridor of the coastal road to the Bandra Worli Sea Link in the early hours of Friday, the civic

body said. In a release, the BMC

said that the process to launch the bow-stringarch-type girder, spanning 136 metres, at Worli, started at 2 am and was completed at 3.25 am.

According to the civic body, the engineering feat is the first in India to involve such installation in the sea.

The girder, which is 18 to 21 metres wide, will connect the 10.5-kilome**Another 143-meter** long, 26-29 meter wide girder of the coastal road's northbound corridor has also reached Nhava Sheva port and its

launch is planned

for May-end.



tre stretch of the coastal road to the Bandra-Worli sea link.

The southbound corridor of the coastal road between Worli and Marine Lines was opened for traffic but had not been connected with the sea link. "Another 143meter long, 26-29 meter wide girder of the coastal road's northbound corridor has also reached.

Briefs

CRIME

Four get life imprisonment for murder of cable operator

THANE: A court in Maharashtra's Thane district has sentenced four persons, including two women, to life imprisonment for the murder of a local cable operator over money more than a decade ago.

In his order, Additional Sessions Judge (Kalyan) RG Waghmare also fined three of the four convicts Rs 25,000 each and one Rs 30,000. A copy of the operative order dated April 23 was made available on Thursday. During the trial, Additional Public Prosecutor Sanjay Gosavi told the court that a cable operator named Raja, alias Bhagwan Ochani, had lent Rs 10 lakh to two women and was demanding his money back.

In 2013, the two women hired two men and got Ochani killed after calling him to their place under the pretext of discussing the money matter.

J-K'S BARAMULLA

2 terrorists dead, 2 Army personnel injured as gunbattle resumes



while as many Army personnel got injured on Friday as a gunbattle between the militants and security forces continued for the second day in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said. The encounter began on Thursday at Check Mohalla Nowpora in the Sopore area of north Kashmir. After the night's lull, a fresh exchange of firing took place on Friday morning, they said.

From around the web on India

Churches in Kerala urge people to vote for those supporting secularism and democracy



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/KOCHI: Various church factions in Kerala on Friday urged the people to go and vote for those supporting secularism and democracy in the general elections in the southern state.

Archbishop Raphael Thattil of the influential Syro-Malabar Church, after casting his vote, said the church wants everyone to live peacefully in the country. Malankara Orthodox Svrian church head Baselios Marthoma Mathews III said the elections will help elect a new government for the betterment of the country.

Thrissur Archbishop and CBCl president Archbishop Andrews Thazhath right to vote in Kerala.

said he was devastated after witnessing the situation in Manipur and said people will vote for those who support secularism and democracy.

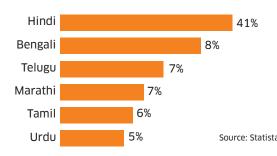
"We are hurt when we see others get hurt. I saw the situation in Manipur. I saw the situation faced by the people there. I have personally asked the government and the union home minister to intervene in the matter," Thazhath told the media.

He urged the people to vote for those who support secularism and democracy in the country.

The influential Latin church said people were excited to exercise their

The Day's **NUMBERS**

KEY LANGUAGES AND PERCENTAGE OF SPEAKERS IN INDIA



HARYANA

Man hit by a jeep, dragged for 50 meters in Rewari

REWARI: A man trying to stop his friend from being thrashed by a group of men was allegedly hit by a jeep driven by them and dragged for 50 meters, police said on Friday.

The incident occurred around 2.30 pm on Thursday when Shubham along with his friend Vedpal and Dharmender was sitting at a car service station in Kund, police said.

According to the complaint filed by Dharmender, around 10 people, in a Bolero Camper Jeep came and thrashed Shubham with sticks. When he and his friend Vedant intervened, they beat them up as well.

"After this, the main accused Harender, a resident of Ateli Begpur village drove his vehicle and hit us, intending to kill us," Dharmender alleged in his complaint. During the incident, Vedpal was allegedly dragged for about 50 meters by the vehicle. The crowd nearby tried to chase the accused, but they managed to flee, he said.

EXCISE POLICY CASE

Court extends judicial custody of Manish Sisodia, others till May 8



NEW DELHI: A court here on Friday extended the judicial custody of AAP leader Manish Sisodia, co-accused Vijay Nair and others till May 8 in a money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

The accused persons were produced before Special Judge Kaveri Baweja through video conferencing on the expiry of their judicial custody granted earlier. The judge also directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to submit a report on how much time it was likely to take to digitize the documents related to the charge sheet.

Nation News

Issuance of LOCs at instance of public sector banks sans law is violation of fundamental rights: HC

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court has said that issuance of a Look Out Circular (LOC) at the instance of public sector banks against alleged default borrowers in the absence of a statute or law is violative of a person's fundamental rights.

The court made the observation on April 23 while quashing the Centre's decision empowering such banks to seek issuance of LOCs.

A division bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Madhav Jamdar had on April 23 held as unconstitutional the clause of an Office Memorandum issued by the Central government empowering the Chairman, Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers of public sector banks to seek issuance of LOCs against default borrowers or even persons who stood

guarantee for such bor-**Vice President Jagdeep** Dhankar, wife

offer prayers

Tirupati: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar visited the Sri Venkateswara temple on Friday, accompanied by his wife Sudhesh Dhankar, offered prayers.

A Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams press release said the Vice President his visit to the temple a divine experience. "This visit is closest

to spirituality, divinity and religiosity," the press release said, quoting VP Dhankar. "Feeling blessed and seeking bliss for humanity," he observed.

"I am leaving this place fully charged, inspired and motivated to be in the service of Bharat, the 'oldest civ ilisation on the planet' and home to one-sixth of humanity," the Vice President said.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Dated: 22.04.2024 Name of the Work: Dismantling, Cleaning and Minor attention of HITACHI TRACTION MOTOR of attention Electric Locomotives (WAG-7). Tender Value: ₹ 11,90,844/-, EMD: Cost of Tender

Document: Nil, Closing Date & Time of Tender: At 11:00 Hrs. on 14.05.2024. Manual Offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be rejected. For further details, eligibility criteria and complete details for the above work, please contact the office of the Sr. DME (D)/DLS/SEC/Raipur or refer / download tender document which is available on our website

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NAME CHANGE It is informed to the general public that I, Anuj Gautam Fattepuria Resident of F 304, Wallfort Heights, Opposite Wallfort City, Bhatagaon, Raipur (C.G.) have changed my Son's old name Rishaan S/o Anuj Gautam Fattepuria. So in future my son should be know by his new name that is Rishaan Anuj Fattepuria S/o Anuj Gautam Fattepuria in all government, semi government and other

Anuj Gautam Fattepuria F 304, Wallfort Heights, Opposite Wallfort City, Bhatagaon, Raipur (C.G.)

documents.

rowers. In its 289-page judgment made available on Friday, the bench said an executive function cannot substitute a statute and the executive cannot in any event contravene the Constitution.

"For the executive to encroach upon the private rights of a citizen, there must be some specific legislation. Even if an executive action is backed by a specific legislation, it is still liable to be struck down if it involves the infringement of fundamental rights," the bench said.

The high court said the Office Memorandums are "ex facie not law and are by no stretch of imagination a procedure established by law".

"It is inconceivable that the OMs - purely executive instructions or a framework or guidelines - can ever curtail the fundamental right to travel abroad," it said.

"Is it to be assumed or pre-supposed that just because a borrower is travelling abroad therefore, he or she is bound to settle abroad and flee the country," the court questioned.

The bench also said it was incomprehensible as to how the chairman, managing directors and chief executive officers of public sector banks are given the power to request for issuance of LOC without any other mechanism in place.

The bench said with such powers, the public sector banks become judge and executioner at once. The court said the power given to the public sector banks to seek issuance of LOC against a defaulter is "unguided and uncanalized".

It added that under the Constitution, the exercise of executive

power cannot be arbitrary, whimsical, capri-

cious or unguided. "There are no guidelines applied to such public sector banks. We find this particularly problematic. We have been asked simply to trust the public sector banks. We are not told whether this power to trigger a LOC can be utilized above a certain debt threshold or even for a default of a single rupee," the HC said. The judgment was passed on a bunch of petitions challenging the validity of the said clause and the LOCs issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs at the instance of public sector banks. The court while quashing the said clause said all the LOCs also stand cancelled.

The bench said the OMs in general are not without authority of law. arbitrary or illegal per se.

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Feedback on revised new SAR format for UG Engineering Tier I

National Board of Accreditation (NBA), being a permanent member of Washington Accord, has revised its Program Outcomes and Self-Assessment Report (SAR) for the Undergraduate Engineering Program under Tier I aligned with the revised Graduate Attributes and Professional Competencies (GAPC) Version 4.0.

The draft of the new SAR is uploaded on NBA website (https://www.nbaind.org) for soliciting the valuable feedback from the stakeholders. The stakeholders are hereby, requested to kindly visit NBA website to go through the draft SAR and provide their valuable feedback on the given email id sar.feedback@nbaind.org, within 15 days of publication of the new SAR on the NBA website.

Feedback from our esteemed stakeholders will help NBA to improve its processes towards fulfilling its aim of ensuring high standards in technical education.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Limited, Under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And ment of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) And In Exercise of Powers Conferred Under Section 13(2) Read With Rules 3 of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued Demand Notice To The Borrower/s As Detailed Hereunder, Calling Upon The Respective Borrowers To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Said Notice With All Costs, Charges And Expenses Till Actual Date Of Payment Within 60 Days From The Date of Receipt of The Same. The Said Borrowers/ Co Borrowers Having Failed To Repay The Amount, Notice Is Hereby Given To The Borrowers/ Co Borrowers And The Public In General That The Undersioned In Exercise of Powers Conferred On Him Unde Section 13(4) of The Said Act R/w Rule 8 of The Said Rules Has Taken Possession of The Property Described Hereunder of The Said Act Or The Date Mentioned Along-with. The Borrowers in Particular And Public in General Are Hereby Cautioned Not To Deal With The Property And Any Dealings With The Property Will Be Subject To The Charge of Hdb Financial Services Limited, For The Amount Specified Therein With Future Interest, Costs And Charges From The Respective Date. Details of The Borrower And Co-borrower Under Scheduled Property, With Loan Account Numbers Uic No. Outstanding Dues, Date of Demand Notice And Possession Information Are Given Herein Below

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER, CO-BORROWER'S / GUARANTOR'S, 2. LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 3. SANCTIONED LOAN AMOUNT 4. DETAILS NO. OF THE SECURITIES 5. DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE, 6. CLAIM AMOUNT IN INR. 7. DATE OF POSSESSION

1) Borrower and Co-Borrowers and Guarantors: 1. Kundnani Finance Services Kundani Finance Services G-21 R.k.c. Complex G.e Rosc Raipur 492001 2. Sudama Bhimsen L-13 Green Land Vishal Nagar Telibandha Ravigram Bindrawangarh Raipur 492001, 3. Vivek Kundna S/o Bhimsen Kundnani L-13 Green Land Vishal Nagar Behind Chhattisgarh Hotel Raipur-492001. 4. Kamal Kumar Kundnani L-13 Gree Land Vishal Nagar Telibandha Raipur-492001. 2) Loan Account Number: 4949237 3) Loan Amount in INR: Rs. 2,51,67,664.00(Rupe Two Crore Fifty-One Lakhs Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four Only) by loan account number 4949237 4) Detail description of the Security: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing First Floor (Admesuring Area 2174 Sq. Ft), Second Floo Admesuring Area 1786 Sq. Ft.), Third Floor (Admesuring Area 1786 Sq.ft.) in the Building Constructed on Plot No. 1/1-9-12, Kh. No. 100/6 8 247/1, Ph. No. 106, Sheet No. 17, Village- Chiruldih, Ward No. 15, Swami Atmanand Ward, Raipur-492001 Boundaries: North: Other, South Road, East : Road, West : Other, 5) Demand Notice Date: 16/01/2024, 6) Amount due in INR: Rs.15,279,527.80/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Eighty Only) as of 16.01.2024 and future contractus terest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. 7) Date of Possession-23/04/2024

The Borrower's Attention is Invited To Provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of The Act, in Respect of Time Available, To Redeen The Secured Asset. 2. For Any Objection And Settlement Please Contact: Mr. Bharat Rajoriya, Contact No. 9200000522 (Area Collection Manager) & Mr Girrai Kishore Parashar Contact No.7600009388 (Regional Collection Manager) at HDB Financial Services Limited 2nd Floor, Forum Business Centre, Bhatagaon, Raipur (C.G.)-492001

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Circle Office SASTRA, Naya Raipur PH.No.(0771)2210417/19

SDI- For HDB Financial Services Limited- Authorised Signator

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued Demand Notices as below mentioned calling upon the Sorrower(s) & Guaranter(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notices and Interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, guarantors and the public in genera that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 said rules on this the date mentioner below. The borrowers & guarantors in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for amount mentioned below and interest thereon. The borrower's and/or guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available

Place : Raipur, Date : 23-04-2024

Name & Add. of the Borrower(s), 1)Date of Demand Guarantor(s) & Partners / Notice & 2)Date Amount as per

Berrower- M/s Samyak Agro (1) 22.12.2023 Rs. 3,55,43,087.07/- All that part & Parcel, Factory Land & Building, Plant & Machinery bearing khasra no. 295/3, 295/4 & 295/5 respectively Area 0.023 Hect, 0.13 Hect. & 0.08 Hect. Branch: Bhilai Sec. 6, 096920 Total area 0.233 Hect, situated at Mouza - Selud, PH No. 27, RNM - Bhilai -3, Tehsil - Patan, District

 Durg (CG) in the name of Rishabh Kumar Jain. Boundaries of Khasra No.295/3: North: Durg-Patan Main Road, South: Land of Seller, East: Land of Santu, West: Land of Munna. Boundaries of Khasra No. 295/4: North: Land of Donor's Family, South: Land of Seeju Anthony, East: Land of Santu, West: Land of Munna. Boundaries of Khasra No. 295/5: North: Land of Seller, South: Land o Seller, East: Land of Jaggu, West: Land of Seller Borrower- M/s Varsha Earthcon. (1) 24.01.2024 Rs. 1,18,67,466.47/- Residential Diverted land Khasra No. 2/2 & 12 (Par

Varsha Jain, Guarantorhi Devendra Parekh
hoel Chowk, 324800

(CG) in the name of Varsha Jain, Plot Number and their area is as follows: Sector B. Mrs. Nidhi Devendra Parekh B- 123 : 1903.08 sqft, Sector B-124 : 1923.85 sqft, Sector B-125 :1943.55 sqft, Sector B-126 : 1964.43 sqft, Sector B-127 1986.28 sqft, Sector B-128 : 1940.75 sqft, Sector C-86 : 1939.03 sqft, Sector C-87 : 1501.00 sqft, Sector C-88 : 1501.00 sqft Sector C-89: 1501.00 sqft, Sector C-90: 1501.00 sqft, Sector C-91: 1501.00 sqft, Sector D-53: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-54: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-55: 1789.84 sqft, Sector D-56: 1412.56 sqft, Sector D-57: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-58: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-59: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-58: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-59: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-58: 1250.01 sqft, Sector D-59: 1250.01

East: 6 mtr. Plot Road, West: Garden

Four people killed in road accident

Rae Bareli (UP): Four people were killed and as many were injured on Friday when their car dashed into a culvert and hit a tree on the roadside, police said. According to police, the incident took place around 3 am near Malin Purva village of Mill Area police station area, when the victims, part of a marriage procession, were returning from Fursatganj in Amethi.

EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 5263 OF 2020 WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

KRISHNA AND OTHERS

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

KRISHNA S/O DAMODHAR

DRIVER WARD NO. 19, ARJUN

DISTRICT-DURG, CHHATTISGARH
WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim re along with application above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. SHASHIBHUSHAN P. ADGAONKAR, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 18th March, 2020, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:

"Issue notice."

"Issue notice."

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's ourt on 18th November, 2022, When the following order was passed:

"Ld. Counsel for the petitioner has filed an Application for substituted ervice in respect of respondent No. 1. Application stands allowed. Four eeks's time is granted for filing proof of publication.

Service is complete on respondent No. 2 but none has entered operators.

Respondent No. 3 has already filed counter affidavit.
List on 4.1.2023."
AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Hon'ble Court Chambers) on 29th January, 2024, When the following order was passe ed out by the Registry that the proof of publication filed by the

Considering the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, he s permitted to serve the respondent No. 1 by publication de novo. Steps in this egard be taken in six weeks."

regard be taken in six weeks."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with application will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why Special Leave Petition as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Orec XXI. S. C. R. 2013 within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not

14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not afer than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents flie before the Count/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no urther notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of he resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your

1 Mr. Shashibhushan P. Adgaonkar (adv.) 2 Mr. Raiesh Kumar Gupta (adv.)

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For further information, please contact the Secretary, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee or the Member Secretary, Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, 107-108, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel Nos. 01)-23116353,23116354 (Additional Building Complex) and 011-23381257 (Front Office))

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas,

FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 14.12.2023 calling upon the Borrower(s) P ANUPAMA ALIAS ANUPAMA PANIGRAHI AND VENKAT PANIGRAHI to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs. 7,78,266.47 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six and Paise Forty Seven Only) against Loan Account No. HHLRPR00490578 as on 08.12.2023 and interest thereon within 60 days from the

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symboli-Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 22.04.2024.

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED for an amount of Rs. 7,78,266.47 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six and Paise Forty Seven Only) as on 08.12.2023 and interest there

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO.-LIG-611, ADMEASURING 45.26 SQ. MTRS., I.E 487 SQ. FT., GROUND FLOOR, IN BLOCK-39, BEARING KHASRA NO. 1493/1, 1495, 1496 AND 1498. SITUATED AT DEENDAYALAWAS YOJANA, PH NO. 117, MAUZA-BORIYAKALA PH. NO.-117 TEHSILAND RAIPUR-492001, CHHATTTISGARH BOUNDED AS UNDER:

EAST : ROAD WEST : LIGFLAT NO. 612 NORTH : LIGFLATNO 609 : LIGFLATNO, 625

Date: 22.04.2024 **Authorised Officer**

INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED



Bandhan Bank Limited | CIN: L67190WB2014PLC204622 Registered Office: DN 32, SEC-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091

APPENDIX IV [Rule - 8(1)]

Place: RAIPUR

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bandhan Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, (hereinafter the "said Rules") issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against the account calling upon the Borrowers / Guarantor/ Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, noticed is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken peaceful physical possession of the property described herein below in exercises of powers conferred on him/her under section sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on th date mentioned herein after.

The Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor in particular, and the public, in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charged of Bandhan Bank Ltd., for an amount mentioned in the notice along with interest, penal interest, charges, costs thereon. The Borrowers / Guarantor/ Mortgagor attention to the invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act., 2002 in respect of time available , to redeem the secured assets.

Guarantor/Mortgagor 2. Date of Possession & Product 3. Claim Amount as per **Demand Notice** 1.13/10/2022 All the piece and parcel of Exclusive charge by 68210000002988 M/s Pooja Enterprises (Borrower) 2.24/04/2024 way of Equitable Mortgage over Leasehold Address: Plot No. 743, Road No 9, Shanti (Overdraft) 3. Rs. 1,51,09,405/residential Property at, Plot No. 8/10, Nazul Nagar Durg, Chhattisgarh 490023 as on 30.09.2022 Sheet no. Sheet No.- 16, PH No.- 63/16, Gayatri 68210000002998 Mr. Rajkumar Jain HUF (Proprietor & Mandir Ward No. 20, Tah/Dist.- Durg (C.G.). PIN-(Working Capital TI 490006, Area of 1076.9 sq. Fts, owned by Mrs. Address: Plot No. 743, Road No 9, Shanti GECL) Premlata Jain, Boundaries: As per Deed, On or Nagar Durg, Chhattisgarh 490023, towards the North by: Gali, On or towards the Mr. Rajkumar Jain (Guarantor), South by: Govt. Land, On or towards the East by: Address : S/o Mahavir Prakash Jain, Dukan Land of Mahaveer, On or towards the West by: no. 532, B. Market Sector- 06 Word- 46, Civic Land sold by Munni Devi to Premlata Jain 68220000000022 Centre Bhilai, Durg, Chhattishgarh 490006 (Working Capital T Mrs. Premlata Jain (Guarantor & GECL) Mortgagor) Address: W/o Mahavir Prakash Jain, Shop No. 541 B. Market Sector- 06, Word- 46, Civic Centre Bhilai Durg, Chhattishgarh 490006 Mrs. Babita Jain (Guarantor), W/o Rajkumar Jain, Dukan No. 532, B. Market Sector- 06 , Word- 46, Civic Centre Bhilai Durg, Chhattishgarh 490006, Mr. Sambhav Jain (Guarantor),

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Address: W/o Mahavir Prakash Jain, Shop No. 541 B. Market Sector- 06 Word- 46, Civic Centre Bhilai Durg, Chhattishgarh 490006,

Mrs. Babita Jain (Guarantor) Address: W/o Rajkumar Jain, Dukan No. 532, B. Market Sector- 06 ,Word- 46, Civic Centre Bhilai, Durg, Chhattishgarh 490006,

Mr. Sambhav Jain (Guarantor)

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together with (i) all present and future, buildings, structures of every description which are standing, erected or attached to the aforesaid premises or any part thereof and all rights to use common areas and facilities and incidental thereto, together with all present and future liberties, privileges, easement and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises or any part thereof or usually held, occupied or enjoyed therewith or expected to

belong or be appurtenant thereto; and (ii) all plant and machinery attached to the earth, and such movable parts as they may comprise of. Sd/ **Authorised Officer** Bandhan Bank Limited

Date: April 27, 2024 Place: Durg, Chhattisgarh

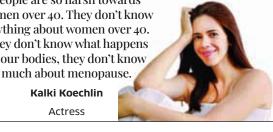
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People are so harsh towards women over 40. They don't know anything about women over 40. They don't know what happens to our bodies, they don't know much about menopause.



& Finally

OTT Watch



The family star OTT debut

Vijay Deverakonda and Mrunal Thakur's "The Family Star" makes its OTT debut on Prime Video on April 26. The Telugu romance family drama, directed by Parasuram, released in theatres on April 5.



Priyanka's 'Women of My Billion' on prime video

Priyanka Chopra Jonas' production, "Women of My Billion," directed by Ajitesh Sharma, tells the true story of Srishti Bakshi's walking pilgrimage from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. Premiering on Prime Video on May 3.



Kung Fu Panda 4

Catch the latest instalment of the beloved animated franchise now on Disney+ Hotstar. Featuring the voices of Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, and more reprising their iconic roles. Join Po and the Furious Five for another epic adventure!



Netflix's 'Dead **Boy Detectives'** premiere stock falls

Netflix's "Dead Boy Detectives" premieres Thursday, featuring two teen ghost detectives from DC comics investigating paranormal cases. The streaming giant's stock fell on Friday following changes to subscriber data sharing starting in 2025



Bhimaa: Gopichand's mystery

Gopichand leads in 'Bhimaa,' a sleuth uncovering mysteries at a small-town temple. The film, supported by Priya Bhavani Shankar, Malvika Sharma, and others, premieres on Disney+ Hotstar on April 25, 2024.

Selective choices: Ileana D'Cruz on returning to work amidst personal challenges

Actress Ileana D'Cruz, known for her role in "Do Aur Do Pyaar," recently shared her experience of returning to work after welcoming her baby.

Central Chronicle News

Ileana D'Cruz, made a successful comeback after a hiatus for motherhood with recent releases like "Do Aur Do Pyaar."

Fans rejoiced when D'Cruz Ileana returned to the silver screen after a hiatus following her 2019 "Pagalpanti." With her recent releases "Tera Kya Hoga Lovely" and "Do Aur Do Pyaar," she's once again captivating audiences with her talent and charm. In a recent interview, Ileana shared the reasons behind her break from cinema, citing a combination of lockdowns and the joyous arrival of her baby. Despite her absence from the big screen, she stayed active in entertainment world, starring in "The Big Bull" and filming a web series, until her pregnancy in 2023 temporarily paused her career plans. Returning to films wasn't without its challenges, especially for her role "Do Aur in Pyaar," where she wasn't in the best physical shape.



Ileana embraced her role wholeheartedly

Ileana made her return with multi starter project: Released on April 19, 2024, "Do Aur Do Pyaar" is a delightful romantic comedy that not only showcases Ileana's talent but also explores the complexities of married life. Alongside Vidya Balan,

Pratik Gandhi, and Sendhil Ramamurthy, Ileana shines in her portrayal of a relatable character. Her journey, balancing motherhood and her career, reflects her dedication to both aspects of her life. Ileana is proving that motherhood is just another exciting chapter, not the end of a career.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Zendaya's \$10 million deal: the making of 'challengers' and her hollywood power

Central Chronicle News

Zendaya, the epitome Hollywood's star power, has just bagged a jaw-dropping \$10 million for her role in and production of the upcoming film "Challengers." This move solidifies her status as one of the industry's top talents. But it's not just about the paycheck "Challengers" is set to be a box office sensation, with projections of \$12-15 million in North America alone on its opening weekend. Originally slated for a glamorous premiere at the 2023 Venice Film Festival, "Challengers" was pushed

back due to unforeseen



circumstances. Despite setbacks, Zendaya, along with co-stars Mike Faist and Josh O'Connor, has remained to promoting the film, which is now set to hit screens on April 26.

committed In this steamy, R-rated drama, Zendaya takes on the role of Tashi Duntransition into produc-

can, a former tennis prodigy entangled in a captivating love triangle. Her character's journey is more than just about tennis; it's a powerful exploration of love, power, and communication.What's even more intriguing is Zendaya's

HIGHLIGHT

Zendaya, a highly coveted Hollywood actress, commands a substantial fee for her role in Challengers. Her recent appearance was in Dune: Part Two.

ing. With "Challengers," Zendaya proves she's not just a leading lady - she's a force to be reckoned with, both in front of and behind the camera. Her involvement in the project highlights her commitment to storytelling that pushes boundaries and captivates audiences worldwide.

CineBriefs

BOLLYWOOD

Amitabh Bachchan pays tribute to Lata Mangeshkar with marathi poem

Amitabh Bachchan paid a heartfelt tribute to the late Lata Mangeshkar by reciting a Marathi poem titled "Aakasha Chi Sawri" or "Shadow of the Sky" at an event in Mumbai. Bachchan, who co-wrote the poem, described Mangeshkar as "Goddess Saraswati personified," sitting under the shadow of Lord Brahma. He highlighted her immense contribution to music and her eternal presence in the hearts of millions, emphasizing her unmatched talent and unparalleled legacy. Bachchan's poignant recitation left the audience deeply moved, reflecting the profound impact of Mangeshkar's artistry.

WEB SERIES

Prime Video announces June 27 release for

"My Lady Jane"

Prime Video announces June 27 release for romantic fantasy series "My Lady Jane," starring Emily Bader, Edward Bluemel, and Jor dan Peters. Set in an altfantasy Tudor world, it's inspired by the book of the same name by Brodi Ashton, Jodi Meadows, and Cynthia Hand, offering a radical retelling of English royal history. The series promises a whimsical blend of romance, fantasy, and intrigue, with captivating first look images shared by the streaming platform.!

THE BOLLYWOOD HOT PAIR

Karisma Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit reunite and performedface-off After 26 years



Karisma Kapoor and Madhuri Dixit, who starred as Nisha and Pooja in Dil Toh Pagal Hai 26 years ago, recently reunited on the sets of Dance Deewane. The nostalgic moment had fans gushing over their reunion. As two of the leading ladies from the iconic film came together, they recreated their dance routine from the movie, sparking a delightful face-off on stage. This reunion highlights the enduring charm of 90s cinema, invoking nostalgia among fans everywhere. Their chemistry and energy left everyone mesmerized, proving that some bonds only grow stronger with time.

FASHION

Shehnaaz Gill's stunning furry look leaves fans breathless

Shehnaaz Gill stuns in her latest furry look, leaving fans gasping with her hot photos. The Punjabi heartthrob flaunted her bold avatar in a green furry outfit, accessorized with golden earrings and blackkholed eyes, captivating everyone with her intense allure. Her fashionable statement once again proves why she's a style icon.



Trending on Insta



@Kajol

Kajol's hilarious life mantra: 'let my pallu be long

Kajol shares a hilarious life mantra on Instagram, donning a stunning black mesh saree with gold accents: "Life is short. Let my pallu be long."

@Jacqueline Fernandez

Jacqueline Fernandez urges pet adoption: a call for compassion

Jacqueline Fernandez, a passionate animal advocate, urges pet adoption over buying, sharing a video on Instagram depicting the distressing conditions of dogs before rescue.





Lifestyle

INTERIORS

Biophilic design: Nature inspired office revolution

Create healthy, happy, and sustainable work environments.



ransforming office spaces into natural sanctuaries can revolutionize the way we work, prioritizing productivity and well-being. Biophilic design, inspired by the beauty and complexity of the natural world, offers a refreshing approach to office interiors. By infusing earthy tones and natural elements, offices can become vibrant ecosystems that inspire creativity and promote a sense of well-being among employees.

Green, symbolizing growth and harmony, takes center stage in biophilic office design. Introducing greenery through vibrant paintings, lush plants, or calming wall colors can breathe life into the workplace, reducing stress and boosting focus. Natural textures like wood and stone add depth and character to office spaces, fostering a connection to the outdoors. Organic shapes, such as flowing curves and irregular patterns, further enhance the







HIGHLIGHT

Embrace the essence of nature in your workspace with biophilic design. Infuse earthy tones, greenery, and natural textures to create a vibrant ecosystem that enhances well-being, boosts productivity.

into a tranquil oasis, bringing the outdoors inside. natural aesthetic, creating visually stunning environments

Revamp your office space with biophilic design! Incorporate earthy

hues, lush greens, and natural

textures for a workspace that

sparks creativity and fosters well-

that resonate with our innate love for nature. Embracing biophilic design principles is not just about creating aesthetically pleasing spaces; it's about fostering a deeper connection between humans and the natural world. By prioritizing nature-inspired designs, offices can create environments that not only support the health and happiness of employees but also contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally conscious workplace culture. With biophilic design, the office becomes a place where employees can thrive in harmony with nature.



AI predicts irregular heartbeat before onset

a groundbreaking study, researchers have unveiled a game-changing AI model capable of predicting irregular heartbeat before it strikes, boasting an impressive 80% accuracy rate. Led by experts from the University of Luxembourg, this revolutionary model offers early warnings, potentially saving countless lives by enabling timely intervention. What sets this innovation apart is its integration potential into smartphones, promising accessibility and convenience for users. By harnessing the power of artificial intelligence, individuals can now monitor their heart health with greater precision and ease, ushering in a new era of personalized healthcare.

Discover the serenity: Kurseong, the land of white orchids



Tucked away just 30 kilometers from Darjeeling, Kurseong is a picturesque haven known as 'the land of white orchids'. With misty hills, tea gardens, and hidden viewpoints like Deorali and Chimney, it's perfect for a serene getaway. Indulge in local flavors at the bustling bazaar or sip on the finest Darjeeling tea. Don't forget to catch a breathtaking sunset at Eagles Craig and hop on the toy train for a whimsical journey to Darjeeling.

| FASHION |

Alonge's intelligent cotton: Knitwear revolutionized fashion

Central Chronicle News

The debut collection includes sweatshirts, jackets, camisoles, dresses, shorts, pants, co-ords, skirts, and oversized T-shirts.

Chennai-based fashion label Alonge introduces 'intelligent cotton' for its knitwear line, blending polyester's shine with viscose's softness. Nithya, the founder, spent 17 years nurturing her dream after completing a course in Fashion Technology. The debut collection boasts minimal, elegant designs made with iCotton, offerstretchability and breathability, along with flow motion technology for fluid movement.

One-and-a-half years of research led to the creation of iCotton, tested by Nithya herself before hitting the market. Alonge prioritizes quality, ensuring garments look brand new even after 50-plus washes. The collection features sweatshirts, jackets, dresses, shorts, and more, in a palette ranging from ecru to warm pink, adorned with handpainted florals and hand embroidery. Designing in Chennai, production in Tiruppur, and materials sourced worldwide, including beads from Japan and zips from Hong



Chennai-based fashion label Alonge

Kong, ensure the label's commitment to quality and craftsmanship. Nithya's next collection promises more florals and attention to detail, reflecting her personal style translated into patterns, with a focus on natural fibers in the future. Prices range from 3,990 to 19,000, catering to those who appreciate everyday luxury and enduring style. Alonge's pieces are available on alonge.in, where fashion enthusiasts can indulge in the label's ethos of combining innovation with timeless elegance.

GadgetPick TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

Nothing Ear (1)

About: Nothing Ear (1) earphones, featuring ChatGPT





assistance for an immersive audio experience. **Key Features:**

It offers four noise-canceling modes (high, mid, low, and adaptive), ranging from 15dB to 40dB. "Adaptive" allows for intelligent, dynamic noise cancellation that adjusts itself automatically, compensating for ambient sounds in your surroundings

Meta Ray-Ban smart glasses

About:

Meta's \$299 smart glasses, made in partnership with Ray-Ban, are exactly that, a premium wearable that can do smart things.



Key Features:

Meta's Ray-Ban smart glasses now support WhatsApp video calls, capturing photos and videos when voice-prompted; to playing music and podcasts via your phone; to answering your most curious questions with a built-in Meta AI.

Infinix GT 20 Pro

About:

The Infinix GT 20 Pro has already acquired BIS certification, so we can expect it to launch in India.

Key Features: It features a

pentagon-shaped camera module and transparent rear panel. Priced

at RM 1,299 (roughly Rs. 22,000) for the base variant, it's expected to launch globally on May 2, starting with Malaysia.

The Xbox Series S Toaster

About:

The Xbox Series S Toaster is a fun addition to any kitchen, imprinting the Xbox logo on toast for gaming enthusiasts' enjoyment.

Key Features:

It features customizable

toast levels and a countdown timer for perfect results every time. Versatile and stylish, it accommodates various types of bread, English muffins, waffles, and bagels, making it a musthave for any kitchen.

Hindware chimney

About:

The Hindware Smart **Appliances** Skyla Neo 60 Cm kitchen chimney is a sleek and efficient addition to

your kitchen. **Key Features:**

Its Autoclean technology and maximum suction power of 1350 m3/hr, it effectively eliminates smoke and odours. The chimney features filterless and motion sensor technology, making maintenance a breeze.

Realme NARZO 70 5G

About: Smartphonemaker Realme has launched the Narzo 70 5G series in India today, comprising RealmeNarzo 70 5G and Narzo 70x



Key Features:

The realme NARZO 70x 5G packs a 5000mAh battery with a 45W SUPERVOOC charge, a 120Hz Ultra Smooth Display and a 50MP AI Camera. The Dimensity 6100+ 6nm 5G package gets a VC cooling system. It also touts the segment's thinnest 7.69mm Ultra-slim body.

Sports



SRH head coach.

India to face Estonia in the final of Archery World Cup



Women's compound archery team members (from left) Parneet Kaur, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Aditi Swami after reaching final of Archery World Cup Stage 1, in Shanghai

Press Trust Of India

SHANGHAI: The compound mixed team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma assured India of a fourth medal in the ongoing Archery World Cup, advancing into the final here.

The world No. 2 Indians dropped just five points to prevail over their Mexican opponents Andrea Becerra and Lot Maximo Mendez Ortiz 155-151 in the semi-final.

They will face low-

Naib replaces

Marsh in DC

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals on Thursday drafted in Afghan-

istan all-rounder Gulbadin

Naib as a replacement for

Mitchell Marsh for the remain-

der of the IPL 2024. Naib joins

the Capitals for his base price of

Marsh was ruled out of

the IPL with a hamstring

injury, and the Australian

all-rounder had flown back

to Perth on April 12 to have detailed medical check-up.

Marsh played four matches

in this IPL, but was under-

whelming with both bat and

ball, making just 61 runs and

taking a solitary wicket. Naib

has represented Afghan-

istan in 82 ODIs and 65 T20

Internationals so far. A right-

handed batter and a medium

pacer, this will be his first

stint in the IPL. Capitals are

currently placed sixth on the

table with eight points from

Gulbadin

Mitchell

squad

Rs 50 lakh.

er-ranked Estonia in the gold-medal clash on Saturday. Jyothi is also a member of the women's compound team, which had entered the final on

Wednesday.

With Jyothi also securing a semifinal spot in the individual section on Thursday, the World No. 3 and Asian Games gold medallist is in the hunt for a hat-trick of top podium finishes.

Overall, Indian archers have qualified in four finals, all in the team

HIGHLIGHT

• Overall, Indian archers have qualified in four finals, all in the team events, and are in the hunt for two medals in compound individual events

-- where Jyothi and Priyansh have made the semifinals.

 Compound mixed team reaches final of Archery World Cup

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The four events where Indian teams have made the gold-medal round are compound men's, women's, mixed categories and men's recurve.

The elimination round in the recurve individual category is slated to begin

Indians started on a back-

later in the day. In the semi-final, the of arrows as Jyothi and Verma snatched the lead by dropping one point. The Indians then

foot after Andrea and

Mendez Ortiz capped

three 10s and one nine

to take the opening end

slipped in the next set

But the Mexicans

extended their lead by three points in the penultimate round after another slip-up by the Mexicans. Jyothi and Verma sealed the issue with a perfect 40 in the fourth end.

I INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Shubman Gill prioritizes **GT** over national selection

Gill feels that representing India is the highest honor but he will commit injustice to his IPL team if he thinks about national selection.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: There is no bigger honour than representing India in the T20 World Cup but as Gujarat Titans' skipper, Shubman Gill feels that he will be "doing injustice to himself and his team" if national selection occupies his mind.

The 24-year-old, who scored 890 runs during IPL 2023 and is among the top-10 batters in the current list believes that



another chance for him **FACTFILE**

 Gill is currently leading the Gujarat Titans in the IPL and is fully focused on bringing the best out of his players.

to take a shot at glory. If he is not picked, then he will wish the selected 15 the very best from the bottom of his heart.

"Playing for India is the biggest thing. But if I start thinking about the World Cup, then I will be doing injustice to my current team (GT) and myself.

For any player appear-

ing in a World Cup is a dream, but Gill is learning the art of controlling the controllables.

"Obviously player, I want to be there and play the World Cup and get that opportunity to represent my country at the highest level - the biggest stage of T20 cricket.

|PARIS OLYMPICS|

nine matches.

Neeraj will face immense pressure at Paris Oly: Valerie Adams

Press Trust of India

Neeraj **BENGALURU:** Chopra might be feeling the "massive weight of expectations" as he prepares to defend his javelin gold in the upcoming Paris Olympics, reckons legendary New Zealand shot putter Valerie

In the Tokyo Games, Chopra became the first

Indian athlete to win the track and field gold, finding a distance of 87.58 meters with his javelin. However, Adams, ambassador of the TCS World 10K, said that a seasoned performer like Neeraj will find a way to ward off the pressure and perform. The 39-year-old, though, urged Neeraj to remain cautious about the expectations around him.

Adams, also a four-time



There's undoubtedly immense pressure on Neeraj Chopra as he goes out there and try to defend (the gold). I'm sure he can feel it.

> Valerie Adams Shot putter



world champion, admitted that doping continues to be a menace in the world of athletics, but said a lot of progress has been made to tackle it. "Doping is very dangerous to the sport. It continues to be an issue even now. Remember Russia was banned for such long time because of the doping scandal. But we are making great progress in this space."

Briefs

PREMIER LEAGUE

Phil Phoden scores 2 goals as Manchester City eyes another title

BRIGHTON: Manchester City chalked up another big win in its pursuit of an unprecedented fourth straight Premier League title, with Phil Foden continuing his career-best scoring season with two goals in a 4-0 thrashing of Brighton on Thursday. Foden's first-half double came between goals by Kevin De Bruyne and Julian Alvarez as City extended its unbeaten run in the league to 18 games and trimmed the gap to leader Arsenal to one point. Liverpool is two points further back in third after its title chances were damaged by a 2-0 loss at Everton on Wednesday. "I trust my team," De Bruyne said. "All respect to Arsenal and Liverpool, they are amazing ... but we need to do our job. "We just need to keep going, not get ahead of ourselves, be humble and work hard." Since a 0-0 draw with Arsenal at home on March 31, City has won four straight league games and scored 17 goals in the process.

Indonesia and **Iapan** qualify for Olympics while **South Korea misses**

DOHA: South Korea will miss the men's soccer tournament at the Olympics for the first time since 1984 after losing a penalty shootout to Indonesia at the Under-23 Asian Cup quarterfinals on Thursday. The top three teams will qualify for the Paris Games, and Indonesia reached the last four by winning the shootout 11-10 after the score remained tied 2-2 through extra time. Rafael Struick put Indonesia ahead after 15 minutes only for Komang Teguh's own goal to level the scoreline after 45 minutes. There was still time before the break, however, for Struick to score again. Jeong Sang-bin equalized with 14 minutes remaining despite Korea being reduced to 10 men minutes earlier when Lee Young-jun was shown a red card.

Lee Kang-hee missed in the shootout, leaving Pratama Arhan to score the winner.

MADRID OPEN TENNIS

Nadal secures comfortable win in first round of Madrid Open against Blanch



MADRID: Rafael Nadal couldn't learn much from his comfortable straightset win over American teenager Darwin Blanch in the first round of the Madrid Open.

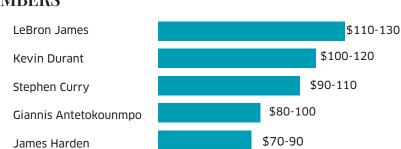
Nadal cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over the mistake-prone 16-year-old Blanch on Thursday. "I didn't test much my body today," the 37-yearold Nadal said. "I played a decent match doing the things that I had to do to be through, but at the same time I played against a player ... making more mistakes." Blanch, playing only in his second ATP tour latest injury layoff.

match, made 27 unforced errors. Nadal never faced a break point and was in control from the start against the wild-card entry, closing the match in just over one hour at the Caja Magica center court in the Spanish capital.

The encounter marked the largest age gap (21 years, 117 days) between two opponents at an ATP 1000 tournament. Nadal looked in good form and showed no physical limitations in just his third competitive match since returning from his

The Day's **NUMBERS**

TOP FIVE HIGHEST-PAID BASKETBALL PLAYERS (MILLIONS USD) AS OF DECEMBER 2023



WSPS WORLD CUP

Parashooters Mona and Amir secure medals at Korea

NEW DELHI: Indian para-shooter Mona Aggarwal claimed a gold medal in women's 10m air rifle while Army man Amir Ahmed Bhatt secured a silver in 25m pistol at the WSPS World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Thursday. Mona claimed the R2 - 10m air rifle standing SH1 gold medal with a score of 250.8 in the final. It was her second World Cup title of the year following her win in the same event at the World Cup in New Delhi last month, when she sealed a Paralympic quota. Slovakia's Verónica Vadovicova (250) and Swedish shooter Anna Benson (228.8) won the silver and bronze medals respectively. The 37-year-old Mona, the mother of two children, looked in good touch in the final as all her 24 shots were above the 10-point mark. She had scored 625.5 to claim the fifth position in the qualification round. Mona had done well at the state level in shot put and powerlifting before picking up shooting only in December 2021.

SOCCER

Brazilian soccer hero. Romario retrains at 58 and maintains sharp tongue



SAO PAULO: Brazilian soccer hero Romário returned to training on Thursday at age 58, almost two decades after he retired from the sport, and needed just a few minutes to show he remains a prolific scorer. The 1994 World Cup winner turned politician netted two goals as he practiced with much younger players at struggling Rio de Janeiro club América, of which he is the president. América will play in Rio state's second division championship this year. Romarinho, one of the sons of the former Barcelona star, is in its squad.

Sports News





Upbeat Delhi Capitals take on struggling MI

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NEW DELHI: Bolstered by Rishabh Pant's brilliant batting form and inspiring leadership, the resurrected Delhi Capitals will aim to continue their upward march in the IPL points table when they take on an inconsistent Mumbai Indians here on Satur-

Capitals have

endured a rollercoaster season so far, showing flashes of brilliance while also succumbing to embarrassing defeats.

But three wins in the last four matches have helped them climb to the sixth spot and a win against MI will strengthen their claim to a play off

On the other hand, after a familiar poor start, MI bounced back with three wins in their next four matches but a comprehensive nine-wicket thrashing by Rajasthan Royals put an end to their resurgence. They are tottering on the eighth place

Teams

Delhi Capitals Rishabh Pant (c), David Warner, Abishek Porel, Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithvi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs Kumar Kushagra, Swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar Salam Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dubey, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Pa tel, Gulbadin Naib, Lalit Yadav, Jake Fraser-McGurk.

on the points table and can ill-afford to lose.

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Mumbai Indians

Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Survakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Jasprit Bumrah, Piyush Chawla, Gerald Coetzee, Tim. David, Shreyas Gopal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Anshul Kamboj, Kumar Kartikeya, Akash Madhwal, Kwena Maphaka, Mohammad Nabi, Shams Mulani, Naman Dhir, Shiv alik Sharma, Romario Shepherd, Arjun Tendulkar, Nuwan Thushara Tilak Varma, Harvik Desai, Nehal Wadhera, Luke Wood

MI's resurgence this season began with a win against DC and the fivetime champions would hope for an encore in the crucial clash.

For Mumbai, Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma have got runs but all of them have found form in patches. It's time for the likes of Tim David, Ishan Kishan and skipper Hardik Pandya to contribute a big way and take some pressure off the top trio.

While the batting department has occasionally looked good, the bowling remains a massive cause of concern.

Jasprit Bumrah has expectedly been MI's standout bowler. He has led the attack with 13 wickets at an economy

RR's dominance faces LSG's resurgence challenge

LUCKNOW: High-flying Rajasthan Royals (RR) are poised to maintain their stellar performance against the resurgent Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in an upcoming IPL clash. With seven wins out of eight games, RR has firmly established their dominance this season, making them formidable opponents for LSG.

Key to RR's success has been the standout



performances of players like Riyan Parag and Yashasvi Jaiswal. Parag has emerged as a top scorer, while Jaiswal's

recent return to form adds depth to RR's batting lineup alongside skipper Sanju Samson

Gukesh inspired by Dhoni, Djokovic

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Chess prodigy D Gukesh draws inspiration from Dhoni and Djokovic's pressure-handling prowess.

CHENNAI: India's est chess sensation D Gukesh admires the way charismatic former India skipper MS Dhoni and iconic tennis player Novak Djokovic soak intense pressure, saying he gets inspired by that special trait of the two special athletes.

Gukesh, 17, scripted history by winning the Candidates Chess Tournament in Toronto recently to become the youngest ever challenger to the world title, bettering a record created by the legendary Garry Kasparov 40 years ago.

The triumph entitles Gukesh a clash against reigning world champion Ding Liren of China in the



HIGHLIGHT

D Gukesh, India's chess prodigy, clinched victory in the Candidates Chess Tournament, becoming the youngest challenger to the world title. His inspiration stems from icons like Dhoni, Djokovic, and Magnus Carlsen.

last quarter of the year. The Chennai-based

teen bettered Kasparov's record by quite a distance as the Russian great was 22 when he qualified in 1984 to clash with compatriot Anatoly Karpov.

Gukesh, on his return

after winning the Candidates, told PTI, "I think the way Dhoni and tennis great Novak Djokovic handle themselves under immense pressure, they are big-game players and always come out on top and bring out their best whenever needed. That is why I am attracted to them." While Dhoni, the former India and Chennai Super Kings skipper, led India to twin World Cup successes and five IPL titles, Serbia's Djokovic has won a record 24 Grand Slam titles, and

has enough in the tank to

win a few more.

SRH Coach **Vettori** on **Chasing Abilities**

HYDERABAD: Sunrisers

Hyderabad head coach Daniel Vettori feels that after mastering the art of setting totals, it's time nis team brusnes up on its chasing abilities as the business end of the Indian Premier League approaches. SRH are currently third in the leaderboard with five wins from eight games. Of the five victories, four have come batting first. "We have been successful setting totals and now we have to look at how well we are in chasing," Vettori said after the 35-run loss against Royal Challengers Bengaluru here on Thursday night. RCB posted a challenging 206 for 7 after opting to bat and then restricted SRH to 171 for 8. For a team that has breached the 250run mark thrice this season, the target was easily gettable but a rare failure of the top and middle-order cost the hosts dearly.

India's challenge: Defending Thomas Cup & punching above in Uber Cup

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CHENGDU (CHINA): Star singles players will aim for a consistent run as Indian men embark on a tough journey of defending their title at the Thomas Cup, went on to dismantle while a young women's team, sans the peerless P V Sindhu, will look to punch above its weight when it begins its campaign in Uber Cup here on Saturday. Just two years ago, India had sent shockwaves

across the badminton world when they clinched their maiden Thomas Cup crown, considered the team world championship for men.

Without the burden of expectations, India the world's best teams to script an unprecedented chapter in the history of the sport, and now they return to the 33rd edition with the arduous task of once again showing their might against the top ech-

ever, the underdog tag won't be there this time. In fact, all the teams will be gunning for the defending champions, who have retained the core of the 2022 side which had most formidable will be made history in Bangkok. India will count on the experience of last edition as they have been put in the 'Group of Death', featuring multiple-time winners Indonesia, Thailand

and England in Group

elons of the sport. How-

C. Indian men will begin their campaign against Thailand, who boost of reigning world champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn and young Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul. But the tnira-seeded indonesia. who have the likes of Jonatan Christie and Anthony Ginting -- the two played the finals of All England in March --, and world No. 7 pair of Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Fajar Alfian.



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Have every bat that I scored: Ponting bat at my home. It still

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NEW DELHI: Ricky Ponting was not just into amassing hundreds in his heydays as a player, the two-time World winning former Australia captain has revealed that he also meticulously collected every bat with which he scored an international ton, complete with the exact score and the name of opposition written on it by him.



The 49-year-old Ponting, who is currently the head coach of Delhi Capitals, was one of the most feared big-hitters of his era and was speaking at the DP World's Beyond Boundaries initiative of handing out kits to young players in Delhi. Ponting scored 71 international hundreds, a staggering 41 of them in Tests, during his illustrious playing career that drew to a close in 2012. "Believe it or not, I have still got my first

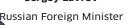
has all the stickers and everything on it. We literally have had probably a thousand of bats by now, some are more special than others. "I kept every bat I scored an international hundred with and I write on it, the score and who it was against of," the usually reticent Ponting revealed. One of his most memorable knocks was the World Cup-winning unbeaten 140 against India in the 2003 edition's final.

World



BRICS Summit in Kazan will mark achievement of new heights in interaction

Sergey Lavrov





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Egypt hopes to broker Israel-Hamas cease-fire

Egypt's top intelligence official, Abbas Kamel, is leading the delegation and plans to discuss with Israel a "new vision" for a prolonged cease-fire in Gaza

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CAIRO: Egypt sent a highlevel delegation to Israel on Friday with the hope of brokering a cease-fire agreement with Hamas in Gaza, two officials said. At the same time, it warned that a possible Israeli offensive focused on Gaza's city of Rafah on the border with Egypt could have catastrophic consequences to regional

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mission freely. As the war drags on and casualties mount, there has been growing international pressure for Hamas and Israel to reach an agreement on a cease fire.

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HIGHLIGHT

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Friday's talks will focus at first on a limited exchange of hostages held by Hamas for Palestinian prisoners, and the return of a significant number

to their homes in northern Gaza "with minimum restrictions," the Egyptian official said. The hope is that negotiations will then continue, with the goal of a larger deal to end the war, he said. The official said mediators are working on a compromise that will answer most of both parties' main demands. Hamas has said it will not back down from its demands for a permanent

of displaced Palestinians

cease-fire and full withdrawal of Israeli troops, both of which Israel has rejected. Israel says it will continue military operations until Hamas is defeated and that it will retain a security presence in Gaza afterwards. Ahead of the talks, senior Hamas official Basem Naim told The Associated Press "there is nothing new from our side," when asked about the

SWEDEN-DEFENCE

Swedish to spend more on defence

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The Scandinavian country joined the NATO alliance in March, moving away from a decades-long policy of neutrality in the wake of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

COPENHAGEN: report by the Defence Committee which is made up of representatives of the eight political parties sitting in the Swedish parliament, said that NATO membership and the serious security situation require higher ambitions.

"An armed attack



against Sweden or our allies cannot be ruled out," the commission said in its report entitled "Strong defence capability, Sweden as an ally." Sweden's air defence must also be expanded to meet threats from unmanned flying craft, more hunting and cruise missiles must be

FASTFACTS

Sweden's air defence must also be expanded to meet threats from unmanned flying craft, more hunting and cruise missiles must be purchased and the navy should receive more personnel

Swedish armed personnel purchased and the navy should receive more personnel, according to the nearly 300-page report which also suggested that the number of conscripts should gradually be increased to 12,000 in 2032. Presently there are about 8,000 conscripts in Sweden.

follows similar moves in its two Scandinavian neighbours, both of them longstanding NATO members. Earlier this month, Norway said it would gradually increase the number of conscripted soldiers from 9,000 at present to 13,500 by 2036. Meanwhile, Denmark last month said it wants to increase the number of young people doing military service by extending conscription to women and increasing the time of service from four months to 11

The recommendation

Sweden's current military budget is about 119 billion kronor (USD 11 bilion).

| JAPAN-ROCKET |

Japan's plan to launch upgraded observation satellites

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TOKYO: Japan's space agency announced Friday a plan to launch a major upgrade to its satellite imaging system, as a new flagship rocket is put to the test for a third time. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency that an H3 rocket will be launched from the Tanegashima Space Center, on a southwestern Japanese island, early

afternoon on June 30,

with a launch window that runs through the end of July. The rocket will be carrying an Advanced Land Observation Satellite, ALOS-4, tasked primarily with Earth observation and data collection for disaster response and mapmaking, as well as with monitoring military activity, such as missile launches, with an infrared sensor developed by the Defense Ministry. The ALOS-4 is a successor to the current ALOS-2



and can observe a much

The launch will be the H3's third, coming after a failed debut in March 2023 and a successful launch on Feb. 17. During the first attempt, the rocket's second stage engine did not ignite and the rocket had to be destroyed along with its that was supposed to be the ALOS-3. During H3 No. 2's suc-

main payload, a satellite

cessful test flight, it carried two commerciallydeveloped observation microsatellites and an ALOS mockup.

JAXA and its main contractor Mitsubishi Heavy Industries have been developing H3 as a successor to its current mainstay, H-2A, which is set to retire after two more flights.

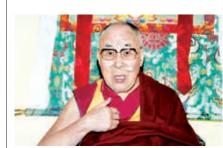
Briefs

ASSAULT CASE

Indian-origin man in US shot and killed by San Antonio police

A 42-year-old Indian-origin man in the US was shot and killed by police in San Antonio after he struck two officers with his vehicle as they were trying to arrest him in connection with an aggravated assault case against a woman. Sachin Kumar Sahoo was pronounced deceased at the scene after police officer Tyler Turner shot at him on April 21 in San Antonio, a city in Texas. The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office said Sachin Kumar Sahoo died from multiple gunshot wounds during last weekend's altercation with police, San Antonio Express-News reported. Sahoo originally hailed from Uttar Pradesh. He could have been a naturalised US citizen. According to a preliminary investigation, just before 6:30 pm on April 21, officers were dispatched to a home in Cheviot Heights in San Antonio for a report about Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

China to talks on Tibet only with Dalai Lama's representatives



China on Friday said it will talk only with the representatives of the Dalai Lama and not the officials of the Tibetan government in exile based in India but ruled out dialogue on the highest Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader's long-pending demand for autonomy for his remote Himalayan homeland. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin was reacting to reports of the back-channel talks between the Tibetan government-in-exile and the Chinese government.

From around the world

Corals bred in a zoo have joined Europe's largest reef. This is offering scientists hope



Just like the animals on Noah's Ark, in Arnhem, told The Associated Press. the corals arrived in a pair. On Mon- It's among several projects worldwide day, divers with gloved nands gently nestled the self-bred corals from the World Coral Conservatory project among their cousins in Europe's largest coral reef at the Burgers' Zoo in the Netherlands.

"This is the first project where we started to keep these corals with a known origin. As we know exactly where they're coming from, they have the potential to be placed back into the wild. ... So it is very important to keep these corals, as it's going not very well in the wild," Nienke Klerks, a biologist at the Royal Burgers' Zoo

seeking to address the decline of coral reef populations, which are suffering from bleaching caused by rising sea temperatures.

Corals are central to marine ecosystems, and while these projects won't stem the tide of damage from human-caused climate change, they are seen as part of broader solutions. The World Coral Conservatory hopes to create a bank of corals in aquariums across Europe that could be used to repopulate wild coral reefs if they succumb to the stress of climate change or pollution.

MALDIVES-CHINA-SHIP

Chinese marine research ship back in Maldives

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MALE: A 4,500-tonne high-tech Chinese research ship is back in the Maldivian waters, two months after it spent a week docked at different ports in this archipelago nation.

Xiang Yang Hong 03 was docked at the Thilafushi industrial island's harbour on Thursday morning, news portal Adhadhu. com reported on Friday. However, "the government has not disclosed the reason for its return. But the government previously confirmed permission for the ship

to dock before its

first visit," it said, after Presdays Mohamed ident Muizzu, a pro-China leader-led People's National Congress won the general election, securing 66 out of the 93-member People's Majlis.





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