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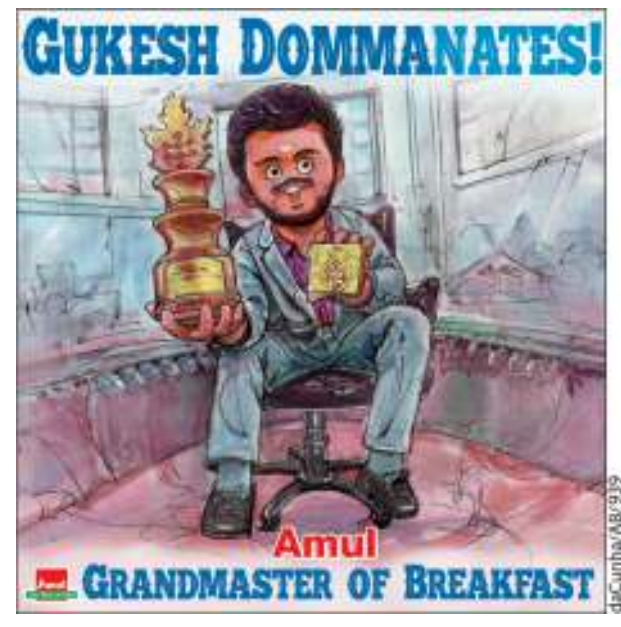
## Joint-secretary level reshuffle at the Centre

**Press Trust of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** Seventeen officers have been appointed as joint secretaries or at equivalent posts in different central government departments and organisations, as part of a bureaucratic rejig effected on Tuesday. Rajeev Kumar, a 2000-batch Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) officer, has been appointed

as joint secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, a personnel ministry order said. Vrunda Manohar Desai, a 2003-batch officer Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax), has been named as joint secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, for a tenure upto April 12, 2027, it said. Abhishek Bhagotia, a 2007-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre,

will be joint secretary, Lokpal, the order said. Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer Rahul Kashyap has been named as secretary, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK). Muthukrishnan Sankaranarayanan will be joint secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy, Shobhit Gupta has been named joint secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Vimal Anand will be joint

secretary, department of commerce and Monalisa Dash has been appointed as joint secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, the order said. Rahul Jain, a 2005-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as joint secretary in the Sixteenth Finance Commission under the Department of Economic Affairs, the order said.



# Cong encouraged violence to hide its corruption

What is the connection between Cong and violence? The answer is corruption. Cong kept on filling its coffers.

**Press Trust of India**  
**DHAMTARI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday alleged that Congress encouraged violence to hide its corruption, and promised that he would "root out" Naxalism from Chhattisgarh.



PM Modi being felicitated during a public meeting in Mahasamund. | Photo: PTI

Modi was speaking at a campaign rally in the state's Dhamtari district, part of the Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituency. Congress and development can not go hand in hand, and wherever it was in power, corruption and violence reached their peak, the PM said.

When it was in power in the North East, violent activities could not be brought under control, and as long as it ruled in Chhattisgarh, Naxalite violence kept on rising, Modi said. "What is the connection between Congress and violence? The answer is corruption.

Congress kept on encouraging violence to hide its corruption. People kept dying but Congress kept

on filling its coffers," he alleged. Claiming that the BJP government brought both corruption and Maoist violence under control, Modi said, "Naxalism has been declining rapidly in Chhattisgarh. I give a guarantee to the parents that I will root out Naxalism. I assure mothers that

### HIGHLIGHT

● Congress and development can not go hand in hand



**I give a guarantee that I will root out Naxalism**  
Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

the lives of their children will not go to waste, and they will not fall into the habit of roaming in the forest with guns. To protect your child, I assure every mother that I will eliminate Naxalism and Maoism."

## Judicial custody of Kejriwal till May 7

**Press Trust of India**  
The judge also extended the judicial custody of Kavitha, a Telangana MLC, till May 7 in a related corruption case being probed by CBI

gana MLC and the daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, till May 7 in a related corruption case being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The court, meanwhile, adjourned for Wednesday the hearing on Kavitha's bail application in the money laundering case.

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Tuesday extended till May 7 the judicial custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and BRS leader K Kavitha in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

The judge had on April 22 reserved for May 2 its order on her bail application in the corruption case. Kavitha is in judicial custody in both the cases lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the CBI. She was arrested by the ED from her Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad in the money laundering case on March 15. Later, she was arrested by the CBI from Bihar jail on April 11.

Special judge for CBI and ED matters Kaveri Baweja extended the custody of Kejriwal and Kavitha along with co-accused Chanpreet Singh, who allegedly managed the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) funds in the 2022 Goa assembly elections, after they were produced before the court through video conference on the expiry of their remand.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21, hours after the Delhi High Court refused to grant him protection from coercive action by the federal anti-money laundering agency. He is currently lodged in Tihar jail.

The judge also extended the judicial custody of Kavitha, a Telan-

## India test fired new version of medium-range ballistic missile

**Press Trust of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** India on Tuesday carried out a successful test firing of a new version of a medium-range ballistic missile. The defence ministry said the user launch has proven the operational capability of the missile with new technologies. The test firing was conducted under the aegis of the strategic forces command. "A successful

launch of the new variant of a medium-range ballistic missile was carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command on April 23," the ministry said. "The user launch has proven the operational capability of the Command and validated new technologies," it said in a brief statement. It is learnt that the missile is not from the 'Agni' family of weapons systems.

## HC upholds appointment of Saifuddin as Syedna

**Press Trust of India**  
As per faith and Dawoodi Bohra doctrine, a successor is appointed through "divine inspiration"



**MUMBAI:** The Bombay High Court on Tuesday held the appointment of Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin as the 53rd al-Dai al-Mutlaq

(leader) of the Dawoodi Bohra community as valid, dismissing a 2014 suit challenging his position. The court has "only decided on the issue of proof and not faith", a single bench

of Justice Gautam Patel said while dismissing the suit initially filed by Khuzaima Qutbuddin.

## Military strength, capabilities necessary to prevent wars

**Press Trust of India**  
The Army chief took part in the AIMA National Leadership Conclave and spoke on 'Hard Power: Modernising Forces through Self-reliance'



**NEW DELHI:** The current geo-strategic landscape is characterised by a change that is taking place at an "unprecedented" scale and speed, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Tuesday while asserting that military strength and capabilities are necessary to prevent wars.

**FACTFILE**  
● In 2016, after Qutbuddin passed away, his son Taher Fakhruddin took over the suit, claiming his father had conferred the powers on him

ments have reaffirmed the relevance of hard power, he said this during an event here. The Army chief took part in the AIMA National Leadership Conclave and spoke on 'Hard Power: Modernising Forces through Self-reliance'.

He said the overall rise of a nation can be said to occur when there is a significant and continuous increase in its "comprehensive national power". While "economic power" is the fountainhead of the growth of the nation, it is the "military strength" that lends it the ability to "affect the outcomes", necessary to protect and further its multifarious interests, in expanding strategic horizons, the Army chief said.

**EASTFACTS**  
● Army is pursuing new and niche technologies, for absorption into warfighting systems  
● To achieve 'atmanirbharta', it is essential that an effective defence-industry ecosystem is created  
will "not hesitate" to go to war. These develop-

## Insect cafés in Bengaluru attract attention

**Press Trust of India**  
**BENGALURU:** Almost 99 per cent of the educated people know nothing of the complex and interdependent world of insects. In their ignorance, they only regard them as pests, said entomologist

G K Ramegowda. "But they are really, really important for the natural balance of our world. Yes, even the pesky house fly that we can't wait to swat to death. They are really good decomposers and ideally should be



farmers' best friends," said Ramegowda, who is teaching agricultural

**NUMBER**  
**1000**  
● NGO wants construct 1,000 insect cafe

entomology at College of Horticulture, Yalochalli Horticulture Farm in Mysuru. This is a constituent college under University of Horticultural Sciences, headquartered in Bagalkot and spread over 22 districts.





Statement by former PM Manmohan Singh that it is the minorities who have first rights on the country's resources indicates towards communalism.

Vishnu Deo Sai  
Chief Minister Ch'garh

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ONLINE FRAUD

#### Female employee lose Rs 6 lakh in online fraud

**RAJNANDGAON:** A female employee of ABEEES group fell victim of online fraud. Through a fake number, the caller duped the woman of earning good profit by getting linked to the marketing. Finding the offer attractive, the female employee getting influenced by caller's words, deposited Rs 6.0 lakh into his account and then she realized that she has been cheated.

The victim of online fraud, Tannu Bahal, works in IB Group in Indamara. The caller contacted her on April 13 giving her offer for part-time job and in this he through e-commerce and telegram, she can increase the amount 30% to 90%. Caller sent a telegram link on April 16 on her WhatsApp and sought some amount in return and then got huge amount of cash deposited into his account one after another.

### SHOBHA YATRA

#### One killed, 2 injured in stabbing during Shobha Yatra

**RAIPUR:** A young man died while three other youths have been injured in stabbing incident that took place during 'Shobha Yatra' in the capital Raipur. The deceased has been identified as Aryan Tomar. According to reports, stabbing took place after a dispute between two groups during Shobha Yatra in the area falling under jurisdiction of Tikrapara police.

According to the information, Shobha Yatra (procession) was taken out in Boriyakhurd of Tikrapara late on Monday night. Meanwhile dispute cropped up between two groups regarding some issue during the procession. The dispute between the two groups escalated so much that one youth attacked the youth of the other group with a knife. Aryan Tomar succumbed to injuries while three other



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Janjgir-Champa district

# PM slams Cong over its Goa leader's remark

Congress, which 'divides the country in the name of religion,' has been indulging in appeasement since day one after independence

Press Trust of India

**SAKTI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at Congress over a remark by its Goa candidate that the Constitution was imposed on the coastal state, and said it was a "ploy" to break the country.

Speaking at an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district, Modi said Congress, which 'divides the country in the name of religion,' has been indulging in appeasement since day one after independence.

"Congress is not able to digest the participation of Dalits, Adivasis and backward classes in power. Now the party has started a big game. Earlier a Congress MP from Karnataka said south India should be declared a separate country, now a Congress candidate from Goa said the Indian Constitution is not applicable in Goa," he said.

"He is saying the Constitution was forced on Goa. He has told this to 'shehzade' (apparently referring to Rahul Gandhi)...Isn't this an insult

### HIGHLIGHT

● "It is a ploy to break the country. A huge part of the country has rejected Congress, and therefore the party wants to create such small islands."

● Chhattisgarh is 'nanihal' (birth place of Lord Ram maternal grandparents) of lord Ram and place of Mata Shabri

to Babasaheb Ambedkar? Isn't this an insult to the Constitution? Is this

not tampering with the Constitution of India?" the prime minister asked. "People of Jammu and Kashmir also used to say...You gave blessings (to BJP), now their mouths are shut. Now the Constitution of India is in force there (after the abrogation of Article 370)," he said.

The Congress candidate (in Goa) made this statement publicly and said he told his leader about it, which means his leader has given a tacit consent to it, Modi said, in apparent swipe at Rahul Gandhi. "It is a

ploy to break the country. A huge part of the country has rejected Congress, and therefore the party wants to create such small islands," he claimed. The prime minister was referring to Congress candidate from South Goa, Viriato Fernandes, who said on Monday that then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had said that Goa will decide its own destiny after it was liberated from Portuguese rule, but "this did not happen", and the Indian Constitution was "forced" on the state.

## Four Chairmen appointed for Kayaking & Canoeing events

**RAIPUR:** With the objective to further streamline the functioning and preparing new players, the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Kayaking & Canoeing Association (CPKCA) has appointed four chairpersons for separate events. CPKCA President Baldeo Singh Bhatia has appointed Amarjeet Chabra as Chairman of Canoe Sprint event, Divyam Agrawal for Canoe Polo, Ravindra Singh for Dragon Boat Race and Dr Naveen Bafna for Canoe Slalom events for the current sports calendar.

Above decision was taken at the meeting of Executive Body during which the Working President Rohit Kale and Joint Secretary Prashant Singh Raghuvanshi were also present.

## Congress lodged complaint with Election Commission

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Congress is of the opinion that PM cannot stay in Rajbhavan as per rules of the Election Commission

**RAIPUR:** PM Narendra Modi is on two day campaign tour to Chhattisgarh and as per the schedule he will be halting at Rajbhavan for his two-day election campaigning. Congress in state has raised objections on PM's stay at Rajbhavan. Congress is of the opinion that PM cannot stay in Rajbhavan as per rules of the Election Commission and added that the model code of conduct does not permits that PM stays in



A delegation from Cong lodge complaint with EC office

### FACTFILE

● Delegation from Cong went to EC's office and lodged complaint questioning as to how PM can stay in Rajbhavan?

Rajbhavan while coming for election programme.

No sooner Congress came to know about the PM's stay in Rajbhavan, a delegation from the party went to Election Commission's office and lodged complaint questioning

as to how PM can stay in Rajbhavan? Congress said that it is clear-cut violation of model code of conduct and demanded State Election Commission to issue instructions not to allow PM to stay in Rajbhavan.

| NIT RAIPUR |

## Five students secure placements at Deutsche Bank

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**RAIPUR:** National Institute of Technology, Raipur's final year students Smita Prajapati, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Lawanya Baghel, Chirag Singhal, Milind Agrawal, Udisha Singh and Aleem Ahamed Shaik of Computer Science and Engineering Department

have clinched coveted positions as Technology Analysts at Deutsche Bank Pvt. Ltd (DBO), a prominent German multinational investment bank and financial services company. These students emerged successful in a highly competitive on-campus placement process.

Milind Agrawal from Computer Science and

I used online resources like Codeforces and CodeChef for Competitive Coding.  
Milind Agrawal  
NIT STUDENT



Engineering detailed his journey to success. Starting with learning coding in C++, he undertook projects in Web Development, practiced competitive coding, and diligently studied theoretical subjects. Smita Prajapati from Electronics and Communication Engineering shared insights into her journey.

## Two video songs launched for 100% voting for voter awareness



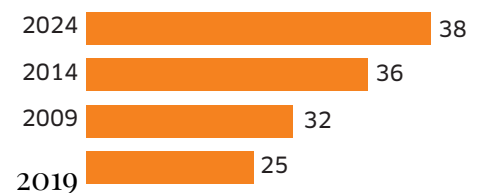
**RAIPUR:** Under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, General Observer Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Mr. Rohanchand Thakur and District Election Officer Dr. Gaurav Singh launched two video songs for voter awareness on Tuesday in the Red Cross meeting room located in the Collectorate premises. The song based on 100 percent voting has been composed by Mrs. Meenakshi Kesarwani of Gaurala-Pedra-Marwahi district. A video of the song has also been prepared. On this occasion, General Observers

Mr. Kumar and Mr. Thakur and District Election Officer Dr. Singh honored Mrs. Kesarwani by giving her a citation and presenting her a shawl and wished her all the best. It is noteworthy that in the past too, a video has been made by Mrs. Kesarwani to give the message of voter awareness which became much popular in the city. On this inauguration occasion, District Panchayat CEO Mr. Vishwadeep, Additional Collector Ujjwal Porwal and many officers and employees were also present.

### The Day's NUMBERS

From Raipur Loksabha Constituency

### NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CONTESTING LOKSABHA POLLS



Source: Agencies

### CRIME

#### Accused nabbed with illicit 41 quarter bottles of foreign liquor

**RAIPUR:** A history-sheeter in a four-wheeler was illegally transporting illicit liquor and going towards Jaistambh Chowk and when the police team tried to stop him he started driving speedily and tried to escape from the place and went towards KK Road. The police team chased him and nabbed him at a short distance near Kabadi chowk. The accused nabbed is Om Pratham Dubey, R/o Kota Thana Saraswati Nagar, Raipur. When the team conducted search in the dickey of his bike, IMFL bottles were found. On asking about his transporting liquor in this manner, he failed to give satisfactory answer. A total of 41 bottles of IMFL worth few thousands was seized from his four wheeler bearing No.CG 04-NR-6239 and entire amount of liquor and car costing around Rs 6.50 lakh. A case under section- 34(2) of IPC was filed against him. This history sheeter has been sentenced to jail and case of murder, Arms Act.

### SELECTION

#### 10 players from Chh'garh selected for Asian Ch'ship



**RAIPUR:** 10 Players from Chhattisgarh have been selected in the Indian Jump Rope team for the Asian Championship to be held from July 24 to 31 in Japan. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Secretary of Chhattisgarh Jump Rope Association (CJRA) Akhilesh Dubey said that it is a big achievement for Chhattisgarh. He further informed that Rajdeep Singh Hargotra, Ritvik Verma, Gopesh Chandani, Ayush Soni, Harsh Manikpuri, Himanshu Manikpuri, Himanshi Kashyap, Yuvraj Sahu, Rudra Dutta and Bhavesh Sinha have been selected for the Asian championship.





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"BLOs should go door to door and distribute slips so that no voter misses out from voting"

Reena Baba Saheb Kangale  
CEO, Chhattisgarh

## Training given for EVM and VVPAT commissioning

Technical aspects of EVM and VVPAT machines were explained in the training

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**BHILAI:** Under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Choudhary, training was provided for the commissioning and mock poll work of EVM and VVPAT machines to be used in six assembly constituencies that fall under Durg Lok Sabha constituency (No 07). The training was conducted at Bhilai Institute of Technology (BIT) and the assembly constituencies covered were Patan- 62, Durg Rural- 63, Durg City- 64, Bhilai Nagar-65, Vaishali Nagar-66, and Ahiwara- 67.

During the training, the master trainers explained that commissioning means preparing the machine for voting. In this, pre-feeding the details of slips in VVPAT, installing paper rolls, setting ballot paper in BU and providing buttons for voting, determining the number of candidates in CU, sealing etc. were explained in detail.

Along with this, information was given about the technical aspects of EVM and VVPAT machines. EVM and



Training being provided on the use of EVM and VVPAT machines at BIT Durg

VVPAT commissioning work is a very responsible job. In this, not only is the machine prepared for voting, but it is also sealed properly so that the possibility of any tampering can be eliminated. For uninterrupted and smooth conduct of election work, it is necessary for the commissioning work to be done with full quality. He asked the officials to do proper sealing during commissioning. The work of commissioning is important and sensitive.

## Control unit of EVM is the CPU of the entire system

It was explained that the entire set of all parts of EVM - CU, BU, VVPAT - will be commissioned together. Two address tags in each CU, one ballot paper in each BU, three address tags and one pair pink paper seals, two address tags in each VVPAT, twin thread, sheets, materials will be required.

For commissioning

### HIGHLIGHT

● Machine is not only prepared for voting, but it is also sealed properly to prevent any tampering

● Training regarding the connection of EVM and VVPAT and operation of mock poll was given

one has to start with VVPAT. The control unit of EVM is a very sensitive part. It can be called the CPU of the entire system.

A one-vote mock poll conducted at the time of commissioning and sealing is only to see that the VVPAT slips are being printed correctly and all the buttons on BU and CU are working properly.

## HYU to conduct semester theory exam from May 17

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The process of filling the online examination application form with late fee is going on presently

**BHILAI:** The theory examination of second and fourth semester of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg is proposed to start from May 17 and continue till the second week of June. This decision was taken by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr Aruna Palta, in an online meeting with the principals of affiliated colleges.

Giving this information, Registrar of the University, Bhupendra Kuldeep and Deputy Registrar of Examinations Dr Rajmani Patel said that at the online meeting where around 150 principals participated, the Vice Chancellor stated that this time the semester examinations will be held from 09:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs. More than 25,000 students are likely to appear in the semester examinations. At present the process of filling the online examination application form with late fee is going on. Semester examinations are to be held for MA, M Com, M Sc, M Lib, M Ed, LLB, BBA etc

MSW, PGDCA, DCA, B Ed, M Ed, LLB, BBA etc.

In view of election duty and polling on May 7, colleges have been given a time period of about two weeks to organise the practical examinations starting from April 29 till May 11. Instructions regarding this have been circulated to the colleges. Besides, the process of providing the list of exter-

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nal examiners to the colleges is also going on.

During the meeting the Vice Chancellor also briefed about the efforts being made by the government for implementing the National Education Policy 2020 in all the colleges from the upcoming academic session 2024-25. In this regard, instructions issued by the government are awaited and the Higher Education Department is also going to release the academic calendar.

## BSP despatches second rake of heat-treated rail

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BSP rolls out the world's longest 130 metre rails in single piece from its modern URM and supplies 260 metre welded rail panels to Indian Railways

**BHILAI:** The second rake with around 1000 Tonnes of R350 heat-treated rails in 260 metre length was despatched to Indian Railways from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. Indian Railways that is modernizing itself & moving towards faster rail transportation with higher axle loads has been demanding both micro-alloyed rails and heat-treated rails from SAIL.

To fulfill the requirement of micro-alloyed rails, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant had developed a new grade of rails named R260 with new 60 E1 profile, which is being

rolled out and supplied to Indian Railways since July 2022. This new grade of rails has norms and specifications more stringent than Grade-880 or UTS-90 rails that SAIL-Bhilai was producing earlier and even European standards. Universal Rail Mill (URM) had taken up trial rolling of heat-treated rails as per the demand of Indian Railways. Following successful trials, tests at SAIL's research wing RDCIS and clearance from Indian Railway's research wing RDSO, commercial production of R350 HT rails started at Universal Rail Mill in October 2023. The first lot of 1000 Tonnes of R350HT rails in 260 metre length was dispatched to Indian Railways by Bhilai Steel Plant on October 31, 2023.

These special grade heat-treated rails that are under field trials now in southern parts on India, are best suited.

## Suvidha Kendra formed for postal ballot

**BHILAI:** Suvidha Kendra has been set up in the Science Block of BIT College, Durg, to enable the Voters of Durg district who will vote through postal ballots. These voters are those engaged in election work on polling day such as polling team, sector officers, micro observers, security personnel, SST, SFT vehicle drivers, and those on duty as cleaners. According to the information, Science Block First Floor Room No 22 for Assembly Constituency Patan (62), Science Block Ground Floor room No 05for Durg Rural (63), Science Block Ground Floor Room No 06 and 07 for Durg City (64), Science Block Ground Floor Room No 08 for Bhilai Nagar (65), Science Block First Floor Room No 01 for Vaishali Nagar (66), Science Block First Floor Room No 05 for Ahiwara (67) have been made convenience centres.

## CICASA organises seminar on stress management

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To maintain proper time management, we have to plan in advance, decide our priorities and limitations

**BHILAI:** A one day program on Time and Stress Management was organized by CICASA under ICAI Bhilai Branch at CA Bhawan Civic Centre. CA Kirti Joshi, present as keynote speaker, explained how time should be used during the examination, how much time should be given to questions. He explained the facts of stress and time management through various examples.

Elaborating further he said that these two are important aspects which everyone faces in life from different perspective more importantly for



The key speaker and other guests at the day long program on how to utilize time effectively

### FASTFACTS

● Time management helps us organize, set priorities, and make progress toward our goals

● Stress reduction helps us keep our mindset positive and handle opportunities better

students. Time management is a skill that helps us to manage our time properly. Under this we use appropriate planning and techniques to complete our tasks in an organized manner. Additionally, time management helps us organize, set priorities, and make progress toward our goals. Stress management is an important skill which

helps us in reducing our stress. It helps us keep our mindset positive and handle opportunities better. Giving information, Branch Chairman CA Rahul Batra said that time management and stress reduction are very important subjects in the lives of all of us. To maintain proper time management, we have to plan in advance.

WORLD BOOK DAY

## Contests for students to strengthen bonds with the Athenaeum

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**BHILAI:** The Central Library of St Thomas College celebrated World Book Day by organising four contests for the students to strengthen their bonds with the Athenaeum. The unmatched creativity of students across all disciplines was showcased in writing haiku, designing the library's interiors, taking up the sudoku challenge and designing attractive

book covers.

The administrator of the college, Father Dr Joshi Varghese commended the initiative taken by the librarian Ritu Biswas and reeded students to benefit from the Matthew effect in vocabulary through regular reading practice. He accentuated that books serve as mirrors and hammers - reflecting and shaping society and empowering individuals to envision and strive for



a more equitable world.

Chief guest of the occasion principal Dr MGRoy-monhighlighted the importance of books providing a wealth of ideas and insights that can help students to navigate the complexities of life.

He advocated that diving into a well-crafted book is not just about following a story or absorbing information; it is an active exercise in critical analysis. The convenor of the event

"Books provide a wealth of ideas & insights that can help students to navigate the complexities of life"

Dr MG Roymon  
Principal, St Thomas  
College, Bhilai

Ritu Biswas articulated her concern regarding overlooking the profound impact of books on one's life in today's fast-paced digital age.

She exhorted the students to explore within the pages for a treasure trove of wisdom, knowledge, and personal growth waiting to be unravelled. Winners of various contests were felicitated during the prize distribution ceremony.

QUIZ

'QuestOn' Quiz  
Event on Apr 27

**BHILAI:** QuestOn, monthly Business & Management Quiz event which is conducted on the 4th Saturday of every month by HRD Department is going to be held on April 27, 2024. The quiz is open to 2-member teams consisting of Executives as well as Non-Executives. It is conducted by In-house Quiz Masters of BSP. This has paid rich dividends in the sense that BSP now has a rich pool of Quiz Masters as well as Quizzers. The grand finales of 'Samarth' and 'Samridhi' were conducted by Quiz Masters from BSP. 'Samridhi' is one of the three SAIL level Quiz Competitions conducted annually. While 'Samridhi' is exclusively meant for women employees, 'Saksham' is for Executives and 'Samarth' is for Non-Executives.

INITIATIVE

Special teams to facilitate 85 plus and disabled voters

**BHILAI:** Collector and District Election Officer Ms. Richa Prakash Chaudhary has constituted a special team for voters above 85 years of age and disabled voters who are unable to reach the polling station. The teams would visit the residence of such voters and facilitate them to vote in a free and fair manner. Through this initiative, the people who are unable to reach the polling booth will also be able to exercise their franchise.

CELEBRATION

Hemchand Yadav University foundation day today

**BHILAI:** On completion of 9 years of establishment of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg, the 10th Foundation Day will be celebrated in the university on April 24. Due to the annual examinations of the university, no large scale event is being organised. Academic and cultural events will be held only at the university level, informed Dean, Student Welfare Dr Prashant Shrivastava. Hemchand Yadav University, Durg, started with the number of 68,000 students in 2015, and currently has more than 2 lakh students registered. Similarly, the number of colleges has also increased to 161. At present about 1100 research students are registered for PhD in the university.

AWARENESS

Voter awareness programme by Dist Admn

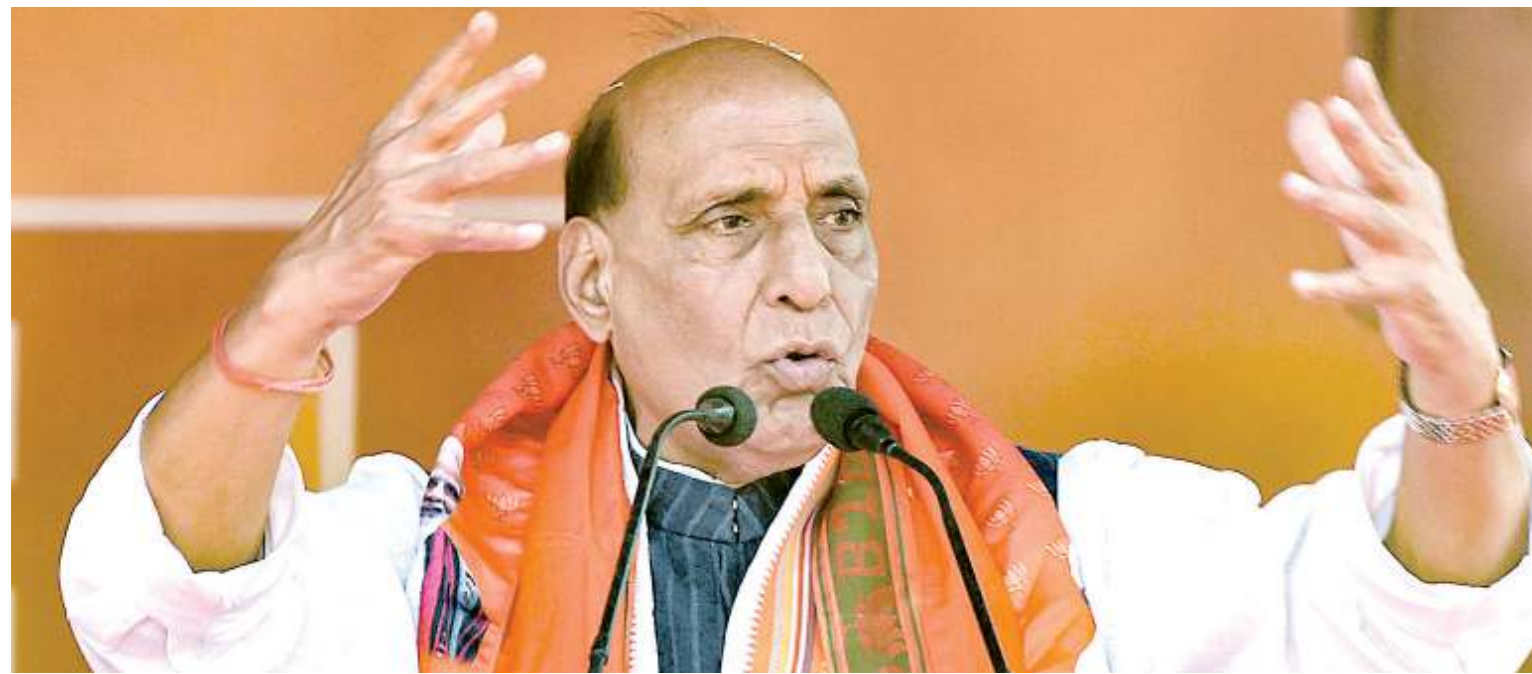
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# Battle-2024



Congress is exploring legal remedies as the EC is not acting on the complaint against PM  
Supriya Shrinete  
Congress spokesperson



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections.

## PM does not do politics on religion basis: Rajnath

Rajnath said that PM has never done politics of Hindu, Muslim and Christian. Our prime minister never thought of doing politics by dividing the society.

Press Trust Of India

**NOIDA:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has never done politics on the basis of religion or by dividing the society and stressed that his predecessor Dr Manmohan Singh had in 2006 talked about extending reservation for the Muslims.

The defence minister made the remarks at an election rally in Greater Noida in support of BJP's Gautam Buddha Nagar Lok Sabha candidate Mahesh Sharma. Prime Minister Modi on Sunday suggested that if the Congress comes to

power, it would redistribute wealth of people to the Muslims and cited Dr Singh's remark that the minority community had the first claim on the country's resources.

Addressing a rally in Rajasthan's Banswara, Modi also alleged the Congress plans to give people's hard-earned money and valuables to "infiltrators" and "those who have more children". Addressing a gathering at Bisahda village in Greater Noida, the defence minister attacked the opposition for creating a ruckus at this time and trying to put a question mark on Prime Minister Modi.

"Sisters and brothers,

### HIGHLIGHT

- Congress-led govt commissions had recommended in their report that out of the 27 per cent reservation for the OBCs, 6 per cent should be for the Muslims and 2 per cent should be for the minorities.

- He stressed that his wants to make India a great country of the world by keeping everyone together.

ers, it's not that I know the prime minister from today. We have had very good relations for a long

time. He has never done politics of Hindu, Muslim and Christian. Our prime minister never thought of doing politics by dividing the society," Singh said.

"He (Modi) said at one place that Congress has said in its manifesto that we will get the properties surveyed. If it is said in the manifesto then why should people have any objection to it. What do you want to do by getting the properties surveyed? Do you want to distribute the country's resources equally? What do you want to do?" he asked. The veteran BJP leader also asked the Congress to clear its position on the matter. "Dr Man-

mohan Singh ji was the prime minister of India. I respect Dr Manmohan Singh ji even today, I have respect for him, brothers and sisters. Dr Manmohan Singh himself in the meeting of the National Defence Council at the Vigyan Bhawan on December 9, 2006, had said that if anyone has the first right on the property of this country, it is the minority and especially he had said that it belongs to the Muslims," Singh said. "Sisters and brothers, whatever property and whatever resources there are in this country, everyone should have equal rights, he had said this, we did not say this.

## 'Modi's campaign against corruption to intensify'

**TIKAMGARH (MP):** BJP president JP Nadda on Tuesday alleged the INDIA bloc was a group of "dynastic and corrupt" parties and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign against corruption will intensify after June 4, the day of Lok Sabha poll results.

Nadda was addressing a rally in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh Lok Sabha constituency in support of BJP candidate and Union minister Virendra Kumar. He claimed that several scams, including related to coal, telecom, submarine and AgustaWestland chopper scam, happened during the previous Congress regime. Prime Minister Modi is engaged in development works.

## 'Cong to bring justice to every section of religion'

Press Trust Of India

Congress leader emphasised that his party's manifesto has recognised that there is social and economic inequality and it aims at bringing justice to every section of society "irrespective of the religion".

**NEW DELHI:** Shimla: Former Union minister P Chidambaram on Tuesday challenged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders to quote a single para in the Congress manifesto which reflects "appeasement".

He was reacting to the allegations by Modi and the BJP against the Congress that its manifesto



Congress leader P. Chidambaram at party office in Shimla.

### FACTFILE

- Paucity of resources would not affect the Congress poll campaign and the people will take care of it.

smacks of appeasement and that if it came to power, it would redistribute people's wealth and also give reservations to Muslims from the quota for SC, ST and OCB communities.

"Ask the prime minister to point out one paragraph in the manifesto which leads to the conclusion that we are appeasing any section. We recognise that there is a social division, social and economic inequality in this country.

| AKHILESH SPEAKS |

## 'Trends of election results are visible in speeches'

Press Trust Of India

**ALIGARH (UP):** In an obvious reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in which he said the Congress wants to redistribute people's property, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said the trends of election results are visible from the BJP leaders'

speeches. He said if the INDIA bloc government is formed after the elections, the poor will not only get the ration they are currently getting but will also be given nutritious food items. Addressing a rally in support of the INDIA bloc candidates of Aligarh and Hathras, Yadav said, "Although the election trends come later but now you must

**The wind that has blown from the western UP has announced the BJP is going to be wiped out this time.**

Akhilesh Yadav  
Samajwadi Party president



have heard the speech of the people of Delhi (PM) and the people of Lucknow (CM). The trends of the election results are visible in the speeches of those who are about to go out of power." The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said the "BJP's position has worsened in the recently held first phase of the Lok Sabha elections".

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

LS IN BIHAR

### Cong fields Meira Kumar's son from Patna Sahib LS seat

**PATNA:** Former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar's son Anshul Avijit was on Tuesday named the Congress candidate from Bihar's Patna Sahib seat. A communication to this effect was issued by AICC general secretary K C Venugopal. Named after the Sikh shrine situated at the place where Guru Gobind Singh was born, Patna Sahib has been a BJP bastion since the seat came into existence after the 2008 delimitation. The BJP candidate for the seat, where polling is scheduled in the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha polls on June 1, is former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who had defeated actor-turned-politician Shatrughan Sinha in the last general elections. Sinha, who has since joined the Trinamool Congress and shifted base to Asansol in West Bengal, had contested as the Congress candidate, after having represented the seat twice as BJP MP. **PTI**

WESTERN UP

### Mayawati promises to work for separate state comprising districts



**MEERUT (UP):** BSP chief Mayawati on Tuesday promised to work for a separate state comprising districts of western Uttar Pradesh and fulfil the "longstanding demand" of setting up a bench of the Allahabad High Court in Meerut, if voted to power at the Centre. Addressing an election rally in support of her party nominee, the BSP chief attacked the Congress and BJP and also targeted the Samajwadi Party (SP) on the issue of reservation. **PTI**

### AAP gives credit to Lord Hanuman

### Kejriwal given insulin in Tihar after spike in sugar level : AAP MP Sanjay Singh



**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was administered a "low dose" of insulin after his blood sugar level spiked, officials of Tihar jail said on Tuesday, with the AAP commenting that it was because of the blessings of Lord Hanuman.

Tuesday is being celebrated as Hanuman Janmotsav, the Lord's birthday. According to a Tihar official, Kejriwal was given two units of low dose insulin on Monday evening on the advice of the AIIMS doctors.

His blood sugar level reading was found to be 217 around 7 pm, following which the doctors at the Tihar looking after him decided to give him

the insulin dose, the official said.

The AIIMS specialists, during a video conference with the chief minister on April 20, had advised the Tihar doctors that insulin could be given to him if his sugar level crosses a certain level, he added.

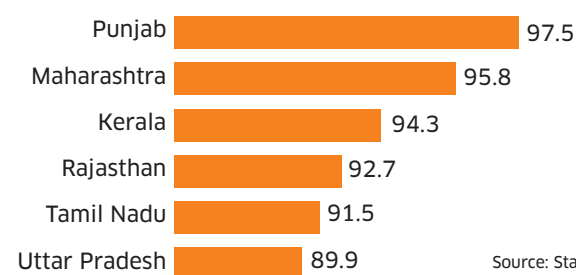
AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh echoed similar views and said it was due to the blessings of Lord Hanuman that the chief minister was given insulin after nearly 23 days of being lodged in jail. He alleged ill-treatment with the party's national convener.

"It is due to the blessings of Lord Hanuman that Kejriwal was given insulin after 23 days. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

ALL INDIA AVERAGE: 93.2

### STATE-WISE ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING WATER (IN %)



Source: Statista

POLICE TO HC

### 'Cases lodged against BJP MLAs Rane, Geeta Jain for offensive speeches'

**MUMBAI:** The Maharashtra police on Tuesday informed the Bombay High Court that they have registered cases against BJP MLAs Nitesh Rane and Geeta Jain after finding that they gave offensive speeches during communal violence in Thane district in January.

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Manjusha Deshpande last week asked the police commissioners concerned to personally verify if the speeches delivered by the two leaders were offensive and provocative.

Public Prosecutor Hiten Venegaonkar on Tuesday told the court that preliminary verification shows the speeches made by Rane and Jain amid the communal violence that erupted at Mira Bhayandar (in Thane district) in January this year were offensive.

Venegaonkar said Rane is accused of making hate speeches at his rallies in Malvani, Mankhurd and Ghatkopar areas of Mumbai. **PTI**

VIJAYAN ON COMPLETELY IMMATURE

### 'Referred to Rahul's old name due to his recent statements helping BJP'



**KANNUR:** Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday defended his recent recollection of Rahul Gandhi's "old name", stating that it was in response to certain statements made by the Congress leader during campaigning in the state, which according to the left leader, helped the BJP and agencies under its control.

Vijayan said that such a conduct from the Congress leader was "completely immature" and therefore, Gandhi should not simply repeat what some of his party's leaders in the state tell him. **PTI**



All the Cluster in-Charges of Surugja division took stock of preparations for PM's address on Wednesday.

**Shyam Bihari Jaiswal**  
Health Minister



# Chhattisgarh

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

**PLEDGE**  
**Health department personnel's take oath to vote 100%**

**KOREA:** Under the voter awareness campaign in the Lok Sabha elections, a voter oath program was organized by the officers and employees of the health team at the Community Health Centre, Patna, in which Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. R.S. Sengar, District Program Manager, District Immunization Officer, Block Medical Officer Patna, Dr. Prashant of the World Health Organization, Dr. Irshad Khan, member of NITI Aayog and officers and employees of the health team of the district and development block pledged to vote 100 percent. Under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Vinay Kumar Langeh, the work of making the voters of the district aware is being continuously done by the SVEEP team of the district formed by the Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat, Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi.

**INSPECTION**  
**Expenditure Observer Mukesh Kumar conducts surprise inspection**



**KORBA:** Expenditure Observer appointed by the Election Commission of India under Korba, Mukesh Kumar here conducted a surprise inspection of the check point pass of the Flying Squad team under Korba Assembly. He instructed the FST team to remain in alert mode 24 hours and inquired about the action taken so far by the team. He gave instructions to get the entire process video-graphed during the investigation and asked to take action as per rules.



A case of repeated cancellation of auction orders of newly constructed eight commercial premises in Gram Panchayat Udaipur, has come to fore

## Cancellation of auction allotment irks public

On the basis of the complaint, an order was given to cancel the allotment citing the reason that the allotment process was not followed as per the rules.

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**KHAIRAGRH:** A case of repeated cancellation of auction orders of newly constructed eight commercial premises in Gram Panchayat Udaipur, has come to fore. Four of these commercial complexes have been constructed under the Chief Minister Samagra Vikas Yojana, at a cost of Rs 8 lakh 92 thousand and 4 other commercial complexes have been constructed under the Panchayat Development Head at a cost of Rs 7 lakh 30 thousand.

As per information, some unemployed youths of the village had been doing trade in this area,

prior to construction of the complex, and they were given assurance of allotment with priority, however the tale took a twist when these youths were allotted the shop segments of the complex but a show cause notice was soon issued to the Gram Panchayat Udaipur by the District Panchayat Chhuikhadan, citing irregularities.

Also after the construction of 8 nos. of commercial premises, the Gram Panchayat had invited the villagers for the allotment process, on which a complaint by a person named Sheikh Subrata of the village about the poor quality of the commercial

### HIGHLIGHT

● The commercial premises will be allotted from District Panchayat Rajnandgaon as per the rules of the government

premises and cancellation of allotment was submitted to the District Panchayat Chhuikhadan. On the basis of the complaint, an order was given to cancel the allotment citing the reason that the allotment process was not followed as per the rules. Hereafter after the cancellation, an application was submitted by Gram Panchayat Udaipur for allotment of newly

constructed commercial premises in the name of District Panchayat Rajnandgaon along with evaluation, verification and completion certificate of the commercial premises. According to the application, the commercial premises will be allotted from District Panchayat Rajnandgaon as per the rules of the government, which unanimously passed the resolution and announced the allotment process and issued an order at the Gram Panchayat level inviting the interested villagers to apply, and 7 days time to raise claims and objections. Repeatedly on March 28, for the

third time, Sheikh Subrata complained that a piece of commercial premises had been allotted for money without any auction notice and on the basis of the complaint, on April 15, 2024, the District Panchayat again issued a show cause notice to Gram Panchayat, Udaipur. While the Gram Panchayat has unanimously passed a resolution and allotted the commercial premises, the disruption being created by the District Panchayat in the allocation process that has been going on for the last 6 months, which is irking the youths awaiting the allotment, of whom many are unemployed.

### From around the region

**Two candidates withdrew their candidature from LS Elections**



**KORBA:** Two independent candidates from Korba constituency have withdrawn their candidature from Lok Sabha Elections 2024, here in the process of withdrawal of nomination in the presence of observers Prem Singh Meena, Kailash Sukhdev Pagare and Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant.

After withdrawal of candidature of Kamal Khan and Rajan Pandey, the others (total 27) in fray are Saroj Pandey from Bharatiya Janata Party, Jyotsna Mahant from Indian National Congress, Gondwana Gantantra Party - Shyam Singh Markam, Bharatiya Shakti Chetna Party - Kamaldev, Chhattisgarh Vikas Ganga Rashtriya

Party, Rekha Tiwari, Chhattisgarh Party, Dilip Kumar Miri Johar, Bahujan Samaj Party Dujram Buddhist, Republic Party of India Ambedkar Priyanka Patel, Bharatiya Janata Secular Party Sushil Kumar Vishwakarma, Sarva Adi Dal Prashant Daniel, Chhattisgarh Party Kalyan Singh Tanwar, Independent Ramesh Das Mahant, Rajesh Pandey, Mahendra Kumar Shriwas, Shobran Singh Saima, Kewal Bharti Goswami, Pratap Singh Bhanu, Palan Singh, Chandra Sonpakar, Shantibai Maravi, America Karpe, Nindosh Kumar Yadav, Santosh Sharma, Sheikh Rauf, Shivpujan Singh, Kaushalya Bai Porte and Purushottam Das Manikpuri.

## New unit of Sanskar Bharti Katghora formed

**KORB:** The workshop of Katghora Sanskar Bharti unit was concluded at Hanuman Temple Radha Sagar. In the one-day workshop, introduction of the officers and information about six festivals throughout the year and participation of active membership and other programs was given. A large number of members attended the one-day workshop and expressed their views. The people present said that there is no such institution in Chhattisgarh which celebrates these 6 festivals in a year as per the culture and tradition in which New Year Pratipada, Guru Purnima, Krishna Janmashtami, Diwali Milan, Bharat Mata Puja Ceremony, Bharat Muni Diwas are celebrated.

## Santosh Pandey of BJP intensifies campaigning

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**BJP candidate Santosh Pandey reached out among the voters through street theater meetings**

**KHAIRAGRH:** In response to Congress candidate Bhupesh Baghel's general meeting in Khairagarh Lok Sabha constituency, BJP candidate Santosh Pandey organized a road show, here on April 22nd and also took out a foot rally with his supporters from Rajiv Chowk (where Congress meeting was held the night before) and did a road show.

While touring the city, Santosh Pandey appealed to vote in his favor and



BJP LS candidate organized road show and took out foot-rally to garner votes.

### FACTFILE

● Santosh Pandey appealed the voters to vote in his favor and the rally travelled across Rajiv Chowk

the rally travelled across Rajiv Chowk, via Masjid Marg, Gol Bazar, Bakshi Marg, and reached Shitala Temple located in Itwari Bazar. Voters from residential areas along with supporters welcomed the BJP candidate and while

appealing for voting in his favor, BJP candidate Santosh Pandey reached out among the voters through street theater meetings in rural areas including village Dhangaon, Chingli, Joratarai, Bhimpur and Bazar Ataria.

| EARTH DAY |

## Science club students make pots for watering birds

Central Chronicle News

**RAJIM:** On the occasion of Earth Day, the students of Swami Atmanand Rajim Science Club gave the message of environmental awareness by manufacturing and distributing more than 50 bird feeders by reusing plastic and unused materials. In the same sequence, Prayagraj Sci-

ence Club, formed in Swami Atmanand Vidyalyaya of the city, made objective posters on Earth Day regarding environmental crisis and prevention and on the lines of current year theme Planet vs Plastic, minimum use, re-use, etc. of plastic materials.

In order to spread awareness about recycling, bird feeders were

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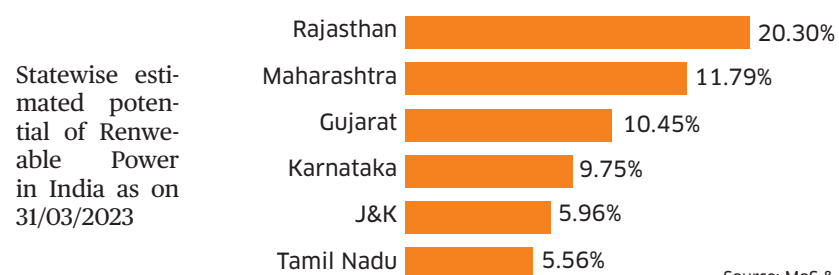
**Samiksha Gaikwad**  
Science Club In-Charge



made from plastic bottles and unused materials and distributed. Science club in-charge Samiksha Gaikwad said that science and environment related activities are organized for the students throughout the year. In this sequence, arrangements of bird feeders and water have been made by the students in the school building.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### WHAT IS STATEWISE ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE POWER



**POSTAL BALLOT**  
**Voters deployed on election duty to vote through postal ballot**

**KOREA:** Under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, convenience polling centres have been created for election officials and employees deployed on duty as security personnel to vote through postal ballot. Polling officers/employees posted on election duty will vote through postal ballot on 29, 30 April and 01 May 2024 from 09 am to 05 pm at the Facilitation Centre St. Joseph's English Medium School, Rampur Baikunthpur. Voters of Compulsory Service, Police Force, Nagar Sainik will exercise their franchise through postal ballot in the convenience polling centre established in the office of Collector from 09 am to 05 pm on 02 to 04 May. Similarly, security forces, polling staff and essential service voters will exercise their franchise through postal ballot in the convenience polling centre established at Government Adarsh Higher Secondary School, Baikunthpur from 09 AM to 05 PM from 04th to 06th May.

**TRAINING**  
**Training given to 257 micro observer personnel**



**KOREA:** A total of 257 Micro Observers were given training, in the brainstorming room of District Panchayat, Baikunthpur. Their role was explained in the training of micro observers to be deployed with the polling parties and were told that they should receive the training responsibly and seriously, as they are not members of the polling party. The training includes information about the duties of micro observer, methods of observation along with new changes made by the Election Commission, the entire process of voting, duties of polling officers, markpole, methods of operating EVM, sealing of the machine, postal ballot and election duties.



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# It was Cong that tampered with Constitution : Sai

Cong itself amended Constitution 80 times and now creating misconception about reservation

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**RAIPUR/SAKTHI:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai lashed out at Congress for spreading misconception that BJP will abolish reservation and tamper with the Constitution if it came to power at centre again. It was Congress which tampered with the Constitution, Sai said in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 'Vijay Sankalp Shankhnad rally' organized at Jetha in Sakti district today. He said that Congress amended the Constitution 80 times so far. He said that Congress was now misleading the public even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi clearly stated that the reservation of any Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Backward Class will not end.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at Vijay Sankalp Rally in Sakti.

ister said 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 to 12 lakh farmers, paddy procurement at 21 quintals per acre and a price of Rs 3100 per quintal. Sai said that not only did his government transfer the difference in support price in lump sum to the accounts of the farmers, but the amount for the second month of Mahtari Vandan Yojana.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi praises Vishnu Deo Sai government

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Vishnu Sarkar at Vijay Sankalp Shankhnad Rally. He said that the previous Congress government in Chhattisgarh had stopped all works that were introduced by the Centre in public interests. But now Vishnu Dev ji is there so I have to complete all the works, Modi said.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Seeing their defeat certain, the Congressmen are making unrestrained statements against Prime Minister and other top leaders of BJP

Chief Minister Sai and his team did wonders in implementation of the guarantee that was given for the welfare of the people of Chhattisgarh, said the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said that the Vishnu government gave two years of outstanding bonus to the farmers, procured paddy from farmers at the highest price.

## Symposium on 'Inclusive Education' at Govt BEd College

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Access to educational opportunities would prevent individuals from feeling marginalized

**RAIPUR:** An inclusive education lecture was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Special Education Department of the Government Teachers Education College, Shankar Nagar, Raipur.

The program commenced with Saraswati Vandana (a prayer to the goddess of knowledge) and lighting of the lamp. Principal Pushpa Kispotta and Inclusive Education Coordinator Sweetie Chandrakar guided the event. In her address, the Principal stated that although human beings are the finest creations of God, impediments in physical and mental capabilities hinder their education. She emphasized that educational opportunities should be equalized to address this issue.

Access to such opportunities would prevent individuals from feeling marginalized and enable them to contribute to mainstream society. Sweetie Chandrakar, while moderating the session, introduced the main speaker, Pushpa Chandra, and highlighted her contributions to

inclusive education. Pushpa Chandra elaborated on inclusive education, its scope, social and cultural identities for inclusion, and historical approaches to inclusion. She shared her experiences regarding the diversity of the school and the main principles of inclusive education.

Additionally, information was provided about the evaluation of 63 points of teachers through the NCERT-rec-

### FASTFACTS

● The lecture was attended by academic members of the college

● Discussion also focused on the arrangement of students with special needs, strategies

ommended app. Discussion also focused on the arrangement of students with special needs, strategies used for this purpose, adaptation, and the Universal Design of Learning to facilitate students' learning.

I.Q.A.C. coordinator Shefali Mishra emphasized the necessity of inclusive education, mentioning that although some students require special arrangements, they shouldn't feel isolated or receive different treatment.

### NEWSLINE

**EKTA DIVAS**  
*Blood donation camp on Manav Ekta Divas today*

**RAIPUR:** A blood donation camp will be organized at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Lakhe Nagar Raipur on 24th April to mark Manav Ekta Divas. With the divine blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit ji, Manav Ekta Divas shall be observed on 24th April throughout world in every Nirankari Mission's branch. Sh. Johinder Sukhija, secretary of SNM and member incharge of the social welfare department of SNM informed. Sh.Gurubaksh Singh Kalra, informed that teams comprising of doctors will be present.

**ADMN RESHUFFLE**  
*Four Under Secretaries given additional charges*

**RAIPUR:** Four Under Secretaries of Secretariat level have been given additional responsibilities by the General Administration Department here. 20-points Implementation Committee's Under Secretary Kirtivardhan Upadhyaya has been given additional charge of Technical Cell of Higher Education Department as the present incumbent R Nirmalkar would be attaining superannuation on April 30. According to the information received, Dasheram Chandravanshi from Tribal Welfare Department has been given additional charge of Department of Culture, Devlal Bharati from Electronics & Information Technology has been given additional charge of Tourism Department.

**AWARENESS**  
*Voter awareness programme by Dist Admn*

**RAIPUR:** Under the guidance of Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh, a grand cultural program "SVEEP Sandhya" is being organized AT Marine Drive Telibandha on the evening of Friday 26th April in a series of awareness programs being conducted to motivate the voters of the district to vote. Not only this, the ramp walk of famous models Adhir Bhagwanani and Jaya Bhagwanani will take place on this occasion. Apart from unmarried, married, senior voters, transgender, disabled voters members of three generations will walk the ramp to give the message of voting to everyone. Young voters, unmarried, newlyweds, grandmothers, mothers, daughters and grandparents representing three generations and grandchildren, male and female voters above 60 years of age.

## Cong didn't fulfill any of promises in state: Sao

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**Deputy CM Arun Sao said that nothing will change for Congress in state irrespective of visit of Rahul, Priyanka and Mallikarjun to Chhattisgarh**

**RAIPUR:** Congress had made several populist promises to the people in 2018, but did not fulfill even a single of them, he said, while talking to the reporters at his residence

here today. Cow dung scam, coal scam, PSC scam happened during Bhupesh Baghel's rule, he said. Sao said that the people of Chhattisgarh rejected Bhupesh Baghel for doing the work of cheating the people of the state. Baghel has done injustice to Rajnandgaon and that this time again the people of Rajnandgaon will teach him a lesson, said Sao. Sao said that Chhattisgarh was getting the blessings of the central leaders of BJP.

# Phase-III boot camps aim to deepen, expand innovative

| BOOT CAMPS |

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Hosting the IDE Bootcamp is a prestigious honor

**RAIPUR:** The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are delighted to announce the launch of the third phase of the Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamps.



VC, Professor Piyush Kant Pandey speaking to the scribes.

Scheduled to occur in nine selected cities from April 29, 2024, to May 03, 2024, these bootcamps are designed to ignite the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among students and faculty across the nation.

Following the resounding success of the initial two phases, the upcoming Phase-III bootcamps aim to deepen and expand the innovative capacities of 225 selected participants at Amity

University Chhattisgarh, Raipur. Participants will engage in a series of dynamic sessions focused on empathizing in problem-solving, competitive analysis, and gaining insights into successful product design and development.

The program will also feature inspirational talks from successful entrepreneurs and visits to local incubators, enhancing the learning experience, said Vice Chancellor.

### ELECTION TRAINING |

## Sector officers trained for polling related commissioning work

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** Under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, sector officers were given training on commissioning for voting today in the Red Cross meeting room at the Collectorate. Collector and District Returning Officer Dr Gaurav Singh said that all sector officers should do the work of commissioning in a better manner. Collector Dr. Singh said that voting should

be conducted seriously without any mistakes. Medical kits have been made available for polling parties in every polling station.

Better arrangements for drinking water and toilets have been made in the strong room of Sejbar. Snacks and meals will also be provided from time to time. From the polling station to the strong room, no polling party will face any inconvenience. District



Panchayat CEO Vishwadeep, Additional Collector Nidhi Sahu and other officers and employees were present.

State level master trainer Dr Rakesh Dedhve and Ajit Hudaint gave detailed information about the voting process through video during the training. Prior to training, District Returning Officer Dr Gourav Singh's message on election work was shown. Instructions were given

**All sector officers should do the work of commissioning in a better manner**

**Dr Gourav Singh**  
District Returning Officer

to complete the election work through follow up chart. To complete the commissioning related work, five different videos have also been prepared and provided to the sector officers through social media groups. After the training, MCQ questions were given to all the sector officers through Google form. All the questions were completed and submitted within the stipulated time period.





## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves.

[ Jawaharlal Nehru ]

## Comment

## High Stakes of CPM in Kerala: Fight for National Recognition

## OUR VIEW |

## Revolutionary Reforms in the Health Insurance Sector

In an era of evolving healthcare dynamics, the move by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) marks a significant stride towards inclusivity. By abolishing the age limit of 65 years for health insurance policies, the regulator has paved the way for greater accessibility within the healthcare ecosystem. The directive to insurers, encapsulated in a recent gazette notification, underscores a pivotal shift in policy formulation. Insurers are now mandated to tailor health insurance products to cater to individuals across all age brackets. Crucially, the prohibition on claim rejection based on pre-existing conditions heralds a new era of equitable coverage. These progressive guidelines hold immense promise, particularly for the elderly segment of our society. As India marches towards an estimated 20 per cent senior citizen demographic by 2050, the imperative for comprehensive health coverage becomes ever more apparent. Furthermore, the rising life expectancy, particularly among women, underscores the urgent need for robust health insurance mechanisms. However, the efficacy of these reforms hinges on their accessibility and comprehensibility to the common consumer. The labyrinth of insurance jargon often serves as a deterrent, fostering a pervasive trust deficit. Addressing this challenge requires a paradigm shift towards consumer-centric products, characterized by transparency and simplicity. Moreover, combating fraudulent practices within the insurance landscape demands concerted action. Reports of escalating fraud, particularly in life and health insurance domains, underscore the urgency for stringent oversight. Instances of false claims and inflated service charges pose a grave threat to the integrity of the insurance sector, necessitating a robust monitoring mechanism. While the IRDAI's initiative marks a commendable step towards healthcare inclusivity, its success hinges on effective implementation and consumer empowerment. By prioritizing transparency, simplicity, and vigilance against malpractice, India can chart a course towards a more equitable and resilient healthcare future.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Alliance Ambiguities: Mamata Banerjee's Political Maneuvers

In her recent address at an election rally in Malda, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's statements shed light on the intricate dynamics of political alliances. While claiming credit for forming the opposition alliance INDIA, Banerjee criticized the CPI(M) and Congress for allegedly aiding the BJP in West Bengal. However, her earlier declaration of contesting the Lok Sabha elections alone contradicts her current stance. Despite asserting the possibility of reviving the alliance post-elections, Banerjee's conditional willingness to join forces underscores the complexities of power dynamics. Moreover, her insinuation that the TMC could potentially claim the Prime Minister's seat if the alliance secures majority raises questions about the true motivations behind political maneuvers. Accusations of the TMC being a covert ally of the BJP, coupled with doubts about the cohesion within the opposition bloc, highlight the fragility of political alliances driven more by power ambitions than ideological unity. As the electoral drama unfolds, the fate of the INDIA bloc hangs in the balance, caught between conflicting interests and ambitions, ultimately risking collapse due to its inherent contradictions and lack of cohesive leadership.



BK Chatterjee

The political landscape in Kerala is indeed at a crucial juncture, with the upcoming elections poised to reshape the dynamics of power in the state. As the battle lines are drawn, each party finds itself grappling with distinct challenges and aspirations.

For the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or CPM, the stakes transcend mere electoral victories. At the heart of their campaign lies the imperative to safeguard their national party status and emblematic symbol, the hammer, sickle, and star. These symbols not only represent the ideological moorings of the party but also serve as potent identifiers for their base. Losing recognition as a national party would not only undermine their standing within Kerala but also impede their ability to contest future elections with the same visibility and credibility.

Leading the charge for the CPM is their stalwart campaigner and incumbent Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, whose rhetoric reflects the

gravity of the situation. His aggressive stance against the Congress and its leader, Rahul Gandhi, underscores the party's determination to stave off any encroachments on their turf, particularly from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Meanwhile, the Congress finds itself in the precarious position of defending the gains made in the previous Lok Sabha elections, where it secured 19 seats. Their focus is on retaining these constituencies amidst a charged political environment, where the BJP is aggressively expanding its footprint.

CPM is left with only three members in the Lok Sabha, out of which only one member is from Kerala. Despite LDF being in power in the state during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, it suffered defeat in 19 constituencies. CPM has only 78 state legislatures across the country out of which 61 are from Kerala and other 17 are from other states. There are not many seats which it won on its own and all those victories outside the Kerala are through the cour-

tesy of other parties including Congress. But to retain the national party status the CPM have to win at least 2% of the total strength of 543 Lok Sabha, which means a minimum of 11 seats has to win in the current election. As things stand the prospects of winning for CPM elsewhere in the country are very bleak. That party was uprooted by Mamata Banerjee lead TMC in 2011 and since then the decline was sorapid that it drew a blank both in 2019 Lok Sabha and 2021 assembly elections in Bengal. Its second citadel Tripura, where the party has ruled for 25 uninterrupted years, there are only 10 MLAs and no Lok Sabha representative. Barring Bihar, Tamil Nadu where it is part of larger INDI alliance there is not much scope for CPM to win any Lok Sabha seats. Even those two states put together the tally of CPM may not go beyond 3 or 4. So for the retention of party's national status it is do or die in Kerala and unless it wins at least 12 seats in the current election the CPM may land in the trouble for recognition. The CPI retained the status of

national party because of the lenient view of the Election Commission of India and none contested the continuance of the recognition to CPI. Or else it would have been reduced to an unrecognised party without a reserved symbol which was hitherto in use.

The CPM's frenemies policy with Congress is not cutting much ice with Kerala voters. The CPM stand of opposing Congress in the west coast state of Kerala and friendship with that party in the east coast state of Bengal is not seen as an honest politics.

In conclusion, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) faces a pivotal moment in the Kerala elections, where the stakes extend far beyond mere electoral victories. As the centenary year of the communist party approaches, the CPM finds itself grappling with existential challenges and the need for strategic recalibration. The complex dynamics of alliances and ideological shifts underscore the precarious nature of its position, making the Kerala elections a make-or-break moment for the party's political fortunes.



Dr. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

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## Invisible killer lurking in the air

Air pollution poses a deadly threat, especially with short-term spikes from bushfires and industrial emissions. Urgent action needed. By Wenhua Yu and Yuming Guo



Particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, ozone and sulphur dioxide...are some of the pollutants billions of us breathe in every day | Photo: AP

Air pollution, a silent killer, poses a significant threat to global health, particularly in densely populated cities. Recent research sheds light on the alarming impact of short-term exposure to high levels of air pollution, with more than one million deaths attributed to it annually. While Asia and Africa bear the brunt of this crisis, Australia is not immune to its dangers.

Australia, known for its generally excellent air quality, faces periodic spikes in pollution levels, especially during bushfires. The "Black Summer" bushfires of 2019-2020, for instance, led to a drastic deterioration in air quality, resulting in premature deaths and hospitalizations due to smoke-related health issues.

Aside from bushfires, dust storms and industrial emissions contribute to these pollution peaks. Fine particulate matter (PM2.5), tiny particles smaller than a red blood cell, poses a grave risk to health, affecting the lungs, heart, and even the brain. Exposure to high levels of PM2.5 can exacerbate asthma, cause respi-

ratory issues, and increase the likelihood of hospitalization or premature death.

Vulnerable populations, including children, pregnant women, and the elderly, face heightened risks from air pollution, particularly during short, intense pollution episodes. The urban heat island effect exacerbates these risks in densely populated urban areas, where stagnant air allows pollutants to accumulate. Until recently, much of

the focus on air pollution's health impacts centered on long-term exposure. However, emerging research highlights the deadly consequences of short-term pollution spikes, often triggered by wildfires, dust storms, or other environmental events. Asia bears the highest burden of deaths linked to short-term air pollution, followed by Africa and Europe. While Australia and New Zealand boast relatively low death

rates from acute fine particulate air pollution, there has been a concerning 40% increase in such deaths over the past two decades. This uptick is attributed to more frequent and severe extreme pollution events, such as bushfires and dust storms, underscoring the urgent need for action.

Addressing air pollution requires a multi-faceted approach, encompassing both mitigation and adap-

tation strategies. Efforts to reduce pollution must focus on transitioning to cleaner energy sources, improving energy efficiency, and curbing emissions from vehicles and industries. Additionally, emergency response plans and public awareness campaigns are essential for protecting vulnerable populations during pollution spikes. Individuals can also take steps to protect themselves and their families from the harmful effects of air pollution. This includes staying indoors during periods of poor air quality, using masks when venturing outside, and investing in air purifiers for indoor spaces. Furthermore, reducing outdoor activities during times of heightened pollution can minimize exposure and mitigate health risks. Ultimately, tackling air pollution requires concerted efforts at the global, national, and local levels. By implementing effective pollution control measures, raising awareness, and prioritizing public health, we can mitigate the deadly impacts of air pollution and create healthier environments for present and future generations.

## YOUR LETTERS

Subtract the added-sugar

In the critical first two years of a child's life, avoiding empty calories like added sugars is vital for proper growth. High sugar diets increase health risks, including obesity and diabetes, particularly concerning given India's high childhood diabetes rate. The FSSAI should establish a maximum added sugar limit, allowing only 20% of total carbohydrate content to be fructose or sucrose. Collaborating with the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, they must ensure the quality of infant food products.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur

Brilliant Gukesh

Young Indian chess prodigies never cease to make waves on the international circuit. Top ranked Indian Dommaraju Gukesh has taken the chess world by storm by winning the FIDE Candidates at Toronto. Baptised into chess at a very tender age, Gukesh has been rated highly by legend Viswanathan Anand who has praised the former's tendency to hone his skills predominantly with a trainer rather than against a chess engine. Against the 31-year-old Ding Liren, Gukesh should fancy his chances. Liren, who won the title in 2023, took a nine-month hiatus citing lack of motivation.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

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# Business



Persistent Systems will be 'cautious' on campus hiring

**Sandeep Kalra**  
CEO, Persistent Systems

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS

#### NSE set to launch derivative contracts on Nifty Next 50 from today

New Delhi: National Stock Exchange (NSE) is set to introduce derivative contracts on Nifty Next 50 index from Wednesday. This came following an approval received from markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). The Nifty Next 50 index represents 50 companies from Nifty 100 after excluding the Nifty 50 companies. Under the derivative contract, the exchange would offer three serial monthly index futures and index options contract cycles. The cash-settled derivatives contracts would expire on the last Friday of the expiry month. The Nifty Next 50 index would represent the space between the Nifty 50 index comprising the top large & liquid stocks and the Nifty Midcap Select index comprising the top large & liquid mid-capitalised stocks, Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer at NSE, stated last week. **PTI**

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	73,088	+0.77
Nifty	22,368	+0.14
Nifty Midcap	49,614	+1.06
Nifty Smallcap	16,687	+1.23
Nifty Bank	47,970	+0.10

Closing rates as on Apr 23, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.33(+)
Euro	88.98(+)
Chinese Yuan	11.50 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.69 (-)
Pakistani Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.28 (+)

On Apr 23, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	38,239	+0.67
FTSE 100 Index	8,047	+0.30
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	37,552	+0.30
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,506	-0.70

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, Apr 23, 2024)

### How markets behaved today?

#### Markets climb for 3rd day on firm global cues, Sensex ends 89.83 points higher



NEW DELHI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher for the third session in a row on Tuesday, following gains in telecom, tech and consumer durable shares amid a firm trend in the global markets. After rallying over 400 points, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 89.83 points or 0.12 per cent higher at 73,738.45. During the session, it jumped 411.27 points or 0.55 per cent to 74,059.89. Trimming most of its early gains, the NSE Nifty ended 31.60 points or 0.14 per cent up at 22,368. During the day, it climbed 111.15 points or 0.49 per cent to

22,447.55. Heavy selling pressure in index heavyweight Reliance Industries, mainly due to profit booking, dragged market indices lower. Reliance lost over one per cent to end at Rs 2,918.50 per scrip. In Asian markets, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory while Seoul and Shanghai ended lower.

**MAJOR GAINERS:** Bharti Airtel, Nestle, Maruti, Tata Motors, HCL Technologies, NTPC, Asian Paints and SBI  
**MAJOR LOSERS:** Sun Pharma, Reliance Industries, M&M, JSW Steel, Tech Mahindra and Bajaj Finance



(L-R) Norwegian PM Jonas Gahr Støre and Rittal CEO Markus Asch during an opening tour of the Hanover technology Fair. | Photo: AFP

# Reverse migration has begun with people coming back: FM

Sitharaman appealed to chartered accountants to bring more informal businesses on the formal side so that they can reap the benefits of the open world.

Press Trust Of India

**BENGALURU:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said reverse migration had started as a lot of people are coming back to establish business here. According to her, reverse migration has started in which a lot of people, who have a global footprint, are finding businesses, professions and careers to be built in India. "Ide-

ally, India should be a country which is worth for our grandchildren to stay and live and lead their lives and contribute for the country rather than run away from here because opportunities, job satisfaction, career enhancement, are better there and not here," the FM said during an interactive meet on 'Economy and The Vision for 'Amrit Kaal-2047'. The event was organised by the Institute

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- Digital payments have made transactions easy with speed and access to newer markets

- Finance Minister said that there was a need for a digital revolution even in small business

of Chartered Accountants Of India, Southern India Regional Council here in Bengaluru. Sitharaman appealed to chartered accountants to bring more informal businesses on the formal side so that they can reap the benefits of the open world. According to her, small businesses prefer to remain informal because they fear that they will have to pay taxes and taxmen can go after them.

Sitharaman said the fears were unfounded as allowing informal businesses to become formal businesses was not just about paying taxes. She pointed out that there was a likelihood of not paying tax at all even after coming on to the formal. "You are coming on to the system because you can reap the benefits of the open big world into which a lot of people are coming on board," the FM said.

## Rupee rises 3 paise to close at 83.33 against US dollar

**MUMBAI:** The rupee appreciated by 3 paise to close at 83.33 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday on positive domestic markets and a soft American currency. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.37 against the greenback. The unit hit an intra-day high of 83.28 and a low of 83.39 against the greenback. The domestic unit finally settled at 83.33 (provisional) against the dollar, 3 paise higher from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee appreciated by 8 paise to close at 83.36 against the US dollar. "Indian rupee appreciated on Tuesday on weak US dollar and positive domestic markets. However, a recovery in crude oil prices and FII outflows capped sharp gains," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Sharekhan.

# Reliance quarterly profit stays flat; earnings hit record

**Press Trust Of India**  
**The oil-to-telecom-and-retail conglomerate's consolidated net profit stood at Rs 18,951 crore, or Rs 28.01 per share.**



Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance announcing the quarterly results.

### FACTFILE

- The mainstay oil refining and petrochemicals business, called O2C, posted a 11 pc rise in revenue

- Telecom revenues soar as it outpaced competition in subscriber addition and data traffic

28.52 a share, a year ago, according to a company's stock exchange

filing. The profit was, however, higher quarter-on-quarter when compared to Rs 17,265 crore in October-December period.

For the full fiscal FY24 (April 2023 to March 2024), Reliance posted a record net profit of Rs 69,621 crore as compared to Rs 66,702 crore earnings in the preceding financial year. Reliance also became the first Indian company to hit Rs 10 lakh crore

turnover in FY24. For the full fiscal FY24 (April 2023 to March 2024), Reliance posted a record net profit of Rs 69,621 crore as compared to Rs 66,702 crore earnings in the preceding financial year.

### HOUSING SALES

## Growth in housing prices may moderate

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** New Delhi: Housing demand and prices are likely to moderate this fiscal on a high base effect with sales expected to rise 8-10 per cent and rates by around 5 per cent annually, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said on Tuesday. The rating agency has maintained a neutral out-



look for the residential real estate sector for the 2024-25 fiscal. "Absorption and prices are likely to be supported by affordability and stability of interest rates. However, given the high base of FY24, the growth rates are likely to taper down," Ind-Ra said in a statement. The residential real estate market registered a strong performance during the

first nine months of the 2023-24 fiscal where the sales growth exceeded 25 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) for the top eight real estate clusters, despite price increases and sticky interest rates.

"With most regions witnessing a surge in prices, Ind-Ra expects the pre-sales growth to moderate to 8 to 10 per cent yoy in FY25.

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BSP playing role of BJP's B-team  
Danish Ali  
Congress leader



Devotees participate in a procession on the occasion of 'Hanuman Jayanti', in New Delhi.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

**PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE**  
**South K'taka on high alert over bird flu reported in Kerala**

**MANGALURU:** As an outbreak of avian flu has been reported in some districts of neighbouring Kerala, the border areas of Karnataka, including Mangaluru, have been put on high alert, officials of the Karnataka Animal Husbandry department here said. At present, the situation in Kerala is being monitored before any action can be taken, they said. "Our Kerala counterparts have assured us that the avian flu has been contained within Alappuzha district. However, loading, booking and carrying poultry and poultry products on trains and at railway stations are still under consideration (surveillance), the officials said. Not only railways but also road transport ferrying chicken loads from Kerala to Mangaluru are under surveillance. Mangaluru, is one of the largest consumers of chicken from Kerala. **PTI**

**TRAINING**  
**Search operation for terrorists intensified in J-K's Rajouri**



**JAMMU:** Search operation has been intensified in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir to track down the terrorists involved in the killing of a man belonging to the Gujjar community, officials said on Tuesday. The incident occurred on Monday night when the victim, Mohammad Razaq (40), came out of a mosque in his village Kunda Top under the Thanamandi police station area. **PTI**

### From around the web on India

**Jobs a major issue for young Muslim women voters in Aligarh in these Lok Sabha elections**



**ALIGARH:** For young Muslim women voters in Aligarh, jobs are not only a means of livelihood but crucially a pathway to independence and security. Salma Khatoun (name changed), 21, an engineering graduate facing familial pressures to marry, emphasized the significance of employment for women like her. "For me, finding a job is about more than just a career, it's about independence. If I can't find work, I'll have to follow my family's wishes," she said. Similarly, first time voter Syeda Fatima, a computer engineering master's student, has been advised by her family to prioritize marriage if she cannot

secure a job placement. Highlighting a common sentiment among Muslim women in Aligarh, Farhat Jahan, a retired teacher at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), said, "For women here, jobs represent not just livelihood but independence and security. They do not want to regress to a time when their sole purpose was to study to find a suitable husband." The issue of unemployment resonates strongly among these women, influencing their stance in the upcoming elections. Asra Alavi, a 29-year-old PhD scholar at AMU, spoke candidly about the challenges of securing employment, particularly in academia. **PTI**

# In India, uniformity in religion, language, dress code won't work

I don't think any one religion will work here as these are individual issues, but people at the helm want to do this. As a university, we should be above all this.

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**NEW DELHI:** Uniformity in religion, language and dress code would not work in India as the nation is not for one particular community, JNU Vice Chancellor Santishree D Pandit has said. In an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters here, Pandit said educational institutions should respect individual choices and allow those wanting to wear a hijab to do so. "I would not agree on uniformity in either religion, race or language. One language should not be imposed. If some people want to change it (offi-

cial language) to Hindi in some states, they can. But in the south, it will be difficult... in east India, even in Maharashtra, I don't think Hindi is acceptable," she said. "I would rather say that Hindi can be there but I don't think a single language should be imposed. Both (Jawaharlal) Nehru and Indira Gandhi were not fools to talk about the tri-language formula because, in India, uniformity doesn't work in any form," she added. The vice chancellor was responding to a question on the push for Hindi as a national language and one of the main mediums of instruction

### HIGHLIGHT

● Language is a sensitive issue, one should be careful with it

● Everybody should be multilingual because in India there is cultural diversity.

in teaching and learning. "Language is a sensitive issue, one should be careful with it. If you ask me, you should go slow in having one language," she said. Pandit also said a single identity and religion would not work in the country. "I don't think any one religion will work here as these

are individual issues, but people at the helm want to do this. As a university, we should be above all this. For us, seeking knowledge is important. The nation is not for one particular community." Emphasising the need for multilingualism, Pandit said, "I believe everybody should be multilingual because in India we have to celebrate cultural diversity. All languages are good. I am not against any language but for me, I am the most comfortable in English." Asked about her views on a dress code in educational institutions, Pandit said it should be a personal choice. "I am against a

dress code. I think (educational) spaces should be open. If somebody wants to wear a hijab, it's their choice and if somebody doesn't want to wear it, they should not be forced.

"In JNU, people wear shorts and there are also those who wear traditional attire, that's their personal choice. As long as they don't force me to do the same I have no problem." The hijab row erupted in Karnataka in 2022 after six students who attended classes wearing headscarves in violation of the stipulated dress code were sent out of the government PU College in Udupi.

## SC suspends sentence of Cong MLA

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday suspended the sentence of Congress MLA Mohammed Moquim in a corruption case. A bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Dipankar Datta issued notice to the Odisha government on the appeal filed by the Cuttack-Barabati MLA challenging the Orissa High Court's decision. "Issue notice. Having heard the senior counsel for the parties and taking into consideration all the attending circumstances, the sentence of the petitioner is ordered to be suspended," the bench said. The high court on April 10 dismissed the appeal of Moquim who challenged the order of a vigilance court that sentenced him to three years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 50,000 in connection with a corruption case.

# 'Widows of Vrindavan' are forgotten people this election

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The women, mostly in their 60s and 70s, have taken refuge in this temple town, abandoned by their families and left with virtually no identity

**VRINDAVAN:** The buzz of electioneering stops where the quiet of their lives begin. Thousands of women, known simply as the 'Widows of Vrindavan', have been relegated to the margins even in the noisy, participative general elections with little interest in a group largely without voter IDs. The women, mostly in their 60s and 70s, have taken refuge in this temple town, abandoned by their families



Widows at an ashram in Vrindavan

### FACTFILE

● Number of widows living here could be between 10,000 and 12,000

and left with virtually no identity - other than being banded together as women whose husbands have died. Crowded together in dirty rooms and earning about Rs 20 a day, or even less, singing bhajans, there are

no promises for them this election season. And while most are resigned to their fate, some still fight it. Like Gayatri Mukherjee who regrets she does not have voting rights despite being a citizen of India.

### WAR OF WORDS |

# 'Bharatiya Jumla Party' deceived people'

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Tuesday alleged the BJP government has "de facto reduced" ration under a scheme in Chhattisgarh and claimed the "Bharatiya Jumla Party" has once again "deceived" the people with its grand election promises. Congress general secretary Jairam

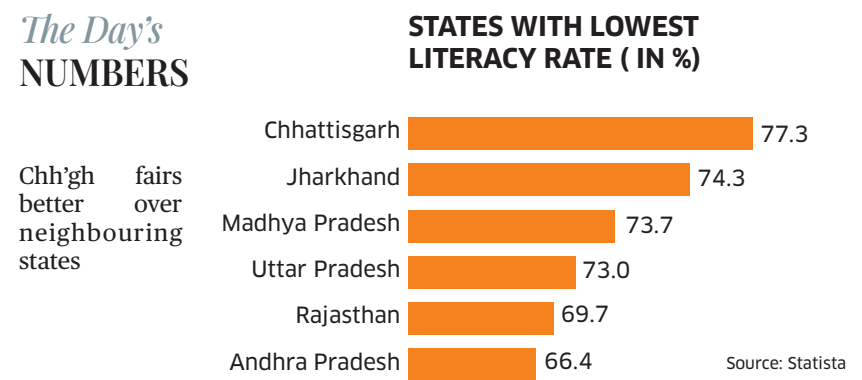
Ramesh posed questions for Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his poll rallies in Dhamtari and Janjgir-Champa in Chhattisgarh. "Was cutting rations a part of Modi ki Guarantee to Chhattisgarh's people? Why has the Modi Sarkar failed to support Janjgir's Kosa Silk industry? Why has the PM failed to deliver on Adivasi welfare?" Ramesh

**BJP failed to support Janjgir's Kosa Silk industry**  
Jairam Ramesh  
GS, Congress



said. Elaborating on what he claimed were "Jumla details", Ramesh said married women in Chhattisgarh have been "duped by 'Modi ki Guarantee'." "During the Assembly elections in 2023, the PM gave 'Modi ki Guarantee' that married women in Chhattisgarh would receive Rs 1,000 per month under the Mahatru Vandana Yojana scheme.

### The Day's NUMBERS



**RELIEF FOR PASSENGERS**  
**Jan Shatabdi train from Una to Delhi resumes service after 3 days**

**UNA:** The Jan Shatabdi Express train running from Himachal Pradesh's Una to Delhi, which was suspended three days back due to farmers' movement in Punjab and Haryana, resumed service on Tuesday, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Railway Board has cancelled three passenger trains running from Una. Hence, the commencement of the Jan Shatabdi Express came as a relief for passengers. A spokesman of the railways said the Railway Board has cancelled the passenger trains running on the Una-Chandigarh-Ambala, Una-Saharanpur-Haridwar and Daultpur Chowk-Amb-Andaura-Chandigarh-Ambala routes. These trains had to be suspended due to the farmers' movement and all the three trains will remain cancelled till further orders, an official said. Una Railway Station Superintendent Rodash Singh said the Jan Shatabdi Express resumed service on Tuesday but three passenger trains have been cancelled. **PTI**

**DISCOURAGE FREEBIES**  
**Ex-VP Naidu calls for strengthening anti-defection law**



**NEW DELHI:** Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday said parties should be discouraged from promising freebies without adequate resources to back their assurances and also called for strengthening the anti-defection law to check the "disturbing trend" of frequent party-hopping by leaders. Speaking at a get-together function at his residence here after receiving the Padma award, Naidu said announcing "freebies" during elections without listing out funds mobilisation is an unhealthy trend which should be discouraged. **PTI**



# HC unhappy over non-supply of books to students in schools

MCD commissioner claimed the process of supplying textbooks was going on

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court on Tuesday voiced its displeasure over non-supply of textbooks and other study material to students of MCD-run schools, saying it was "not a happy situation".

A bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Manmohan, while hearing a PIL highlighting the non-supply of study material to students, asked the civic body commissioner to visit the schools and monitor their functioning.

"We leave it to you. If you feel you are satisfied with the work that you are doing, if you feel happy with the content of work that has been done by your staff, we can only say good luck to you. And if you don't want to take action against your negligent officers, even better luck to you. We have brought it to your notice. We don't think it is a score-card to be proud of. It doesn't cover MCD with any glory. It is not a happy situation," the bench, also comprising Justice Manmeet PS Arora, said.

"Please visit the MCD schools and find out. Only when you start vis-



Delhi High Court

iting, schools will come into shape. Till you monitor, nothing will happen," the bench told the official.

MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, who was present virtually during the hearing, informed the court that apart from text books, which are provided by the Delhi government, cash reimbursements are made to students for other statutory benefits like uniforms and stationery through bank account transfer.

## Oz journalist leaves India over visa issues, not allowed extension

**NEW DELHI:** An Australian journalist on Tuesday claimed that she was forced to leave India after the government refused to extend her work visa contending that her reportage had "crossed a line". Avani Dias, the South Asia Bureau Chief of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, said she had to leave India on April 19, the day the Lok

### HIGHLIGHT

- Govt objected to her reporting on the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar
- Govt refused visa extension

Sabha elections started after the government objected to her report-

ing on the assassination of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. "Last week, I had to leave India abruptly. The Modi Government told me my visa extension would be denied, saying my reporting 'crossed a line'," Dias said on X. "We were also told my election accreditation would not come through because of an Indian Ministry directive.

## Asia is world's most disaster-prone region in 2023

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**In India, severe heat waves in April and June resulted in about 110 reported fatalities due to heatstroke.**

**NEW DELHI:** Asia continued to bear the brunt of weather, climate and water-related hazards in 2023, making it the world's most disaster-hit region, according to a new report by the World Meteorological Organization.

Floods and storms led to the highest number of reported casualties and economic losses, and the impact of heat waves intensified, said the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) State of the Climate in Asia - 2023 report.

According to the report, sea-surface temperatures in the north-west Pacific Ocean hit record highs, and even the Arctic Ocean experienced a marine heat wave.

"Many countries in the region experienced their hottest year on record in 2023,

along with a barrage of extreme conditions, from droughts and heat waves to floods and storms. Climate change exacerbated the frequency and sever-

### FASTFACTS

● 79 disasters linked with hydro-meteorological hazards struck Asia in 2023

● 20 out of the 22 observed glaciers showed continued mass loss

ity of such events, profoundly impacting societies, economies, and, most importantly, human lives and the environment that we live in," said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo.

Citing the Emergency Events Database, the report said 79 disasters linked with hydro-meteorological hazards struck Asia in 2023, with floods and storms accounting for over 80 per cent of incidents, resulting in more than 2,000 fatalities and affecting nine million people.

### NEWSLINE

PATNA

## Serving Bihar my dharma, claims Nitish



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday penned an open letter to people, urging them to vote for the NDA and persuade their neighbours to do so, while recalling the plight of the state under the previous regime. With only a day left for campaigning to end for the second phase of Lok Sabha polls, the JD(U) supremo, in the letter, asserted that serving Bihar was his dharma. and that the entire state was like his family. JD(U) is set to contest all the five seats in the state that will go to polls in the second phase on Friday.

The longest-serving chief minister of the state, without mentioning his arch-rival Lalu Prasad and RJD by name, said in the opening remark in the letter, "You would recall the plight of Bihar under the previous regime."

# SECR committed for safety of women passengers on trains

Central Chronicle News

These initiatives reaffirm the commitment and effectiveness of making train travel safe for women across India.

**BILASPUR:** For the empowerment of women, the Ministry of Railways has undertaken various initiatives to enhance the travel experience for women. These efforts primarily focus on ensuring the safety of female passengers.

The Railway Security Force has initiated several projects such as "Meri Saheli" and "Operation Matrushakti" to ensure safe travel for women, especially those traveling alone or with children on long-distance trains.

The "Meri Saheli" teams, comprising female RPF personnel, are deployed at various railway stations across the country, covering over 400 trains and assisting more than four-

teen thousand female passengers on average every day. These initiatives reaffirm the commitment and effectiveness of making train travel safe for women across India.

These teams play a crucial role in educating passengers during their journey and providing assistance in times of crisis through available channels.

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## Meals at affordable price for general class passengers

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These meal counters are operational at over 100 stations and nearly 150 counters across IR.

hygienic meals and snacks at affordable prices," the railway official said.

**NEW DELHI:** Train passengers travelling in unreserved compartments are now getting hygienic meals and snacks at affordable prices at stations under a new initiative by the Railways, an official said. These meal counters are operational at over 100 stations and nearly 150 counters across Indian Railways, and the facility will be expanded further. "Indian Railways along with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is stepping up to serve passengers, particularly those in unreserved coaches, with a new initiative offering

**E-Auction Sale Notice in The Liquidation Process of SUNSHINE INFRABUILD CORPORATION LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)**  
CIN No.-U45400DL2008PLC183645  
Regd. Office: Royal Palace Complex, First Floor, G-55, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092

Notice is hereby given for sale of following Assets of Sunshine InfraBuild Corporation Limited (in Liquidation) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and regulations framed thereunder.  
Date and Time of Auction: 27th May 2024 from 11.00 a.m. to 02.00 p.m. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)  
Last date for submission of Bid: 06.05.2024  
Declaration of Qualified Bidder: 13.05.2024  
Last date for inspection of the assets: 20.05.2024  
Last date for deposit of EMD: 25.05.2024

Asset Description	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Increment
Office situated at Shop No.-315-316, 3rd Floor 'National Corporate Park' Ward No.15, Swami Atramand ward, Raipur, Total Super Built-Up Area Of 2318 Sq. Ft In The Name Of Sunshine InfraBuild Corporation Ltd.	Rs. 160.00 Lakhs (applicable taxes & charges extra)	Rs. 15.00 Lakhs	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs or multiples thereof

**NAME CHANGE**  
It is informed to the general public that I, NASEEM PARVEZ W/O AFTAB PARVEZ resident of WARD NO.17, MANENDRAGARH, DISTRICT-M.C.B. (MANENDRAGARH-CHIRMIRI-BHARATPUR) PIN-497442 (C.G.) have changed my old existing name NASEEM PARVEZ W/O AFTAB PARVEZ. So, in future I should be recognized by my new name that is NASEEM FATIMA W/O AFTAB PARVEZ in all Government and other documents.  
**NASEEM FATIMA**  
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Date: 24/04/2024  
Place: New Delhi  
Pawan Kumar Goyal  
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304, D.R. Chambers, 12/96 D.B. Gupta Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005  
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(1) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-22-24-25, Date: 18.04.2024  
Name of Work: Execution of zonal works for civil works and jungle cleaning works under the jurisdiction of ADEM/JB/HSR for the period ending 30.06.2025. Tender Value: Rs.1,24,76,789/- EMD: Rs.2,12,400/-  
(2) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-23-24-25, Date: 18.04.2024  
Name of Work: Execution of zonal works for white washing colour washing, painting and water supply works under the jurisdiction of ADEM/JB/HSR for the period ending 30.06.2025. Tender Value: Rs.1,23,14,583/- EMD: Rs.2,11,600/-  
Submission of Tender: upto 11.00 Hrs. on 17.05.2024. Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. on 17.05.2024. For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr.DIEN/Co./Raipur or refer/download tender document which can be found on our website: www.irps.gov.in.  
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Date of Notice : 22.04.2024 & Date of NPA: 19.04.2024  
Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharashtra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way of this public notice.  
**Name of the Borrowers / Guarantors & Address:**  
**Borrower- (1) M/s Trimurti Paints, Partners: Mrs. Soni Pandey W/o Mr. Sarvesh Pandey, Mrs. Pooja Mishra W/o Mr. Vinay Mishra, Office address: MIG Duplex 89 Phase-4, Kabir Nagar, Raipur-492099, Chhattisgarh.**  
**Guarantors: 1) Mrs. Soni Pandey W/o Mr. Sarvesh Pandey, Residential Address: A) MIG Duplex 101, Phase-4, Kabir Nagar, Tatibandh, Raipur-492099, C.G. B) Flat no -508, Avinash Ashiyana, Kabir nagar, Raipur (C.G.) -492099, 2) Mrs. Pooja Mishra W/o Mr. Vinay Mishra, Residential Address: MIG Duplex 101, Phase-4, Kabir Nagar, Tatibandh, Raipur-492099, C.G. 3) Mr. Umesh Kumar Pandey S/o Mr. Triveni Pal Pandey, Residential Address: EWS-06, Kumhar, Durg-490042, Chhattisgarh**  
**Nature of Facility & A/c Number:**  
**Balance Outstanding (as on 19/04/2024)**  
**Cash Credit :** Ledger Bal: Rs. 14,91,864.65/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 29731/- up to 19/04/2024 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 20/04/2024.  
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**Term Loan (FTTL) :** Ledger Bal: Rs. 12,13,298.44/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 47,399/- up to 19/04/2024 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 20/04/2024  
**Term Loan (WCTL-ECLGS 1.0):** Ledger Bal: Rs. 7,24,479.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 50,171/- up to 19/04/2024 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 20/04/2024  
**Term Loan (WCTL) :** Ledger Bal: Rs. 58,04,633.00/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 2,47,479.00/- up to 19/04/2024 + penal interest @ 2%, plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 20/04/2024  
**Grand Total: Ledger Bal: Rs. 94,38,862.65/- + Unapplied Intt. of Rs. 3,76,603.00/- up to 19/04/2024 + penal interest @ 2% plus other Expenses, w.e.f. 20/04/2024**  
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This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises.  
Date: 24.04.2024, Place: Raipur  
Chief Manager / Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra



I believe every couple has their own unique mantra, but in my opinion, if we openly communicate with each other about everything, it can be very helpful.

Vidya Balan  
Actress



# & Finally

CLOSE UP

## Kajal Aggarwal's ethereal elegance: A tribute to grace and beauty

Adorned with intricate floral embroidery, her attire exudes timeless sophistication with 'Satyabhama' on the horizon.

Central Chronicle News

Kajal Aggarwal enchants in ivory, embodying elegance and grace with timeless sophistication.

Actress Kajal Aggarwal recently graced the spotlight in a breathtaking ivory lehenga, capturing hearts with her ethereal charm. In a mesmerizing display of elegance, Kajal paid homage to her beloved swans, renowned for their grace and allure. Taking to Instagram, Kajal mesmerized her followers with a glimpse of her resplendent attire. Adorned with intricate 3D laser-cut embroidered flowers crafted by the renowned label Aikayah, her lehenga exuded a timeless sophistication. Completing her enchanting ensemble with delicate pearls and a subtle nude makeup palette, Kajal radiated a timeless beauty. Her choice of glossy lips in deeper tones, notably brown, added a touch of modernity to her classic look. Accompanying the captivating visuals was Kajal's heartfelt caption, wherein she expressed her reverence for the majestic white swan. Symbolizing purity, love, and affection, the swan embodies qualities of innocence and grace, resonating deeply with Kajal's aesthetic sensibilities.



Kajal Aggarwal embodies grace and sophistication in her Aaliya ensemble.



Radiance and revelation: Kajal Aggarwal's Aaliya ensemble and beyond. The ensemble, aptly named 'Aaliya' by the label, further accentuated Kajal's radiant presence. With its embroidered ivory fabric, the outfit epitomized sophistication and grace, perfectly complementing Kajal's innate charm. Transitioning to her professional endeavors, Kajal hinted

at her upcoming venture in the Telugu film industry. Set to grace the screens on May 17, her next project, 'Satyabhama,' promises an intriguing narrative revolving around ACP Satyabhama's pursuit of truth in a compelling missing person case. As Kajal continues to captivate audiences both on and off-screen, her dedication to elegance and grace remains unwavering.

| HOLLYWOOD |

## Zendaya saved from getting a speeding ticket by Tom Holland

Central Chronicle News

Zendaya recently shared a charming anecdote about how her on-screen Spider-Man, Tom Holland, once saved her and her mother from getting a speeding ticket. The duo, who met on the set of Spider-Man: Homecoming, evolved from friends to a romantic couple over time. Zendaya, known for her role in Dune: Part Two, recalled the incident during an interview, revealing that the police let them off because of Tom's fame. Their relationship became public in 2021 when they were spotted kissing in LA. Currently, they are going



### HIGHLIGHT

● Zendaya and Tom Holland's relationship began on the set of "Spider-Man: Homecoming" in 2017 and went public in 2021.

strong, with Zendaya busy promoting her new movie, Challengers. Their chemistry in interviews has been delightful, setting relationship goals for fans. Zendaya shared the incident on Jimmy Kimmel Live!, explaining

how they were rushing to a spin class with her mother when they were pulled over for speeding. The officer recognized Tom as Spider-Man, and they were let off with a warning. Despite rumors of a breakup, Zendaya and Tom remain low-key but occasionally share glimpses of their relationship on social media. They dispelled breakup rumors by attending the premiere of Dune: Part Two together. On the professional front, Zendaya's movie Challengers, directed by Luca Guadagnino and co-starring Josh O'Connor and Mike Faist, is set to release on April 26, 2024.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

BOLLYWOOD

### Rajkumar Rao denies plastic surgery rumors; 'Never gone under knife'

Actor Rajkumar Rao refuted rumors of undergoing plastic surgery, attributing his recent changed appearance to fillers done years ago. During promotion for his film "Srikanth," Rao clarified that the flawless look in a recent photo was due to touch-ups, not surgery. He emphasized the uniqueness of the photo and the flawless skin, stating, "I've not gone under the knife. I have not done any kind of plastic surgery." Rao's denial came after social media buzzed with speculation about his appearance following a recent event. He also expressed amazement at his flawless skin without makeup after a long day of shooting.

WEB SERIES

### Imran Khan feels relieved after cancellation of spy series

Imran Khan expressed relief over the cancellation of his spy series with Hotstar, citing a distaste for glorified violence and a desire for more meaningful roles. The actor, disenchanted with the current trend of glamorous yet violent films, voiced his reluctance to portray characters who rely on guns to solve problems. Despite considering a comeback to acting, he admitted to struggling to find projects aligned with his values. Speaking to Film Companion, Khan revealed that the scrapped spy series didn't resonate with him, highlighting a preference for roles with depth and substance over superficial allure. His stance underscores a shift towards conscientious storytelling in an industry often enamored with spectacle over substance.

## THE BOLLYWOOD HOT PAIR

### Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas to reclaim \$20 Million LA Mansion



Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas are eagerly anticipating their return to their \$20 million Los Angeles mansion after a renovation following water damage and mold issues. Recent aerial images reveal the completed makeover,

shared by The Sun US. The couple had to vacate due to mold, but now they're ready to move back in, lawsuit settled and all. The lavish mansion is now gleaming anew, promising a fresh start for the celebrity couple.

FASHION

### Sunny Leone Blazes in Neon Ensemble

Sunny Leone illuminates the essence of summer with her vibrant neon ensemble, capturing attention and igniting trends. Beyond mere clothing, her look exudes a mood-lifting energy, merging comfort seamlessly with glamour. She showcases that fashion transcends attire, infusing every moment with radiant allure.



## Trending on Insta



@itsrohitshetty

### Rohit Shetty reveals Deepika's 'Singham Again' Look

Starring in the upcoming action thriller 'Ulajh', she delighted fans with a stunning photo showcasing her beautiful hair, captioned humorously on Instagram: "pls roze aise achhe hair days de do..shubh baal diwas" (Please give these good hair every day..Happy Good Hair day).



@sabazad

### Saba Azad's Gym Photo Wows Fans and Celebrities, Dia Mirza Reacts

Hrithik Roshan's girlfriend, Saba Azad, flaunted her toned abs in a gym photo, sparking admiration from fans and celebrities. Dia Mirza was among those impressed by her fitness dedication and diet talk.

## O.T.T Watch



### SonyLIV's 'Undekhi-3' to release in May

SonyLIV announces the premiere of the third season of "Undekhi" on May 10. Starring Harsh Chhaya, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Varun Badola, Shivangi Singh, and directed by Ashish R Shukla.



### 'Crakk' starring Viduyt Jammwal to premiere on Disney+ Hotstar

Viduyt Jammwal and Arjun Rampal-starrer "Crakk-Jeetegaa Toh Jiyegaa" is set to premiere on Disney+ Hotstar from April 26. Directed by Aditya Datt, the action film, featuring Amy Jackson and Nora Fatehi.



### Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein

Tahir Raj Bhasin shares excitement for 'Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein' sequel ahead of his birthday. Set in the fictional town of Onkara revolves around Vikrant's dark journey to escape Purva's clutches and reunite with his true love, Shikha.



### Gleeson and Impacciatore reunite for 'The Office' sequel

The Office" sequel series adds Domhnall Gleeson and Sabrina Impacciatore to cast, sources confirm. The project, in development at Universal Television, follows the ensemble format of the original, starring Steve Carell, Rainn Wilson, John Krasinski, and Jenna Fischer.



### Divyanka criticizes ill-written characters

TV star Divyanka Tripathi, known for shows like "Banoo Main Teri Dulhann" and "Yeh Hai Mohabbatein", criticizes the lack of well-written characters on Indian television. Tripathi expresses her preference for roles with clear character arcs, citing the importance of clarity in the plot and character development.



I go to therapy every week where I voice health fears. And it helps me understand that this is not something that I will be able to figure out on day one or five or even ten.

Alia Bhatt  
Actress



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Colorful dreams await in this whimsical haven, where creativity knows no bounds.

no boundaries. Imagine a room adorned with vibrant world map wallpapers, sparking a love for geography while adding a touch of adventure to every corner. Or perhaps a story-themed setting where animals roam freely, creating captivat-

### HIGHLIGHT

● Transform your child's space into a celestial wonderland with our outer space-themed wallpapers, inspiring curiosity and igniting a passion for exploration among little stargazers.



ing narratives that ignite the imagination.

For the little stargazers, why not bring the cosmos into their space with wallpapers depicting outer space and solar systems? These celestial designs are sure to inspire curiosity and wonder. But it's not just about the visuals; practicality plays a key role too. Multifunctional furniture pieces like stools with built-in storage or dressing tables that double as study desks are essential for optimizing space and catering to your child's needs as they grow. And let's not forget about maintenance - because let's face it, a messy room can throw off even the most imaginative minds.

## Stop! avoid these fruit combinations for a healthy gut



Fruits are nature's sweet gift, packed with essential vitamins, fiber, and antioxidants. However, combining them with certain foods could harm your gut health. Dr. Dimple Jangda, an Ayurveda and gut health coach, warns against common fruit combinations that should be avoided. While shakes, salads, and cereals may seem like perfect vehicles for fruit consumption, they can disrupt your digestive system when combined with incompatible foods. Dr. Jangda explains that improper fruit combinations can lead to bloating, gas, and other digestive issues due to variations in digestion times and enzyme activity.

### Myth or Truth: Does sugar truly fuel kids' hyperactivity?

Have you ever heard that eating sugar makes you bounce off the walls? Well, it turns out that's not entirely true! While sugary treats can give you a burst of energy, they don't actually make you hyper. Sure, you might feel super excited after eating candy or cake, but that's because of all the fun stuff happening around you, not just the

sugar. Plus, many sugary snacks also contain artificial colors and additives, which might affect your behavior. So, next time someone blames your sugar rush on that extra cookie, remember - it's not all about the sugar! Stay active, eat healthy, and enjoy your treats in moderation for a balanced and happy lifestyle.

| FASHION |

## Chic Takes on Preppy: Sonam Kapoor Ahuja and Samantha Ruth Prabhu's Fashion Rework

Central Chronicle News

Sonam Kapoor Ahuja and Samantha Ruth Prabhu have turned heads this week, reimagining preppy looks with a fresh and sophisticated twist. Joined by style influencers like Lisa Koshy, they've revamped the back-to-school vibe, ditching the traditional checks and plaids for a sleek and polished aesthetic. Sonam Kapoor Ahuja radiated elegance in a tweed ensemble by Huishan Zhang, featuring delicate fringed details and a calf-length skirt, perfectly paired with Jimmy Choo pumps for a touch of sophistica-



tion. Lisa Koshy brought a seductive yet studious vibe to her preppy ensemble, layering a tailored shirt under an LBD and accessorizing with netted

stockings and pointed pumps for a playful twist. Samantha Ruth Prabhu opted for classic tailoring with embossed details, pairing her chic white

textured jacket and mini skirt combo with Bulgari accessories to elevate her look to new heights. Meanwhile, Dua Lipa embraced scholarly chic,

### HIGHLIGHT

Preppy style re-vamped, check out sonam and samantha fashion makeover

layering a white collar shirt under an oversized black blazer in her latest Instagram post, showcasing her commitment to the style. Lastly, after her recent pregnancy announcement, Masaba Gupta unveiled a custom ensemble from her label, featuring a skin-colored dress layered with a rose-patterned jacket and matching headband, reminiscent of Blair Waldorf's iconic style.

## Divas Dazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

### Kiran Rao: Triumphant through miscarriages, embracing parenthood

Kiran Rao faced multiple miscarriages before welcoming son Azad via surrogacy with Aamir Khan. Despite her tough journey to motherhood, she recently made a stellar comeback with her second directorial, "Laapataa Ladies," praised for its heart warming story and new faces. In an interview, Kiran revealed her struggles and said she really wanted to be a mother. She described the challenges she faced with miscarriages and physical health issues over five years. Kiran shared that when Azad was born in 2011, she didn't hesitate to prioritize motherhood over her career. Aamir Khan and Kiran are now divorced and co-parent Azad.

Achiver

### Mary Kom: A Champion Inside and Outside the Ring

Mary Kom, the celebrated Indian boxer, embodies the spirit of a true champion. With six world titles and an Olympic bronze medal to her name, she has conquered the boxing arena, inspiring women worldwide. From her humble beginnings in a Manipuri village to the global stage, Kom's journey is one of resilience and determination. Her achievements in sports are matched only by her advocacy for women's rights and sports development. As a member of the Rajya Sabha, she continues to fight for gender equality and empowerment. Her story is a testament to the strength and potential of women everywhere.

### The Inspirors

### Finding Her Voice: Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Emotion, Art, and Narrating 'Tiger'



Priyanka Chopra Jonas recently opened up about the art of conveying emotions through voice, a skill she's mastered through her diverse roles, including narration for the upcoming documentary "Tiger." Renowned for her versatility in Bollywood and Hollywood, Priyanka has captivated audiences globally. With projects like "Frozen 2" and "The Jungle Book," Priyanka has embraced voice acting as a medium to connect with audi-

ences in a unique way. As she prepares to narrate "Tiger," she sees it as an opportunity to bring a compelling Indian story to life. Despite the challenge of expressing emotions without visuals, Priyanka finds joy in the process, describing her love for voice work as a source of inspiration. From 'Aitraaz' to 'The Matrix Resurrections,' Priyanka's journey is a testament to perseverance and dedication, inspiring artists everywhere.

Wellness

### Understanding the Impact of Climate Change on Your Health

As spring blooms, so does the release of pollen, triggering allergic reactions for many. Sneezing, congestion, itchy eyes, and fatigue are common symptoms, with some experiencing asthma exacerbations. However, it's not your imagination - allergies are worsening each year due to climate change. Rising temperatures and increased carbon dioxide levels result in more pollen production, according to experts like William Anderegg from the University of Utah. To manage symptoms, start medications early and consider seeing a specialist if over-the-counter drugs lose effectiveness. Reducing pollen exposure by keeping windows shut, showering before bed, and using air purifiers helps.



## Divas on Insta

@Shraddha Kapoor

### Shraddha Kapoor's Mountain Escapade

Shraddha Kapoor is enjoying the mountains and boldly declares on Instagram that nobody can take her away from there.



@Mira Kapoor

### Mira Chopra Takes a Stand

Mira Chopra speaks out about Shahid Kapoor's leaked travel plan, asserting on Instagram that the internet cares more about her husband's travels than she does.



# Sports



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Boxer

## Briefs

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### CRICKET

#### Brian Lara, Aaron Finch praise Rajasthan Royals' Jaiswal and Samson

**NEW DELHI:** Impressed with the maturity shown by Yashasvi Jaiswal, West Indies cricket legend Brian Lara said the youngster's knock against Mumbai Indians was well put together as he perfectly balanced taking his time with shots while still maintaining a high strike-rate. Jaiswal ended a barren run by his lofty standards with his first ton of this IPL to power Rajasthan Royals to a nine-wicket win over MI here. "Yeah, beautiful. But the fact of the matter is, he's taking his time, looking at the ball right from up at the back, and he's playing cricketing shots. He's got all the stuff, he doesn't have to worry about it," Lara said on Star Sports Cricket Live. Jaiswal struck nine fours and seven sixes to make an unbeaten 104 from only 60 balls, a knock which was replete with powerful shots on the leg side and crispy drives. **PTI**

### IPL T20

#### Sandeep Sharma states that it takes a big heart to bowl at the death

**JAIPUR:** You have to have a big heart when bowling at the death while trying to execute your plans, insisted Rajasthan Royals medium pacer Sandeep Sharma after recording the ongoing IPL season's best bowling performance. Bowling after a three-week injury lay-off, the 30-year-old Sharma wreaked havoc in the Mumbai Indians camp with a splendid 5 for 18 on Monday. "In this year's IPL, batters are going big and with the impact player rule, there is an extra batter so the games are high-scoring. You have to have a big heart while bowling at the death and try to execute your plans and bowl good balls," he said after RR's nine-wicket win over MI. Sharma, who started off as a new-ball exponent in the IPL, has been tasked to bowl the death overs by the Royals in the three games that he has played this season. **PTI**



Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal, center, Maria Francisca Perello, left, and Ana Maria Parera pose on the red carpet before the Laureus Sports Awards ceremony in Madrid. Photo: PTI

# Dhoni is in incredible space: Mike Hussey

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**CHENNAI:** Having relinquished his captaincy duties at Chennai Super Kings, talismanic Mahendra Singh Dhoni is in an incredible space at the moment and will continue to "evolve", feels batting coach Mike Hussey.

In what appears to be his last season in the IPL,

Dhoni has been in explosive form in the ongoing season and is striking at a rate of 255.88, taking his game to a new level. "He's just in a wonderful place in his career. He's at a place where he's comfortable, he's happy, enjoying his cricket," Hussey said ahead of CSK's home match against Lucknow Super Giants here on

### HIGHLIGHT

● Rachin Ravindra's mental resilience despite recent misses, and said a good knock from the Kiwi may just be round the corner.

● His game looks good and he's just one inning closer to that big score.

Tuesday. "He's practiced and prepared really well coming into the tournament. Of course bowlers are coming up with different plans against him because he's probably the greatest finisher of all time."

The 48-year-old Australian acknowledged that Dhoni would keep improving and make it tougher for bowlers,

even at the fag end of his career.

"They (bowlers) need to come up with different ideas. So that's one of the wonderful things about MS. He'll continue to evolve and continue even at this stage of his career to make himself better and make it harder for the bowlers to bowl to him," Hussey said.

## Ashi, Swapnil take top spots in 3P trials

**NEW DELHI:** Ashi Choksey and Swapnil Kusale outgunned their rivals in their respective women and men's 50M Rifle 3 Positions events to take the qualification honours in Olympic Selection Trials (OST) for Rifle/Pistol here on Tuesday. Ashi shot a world-class 590 in the women's 3P OST to leave behind world-record holder Sift Kaur Samra in second with 583. Tokyo Olympian Anjum Moudgil came third with 581 points while Paris quota holder Shriyanka Sadangi was fourth with 575. Nishchal too matched Shriyanka's score but fell behind on inner 10s. The men's 3P was tighter at the top with Swapnil edging out others with two superlative 199s in the first Kneeling and Prone positions, to end with 592.

The 25-year-old Sreeja has enjoyed a good run this year.

**NEW DELHI:** CWG mixed doubles champion Sreeja Akula on Tuesday became the top-ranked Indian woman table tennis player after rising to career-high rank of 38 in latest ITTF Chart, replacing Manika Batra. Sreeja climbed a spot while Manika who had been India's number one TT player for a while now, slipped two places to 39 in the latest update.

The 25-year-old Sreeja has enjoyed a good run this year, winning the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi and WTT Feeder Beirut titles in January

### TABLE TENNIS

# Sreeja surpasses Manika as India No.1 TT player

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Sreeja had won the mixed doubles gold medal at the 2022 CG alongside veteran Sharath Kamal. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

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Sreeja had won the mixed doubles gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games alongside veteran Sharath Kamal. Yashaswini Ghorpade and Archana

Kamath held on to their 99th and 100th spot in the rankings. Sharath continues to be the top-ranked male player, occupying the 37 spot in the rankings while G Sathiyam and Manav Thakar have interchanged places to be 60th and 61st respectively.

### TENNIS

# Gukesh's win tectonic shift in world chess: Kasparov

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**NEW DELHI:** It's "the Indian earthquake in Toronto", said Russian chess legend Garry Kasparov as he lauded 17-year-old Gukesh for becoming the youngest ever challenger for the world title, a triumph which marks the "shifting tectonic plates" in the

game's global order.

The 17-year-old Gukesh bettered the record created by none other than Kasparov 40 years ago. The Russian was 22 when he qualified in 1984 to clash with compatriot Anatoly Karpov, making him the youngest challenger of that time.

Gukesh played out an easy draw with Ameri-

**Gukesh's triumph signifies a seismic shift in global chess dynamics.**

**Garry Kasparov**  
Chess player



can Hikaru Nakamura in the 14th and final round to finish with nine out of a possible 14 points in the tournament that is held to decide the challenger to the world champion.

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

## LAUREUS AWARDS

### Women's World Cup Players and Novak Djokovic earn laurels at Laureus World Sports Awards



**MADRID:** Spain's first Women's World Cup triumph last year earned two more major plaudits at the Laureus World Sports Awards on Monday. Spain was chosen world team of the year for 2023 and midfielder Aitana Bonmati was picked as the best sportswoman. Novak Djokovic received the sportsman of the year at the ceremony in Madrid, and American gymnast Simone Biles was given the comeback of the year award. Real Madrid forward Jude Bellingham earned the breakthrough prize,

and Rafael Nadal won the sport for good award thanks to his foundation. The Spanish women's World Cup breakthrough last August in New Zealand and Australia was tarnished in the following weeks because of an unwanted kiss of forward Jenni Hermoso by then-federation president Luis Rubiales after the final. Laureus rewarded Spain as the first all-female team to win the team award. Before the World Cup, Bonmati also helped Barcelona win a second Women's Champions League. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOP FIVE TENNIS PLAYERS EARNING IN MILLIONS AS ON DECEMBER 2023

Roger Federer: Around	\$90-100
Novak Djokovic: Around	\$40-50
Rafael Nadal: Around	\$35-45
Serena Williams: Around	\$20-30
Andy Murray: Around	\$10-15

### GOLF

#### Nelly Korda records 6th straight win after dropping from Los Angeles tourney

**LOS ANGELES:** Nelly Korda is putting her bid for a historic sixth straight victory on hold. The LPGA golfer officially withdrew Monday from the JM Eagle LA Championship, which begins Thursday at Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. Korda tied Nancy Lopez and Annika Sorenstam with her fifth straight win last weekend at the Chevron Championship near Houston, the year's first major. "It was not an easy decision," Korda said in a statement posted on the LPGA Tour website. "After the unbelievable week at The Chevron and grinding through the mental and physical challenges of four events in the past five weeks, I am definitely feeling exhausted. With so much still to come throughout 2024, I feel I need to listen to my body and get some rest, so I can be ready for the remainder of the season." Korda's two-shot win at the Chevron Championship was her second career major and her fifth win in five starts. **PTI**

### IPL BATTLE

#### Sunil Narine not in favor to play in T20 World Cup

**KOLKATA:** Former West Indies bowling all-rounder Sunil Narine, who is having a terrific IPL season, won't be reversing his retirement decision for the upcoming T20 World Cup in the Caribbean and USA, insisting that the "door is now closed". The 35-year-old last played for the West Indies in a T20 International in August 2019 before retiring from international cricket in November last year to focus on franchise T20 leagues around the world. But owing to his sensational form with both bat and ball for Kolkata Knight Riders this IPL season, attempts were being made to convince Narine to reverse his decision for the T20 World Cup. **PTI**





# Sports News



Delhi Capitals batter Rishabh Pant during a match against Sunrisers Hyderabad. | Photo: PTI



Gujarat Titans' players in action | Photo: 0000000000000

## Pant's captaincy under lens as DC eye win vs GT

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**On the personal front, Pant wasn't in his element as he struggled for timing.**

**NEW DELHI:** Rishabh Pant's leadership skills will be under scrutiny as a struggling Delhi Capitals would seek a much-improved performance from their bowlers when they take on an inconsistent Gujarat Titans in the IPL here on Wednesday.

It was not an ideal homecoming for Pant as after two consecutive wins, DC slumped to a 67-run loss against a marauding Sunrisers Hyderabad at home on Saturday. The loss saw DC slip to the eighth position with

three wins and five defeats. They very well know they can't afford to falter if they want to keep their play-off hopes alive.

Against SRH, Pant erred in his decisions a few times, starting from the toss as he misjudged the dew factor at the Arun Jaitley Stadium and decided to bowl first.

Pant's decision to hand the second over to Lalit Yadav, was even more contentious as SRH were off to a blazing start, scoring a record 125 for no loss in the powerplay. On the personal front, Pant wasn't in his element as he struggled for timing en route a painstaking 44 off 35 balls while chasing a mammoth score. To chase a target of 267, a team needs its openers to fire

### Teams

#### Delhi Capitals

Rishabh Pant (c&wk), David Warner, Abhishek Porel, Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithvi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dube, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Patel, Lalit Yadav, Jake Fraser-McGurk.

#### Gujarat Titans

Shubman Gill (c), David Miller, Wriddhiman Saha, Sai Sudharsan, Shahrux Khan, Matthew Wade, Kane Williamson, Azmatullah Omarzai, Abhinav Manohar, Rashid Khan, Vijay Shankar, Rahul Tewatia, Spencer Johnson, Kartik Tyagi, Joshua Little, Darsan Nalkande, Noor Ahmad, Ravishrinivasan Sai Kishore, Mohit Sharma, Jayant Yadav, Umesh Yadav, Sushant Mishra, Sandeep Warrier, Sharath BR, Manav Suthar.

### NUMBER

67

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from ball one but Prithvi Shaw and David Warner haven't been too successful. Young Jake Fraser-McGurk smashed 65 off just 18 balls to keep DC in the hunt but he lacked support from the other end, even though Abhishek Porel (42 off 22) tried his best. DC bowlers were taken to the cleaners by SRH and they need to pull

up their socks. Left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed's, whose career has been dogged by inconsistency, decision to employ short stuff in the opening over completely backfired.

With short boundaries at the Kotla, DC bowlers need to pitch it up. Pace spearhead Anrich Nortje has been completely off-colour this season and

DC would be desperately hoping veteran Ishant Sharma returns after missing the last game due to a back spasm. Kuldeep Yadav has been DC's best bowler in the season so far with 10 wickets from five games at an economy rate of 7.60. But he didn't have a very good outing against SRH.

## We've got a little bit of improving to do, both with bat and ball: Warner

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Capitals opener David Warner has no qualms in admitting that the team is left with no option but to win all their remaining matches to stay in the reckoning for a play-off berth in the ongoing IPL. Having lost five out of their eight matches, DC will be desperate to turn things around when they take on Gujarat Titans here on Wednesday.

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The seasoned campaigner from Australia added, "We've got a little bit of improving to do, both with bat and the ball. If we can minimise the totals, it would be great. And then if we bat first, try and put a big total on the board and defend it." Warner further highlighted that DC have a dangerous bowling attack that bowled out GT for 89 in their first leg match. "Cannot fault the way the guys are training and preparing."

## Pitches will be slower in T20 WC: David Miller

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**The Caribbean pitch might be on the slower side compared to Indian wickets.**

**NEW DELHI** South Africa and Gujarat Titans' middle-order batter David Miller doesn't expect too many high-scoring

matches in the upcoming T20 World Cup in the Americas as he feels the pitches there will be on the slower side. Favourable conditions and the much-debated 'Impact Player' rule have helped batters rule the roost in the ongoing IPL, with teams such as Sunrisers Hyderabad piling up scores in excess of 260 on three occasions. But Miller feels it won't

be the same in the T20 World Cup, to be held in the United States and West Indies from June 2.

"It would be hard to say whether the World Cup will produce high-scoring games because the conditions will be very different. The Caribbean might be on the slower side compared to Indian wickets. It's all about assessing the conditions on the day

and playing accordingly," Miller said on the eve of their match against Delhi Capitals here.

"We are not concerned about that (crossing 200-run mark). We played Sunrisers, we beat them. I think it's different conditions for different grounds. At the end of the day we have 4 wins from 8, so we are very much there.

## Man City vs Man United FA Cup final time confirmed

**LONDON:** The FA Cup final between Manchester City and Manchester United will kick off at the traditional time of 3 PM (14.00 GMT) on May 25, the Football Association said Tuesday.

In a repeat of last year's final, holder City will play rival United at Wembley Stadium. The FA said the kick-off time had been agreed with both clubs, the local authority, safety advisory group and broadcasters. It is the second straight year that the final will start at 3 PM. In recent years, it has had an early evening time slot. City beat Chelsea 1-0 on Saturday to secure its place in the final. Meanwhile, United needed penalties to overcome second-tier Coventry on Sunday after blowing a 3-0 lead to draw 3-3 through extra time. As well as the Cup, the winner will receive around USD 2.5 million.

BOXING |

## Winning Worlds in Olympic category was huge: Lovlina

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**NEW DELHI:** Lovlina Borgohain is aware that fierce competition awaits her at the Paris Olympics but the ace Indian boxer is quietly confident of snaring a second successive Games medal, having found considerable success in her new category, which is also closer to her natural body weight.

Following her bronze medal-winning feat at the Tokyo Olympics, Borgohain

endured a tumultuous period when she made early exits from the World Championships and Commonwealth Games. She eventually moved up to 75kg as her original 69kg category was scrapped from the Paris program.

Since then, the ace Indian boxer has claimed gold at the 2022 Asian Championship and the 2023 World Championships, along with a silver medal at the Asian Games last year. "My performance



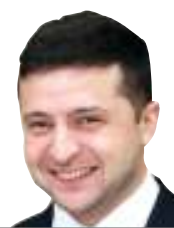
**The opponents (in 75kg) are strong but I fit well in this category. I am more comfortable in this category than 69kg because I can eat properly, so the energy level is high.**

Lovlina Borgohain  
Boxer

overall after changing the weight has been good. Winning the World Championship in the Olympic category was huge. I had to control weight before (for 69kg) but now I am set in this weight. I have participated in competitions and done well," Borgohain told PTI in an interview. One of the reasons for her good run in the higher weight class is that the Assam boxer, who weighs between 70kg to 75kg even out of competition.



# World



Russian strike on Kharkiv's TV tower is part of an intimidation campaign

Volodymyr Zelenskyy  
Ukrainian President

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## Human rights groups condemn UK plan to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda

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Britain's plans to send some asylum-seekers to Rwanda were swiftly condemned by international humanitarian organisations after Parliament

approved legislation allowing the deportation flights to begin later this year.

**LONDON:** Both the UN refugee agency and the Council of Europe on Tuesday called for the UK to rethink its plans

**HIGHLIGHT**

- The new legislation marks a further step away from the UK's long tradition of providing refuge to those in need, in breach of the Refugee Convention

because of concerns that the legislation undermines human rights protections and fears that it will damage international cooperation on tackling the global migrant crisis.

"The new legislation marks a further step away from the UK's long tradition of providing

refuge to those in need, in breach of the Refugee Convention," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said in a statement. "Protecting refugees requires all countries - not just those neighbouring crisis zones - to uphold their obligations."

## Outcome of election shows Maldivians want to preserve sovereignty & freedom: Muizzu

**Press Trust Of India**

**MALE:** The pro-China Maldivian president's statement came at a celebratory event on Monday, a day after the People's National Congress (PNC), led by him, won 68 out of 93 seats in Sunday's polls and its coalition partners Maldives National Party (MNP) and Maldives Development Alliance



(MDA) won one and two seats, respectively, taking the total to more than two-thirds in the People's Majlis. A majority in Parliament would mean that Muizzu's party has con-

trol not just over lawmaking but also over the legislature which ratifies the laws; which till now had two opposing coalitions and saw several instances of a conflict between the government and the legislature. The PNC's "super majority" in parliamentary elections is being seen as a strong endorsement of his pro-Beijing foreign policy.

## The UK pledges \$620 million in new military aid for Ukraine

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**WARSAW:** The UK on Tuesday pledged an additional \$620 million in new military supplies for Ukraine, including long-range missiles and four millions rounds of ammunition, at a time when Ukraine is struggling to hold off advancing Russian forces on the eastern front line of the war, now in its third year.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak spoke with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday morning to confirm the assistance and "assure him of the UK's steadfast support for Ukraine's defence against Russia's brutal and expansionist ambitions," Sunak's office said. Sunak was travelling to Warsaw later Tuesday to meet with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg for talks about further aid for Ukraine.

Ahead of the visit, the UK government said Sunak would announce 500 million pounds (\$620 million, 580 million euros) in new British military supplies, including 400 vehicles, 60 boats, 1,600 munitions and 4 million rounds of ammunition. The shipment will include British Storm Shadow long-range missiles, which have a range of some 150 miles and have proved effective at hitting Russian targets. "President Zelenskyy thanked the Prime Minister for the UK's continued support, saying the new military assistance would make a material difference to ordinary Ukrainians fighting on the front line to defend their country," Downing Street said.

## South Korean sentenced to 14 months

**SEOUL:** A South Korean man has been sentenced to 14 months in prison for killing 76 cats in one of the country's most gruesome cases of animal cruelty in recent years. The man, who is in his 20s, was convicted of violating South Korea's animal protection law last week, the Changwon District Court in southeastern South Korea said Tuesday. The court did not identify the man. The man went on a cat-killing spree between December 2022 and September 2023 due to a deep hatred of the animal that he began harbouring after other cats scratched his car, according to a court verdict seen.

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