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'Cong plotting to send Ram Lala to tent again'

His topmost priority would be giving priority to deprived people.

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GIRIDIH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the Congress, accusing it of indulging in "shameful" politics and plotting to send "Ram Lala to tent" again.

Alleging that the JMM, Congress and INDIA bloc have become the biggest model of corruption, appeasement and dynastic politics, Modi said he has resolved to free India from these vices. Addressing a public meeting at Jharkhand's Giridih, the prime minister said, "Shameful statements are being issued by Congress leaders over Ram temple. Their leaders are plotting to send Ram Lala to the tent once again, and talk against the Supreme Court judgement." The old idol of Ram Lala was kept in a tent-like structure after the Babri Masjid was demolished. They want to lock the premises again, he claimed and urged people to oust such "corrupt" forces. Modi said, "Congress forced the nation to Naxalism, whereas BJP contained Naxal violence in the country." He also promised that during his third term as the prime minister, he would wipe



PM Modi on his way to file nomination papers. | Photo: PTI

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HIGHLIGHT

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out "Naxalism and terrorism" from the face of the country.



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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Avoid tea, coffee before and after meals: ICMR study

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Medical experts also warned against excessive intake of tea and coffee due to potential health concerns.

NEW DELHI: The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has advised moderation in tea and coffee consumption, the two beloved beverages deeply woven into Indian culture. The medical body recently introduced 17 new dietary guidelines in partnership with the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), aiming to encourage healthier eating habits across India. These guidelines stress the significance of a varied diet and active lifestyle.

While recognising their cultural importance, the medical experts also warned against excessive intake of tea and coffee due to potential health concerns. ICMR researchers explained that tea and coffee "contain caffeine, which stimulates the central nervous system and

induces physiological dependence". The guidelines also shed light on the caffeine content of popular beverages, noting that a 150ml cup of brewed coffee contains 80 - 120 mg of caffeine, instant coffee has 50 - 65mg, and tea contains 30 - 65mg.

The ICMR advises a daily intake of just 300 mg of caffeine.

The medical body also advised avoiding tea or coffee for at least an hour before and after meals because they contain tannins, which can reduce iron absorption in the body. Tannins tie to iron in the stomach, making it harder for the body to absorb iron properly. This may lead to iron deficiency and health problems like anaemia. Excessive coffee consumption can also cause high blood pressure and cardiac irregularities, it said.

Drinking tea without milk, though, has various benefits such as improved blood circulation and a reduced risk of conditions like coronary artery disease and stomach cancer, the guidelines said.

NEWSLINE

CHHATTISGARH

Village Kopedih takes the initiative to get drug-free

Village Kopedih falling under Bhakhara police station, under the leadership of District President Kapil Deshalhare has geared up to be drug free and be a model village in future.



COMMENT

Indian Ocean heat predicts dengue outbreaks

Recent research reveals that abnormal sea surface temperature (SST) trends in the Indian Ocean could provide a significant early indicator for global dengue outbreaks. These SST fluctuations, known as "climate indicators," are crucial in forecasting disease trends.

NATION

Minor rape victim permitted to terminate pregnancy

The Bombay High Court on Monday permitted a 12-year-old rape survivor to terminate her pregnancy, noting that her welfare and safety was of paramount importance.

30 Naxalites surrender before forces in Bijapur

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76 Naxalites have so far quit violence in the district this year.

BIJAPUR: As many as 30 Naxalites, nine of them carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 39 lakh on their heads, surrendered before security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Tuesday, police said.

The Naxalites, among them six women, turned themselves in before senior officials of the police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), citing that they were disappointed with atrocities committed by Maoists on tribals and "hollow" Maoist ideology, the police stated in a release. The surrendered Naxalites were also impressed by



Surrendered Maoists were provided Rs 25,000 each. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● Surrendered Naxalites were also impressed by the police's rehabilitation policy.

the police's rehabilitation policy, it stated. Of the 30 surrendered cadres, Mitki Kakem alias Sarita (35), a member of military company no. 2 of Maoists, and Muri Muhnda alias Sukhmati (32), a member

of platoon no. 32, were carrying bounties of Rs 8 lakh each on their heads, the release said. Rajita Vetti (24), Deve Kovasi (24) and Ayt Sodhi (22), all platoon members, and Sinu, a member of battalion no. 1 of Maoists, carried a reward of Rs 5 lakh each on their heads, it said.

The others, Munna Hemla (35), Aytu Midiam (38) and Aytu Karam (50),

were active as heads of 'janatana sarkar' (people's government) groups of Maoists, and they carried rewards of Rs 1 lakh each, the release added.

These nine cadres were allegedly involved in multiple attacks on security personnel, it said. The surrendered Naxalites were provided Rs 25,000 each and will be rehabilitated as per the government's policy, it said.

'Frequent flyer' steals valuables from cabin bags

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He boarded 200 flights in 110 Days, stole jewellery worth lakhs from fliers.

NEW DELHI: He boarded 200 flights last year and travelled thousands of kilometres in the country for over 100 days to execute robberies at airports, stealing valuables from several passengers in 2023.

The Delhi Police busted the new style of theft when a woman travelling from Hyderabad to Delhi claimed last month that jewellery worth Rs 7 lakh was stolen from her handbag. The cops received another complaint from a man from the US reporting that valuables worth Rs 20 lakh were stolen from his cabin bag. The police scanned several hours of footage from airports and



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● Police scanned several hours of footage from airports and arrested the accused.

● Accused chose the elderly and women passengers as his targets.

arrested a man, Rajesh Kapoor.

Rajesh Kapoor was arrested from Delhi's Paharganj after cops scanned CCTV footage from Delhi, Hyderabad, and Amritsar airports. The accused told the cops how he executed the

crime for a year in one of the most highly secured areas in the country - airports - and managed to escape. Deputy Commissioner of Delhi Police, Usha Rangrani, said the man targeted passengers who took connecting flights. For example, the woman travelling from Hyderabad to Delhi in April had to board a connecting Air India flight to the US from the IGI Airport in Delhi. Similarly, the US resident, Vajinderjit Singh, was travelling to Frankfurt, Germany from Amritsar and had a connecting flight from Delhi. The senior cop said he chose the elderly and women passengers as his targets and used to observe their behaviour at the airport. He would follow them or slyly read the information on the baggage declaration slip to get more details about the valuables inside the bag.

SPORT

Praggnanandhaa, Humpy, Vaishali to lead Norway chess charge

Grandmasters R Praggnanandhaa, Koneru Humpy and Vaishali Rameshbabu will spearhead India's challenge in the prestigious Norway Chess, to be held here from May 27 to June 7.



NATURAL CALAMITIES

Disasters trigger half million internal displacements

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NEW DELHI: India experienced over half a million internal displacements due to floods, storms, earthquakes, and other disasters in 2023, a sharp dip from around 2.5 million displacements in



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26.4
● Disasters triggered 26.4 million displacements in 2023

2022, according to a global report released

on Tuesday. Deadly floods left behind a trail of destruction in the Himalayan states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand last year. The glacial lake outburst flood in Sikkim in October 2023 led to the collapse of a hydroelectric dam, killed more than

100 people, and affected more than 88,000.

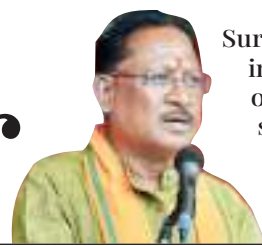
In Delhi, identified as a "flood displacement hotspot", the Yamuna River overflowed after heavy rains on July 9, 2023, prompting authorities to evacuate residents from their homes. The report by the

Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) said around 27,000 displacements in the national capital.

On July 9, Delhi recorded 153 mm of rainfall in just 24 hours, the highest single-day rainfall since July 25, 1982.

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Raipur



Surrender by 30 Naxalites in Bijapur is outcome of the CM's policy on surrender for them.

Vishnu Deo Sai
CM, Chhattisgarh

HUGE RUSH OF PASSENGERS FOR BOARDING TRAIN



Due to late arrival of trains and summer vacations, people are making all efforts to enter the bogie in one of trains here on Tuesday.

Hundred E-Buses to be introduced across 17 routes

Raipur Municipal Corporation has diligently selected the routes for e-bus operation, aiming to enhance connectivity and accessibility for residents

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RAIPUR: Raipur is gearing up to introduce a fleet of 100 electric buses (e-buses) across 17 designated routes, extending services to Bhilai-Durg and Naya Raipur. The initiative comes after receiving approval from the central government for the operation of e-buses, marking a significant step towards sustainable and eco-friendly public transportation.

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A tender has been issued by the central government for the purchase of buses, operation operators, and payment mechanisms. As preparations progress, efforts are underway to estab-

HIGHLIGHT

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- Efforts are underway to establish necessary infrastructure, including the construction of bus depots.

lish necessary infrastructure, including the construction of bus depots. Proposals for the construction of bus depots at Amanaka and Pandari have been submitted to the central government by the Municipal Corporation.

Upon inspection by central teams, the proposals have been tailored to meet prescribed parameters, seeking permission for the establish-

ment of a 40-bus depot at Pandari Bus Stand and a 60-bus depot at Amanaka Bus Depot. These depots will facilitate the charging and maintenance of e-buses, ensuring efficient operations. Responsibility for the operation and maintenance of e-buses will be vested with the Raipur Municipal Corporation, underscoring the commitment to ensure seamless services for commuters.

Leaders of Chhattisgarh mourn the passing of Sushil Modi

RAIPUR: The political fraternity of Chhattisgarh is mourning the loss of former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and veteran BJP leader, Sushil Modi, who passed away on Monday. Senior BJP leaders from the state have expressed their heartfelt condolences and paid tribute to the departed leader. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai conveyed his condolences, expressing sadness over the demise of Sushil Kumar Modi. He remarked that Sushil Modi's passing is a loss not only for the BJP family but also for the entire nation. Chief Minister Sai offered prayers for peace to the departed soul and strength to the grieving family during this difficult time. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma echoed similar sentiments, describing Sushil Modi's demise as a significant loss to the political landscape of the country.

Lord Parshuram's birth anniversary celebrated

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A Maha Aarti, Bhajan, and food prasad program illuminated the festivities, adorned with the glow of 1100 lamps.

RAIPUR: The birth anniversary of Lord Parshuram, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu Narayan, was commemorated with grandeur and reverence at the Amba Devi Temple Complex, Sattibazar.

A Maha Aarti, Bhajan, and food prasad program illuminated the festivities, adorned with the glow of 1100 lamps, organized by the World Brahmin Federation and Sarva Yuva Brahmin Parishad.

State President Arvind Ojha and program coordinator Nitin Kumar Jha presided over the event, highlighting



Birth anniversary of Lord Parshuram celebrated at Amba Devi Temple Complex, Sattibazar.

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- Guests at Amba Devi temple complex to celebrate Lord Parshuram's birth anniversary

the significance of Lord Parshuram's virtues of bravery, loyalty, and devotion to his parents and Guru. Under the guidance of Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunderdas and Brahmachari Dr. Indubhavanand Maharaj, the Maha Aarti of Lord Parshuram was conducted with fervor. Distinguished guests, including prominent members of the

Vipra Samaj such as Mrs. Anita Sharma (former MLA), Gyanesh Sharma (MIC member), and Mrs. Deepti Pramod Dubey - senior social worker graced the occasion with their presence.

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WATER SHUTDOWN

10-hour water shutdown in Raipur from today evening

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RAIPUR: Residents of Raipur are set to face a 10-hour water shutdown on the evening of May 15. The Municipal Corporation has announced that water supply will be halted from six tanks across the city due to essential maintenance work. The maintenance

work involves the inter-connection of the raw water pipeline between the old 47.5 MLD capacity filter plant located at Bhathagaon and the new 80 MLD raw water pipeline. Consequently, water supply will be suspended on the evening of May 15, with services expected to resume the following morning. The shutdown is expected to impact

Efforts would be made to complete the maintenance work promptly and deploy water tankers.

Satnam Singh Panag

Head, Municipal Corporation, Water Department



several areas, including Byron Bazaar old tank,

Byron Bazaar new water tank, Devendra Nagar new and old water tank, Sanjay Nagar, and the tank located at the Mayor's residence.

Satnam Singh Panag, Chairman of the Municipal Corporation Water Department, assured residents that efforts would be made to complete the maintenance work promptly.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

EDUCATION

35 students of NH Goel World School score more than 90% marks in CBSE Class XII Board exams

RAIPUR: The NH Goel World School once again upheld the tradition of yielding 100 percent for the 12th consecutive year.

Out of 125 students who appeared in AISSE, 35 students scored more than 90% while 86 students scored between 80 and 90%. The school toppers were Augustya Agrawal and Devansh Padia with 98% followed by Eashna Patodi 97.2%, Pranamya Shivhare 96.8% and Navya Paliwal 96.2%.

The result of AISSE was equally encouraging. 150 students appeared in the exam and 35 scored above 90% while 86 were within the range of 80 to 90%.

From the Commerce stream the highest percentage was secured by Krishna Agrawal with 98% while



Archit Agrawal scored 96% and Lakshya Somani and Soumya Agrawal stood third with 95.75%.

The toppers of Humanities stream were Manasvi Bhatia 97%, Karishma Agrawal 96.75% and Purvi Chawla and Richa Sachdev 95.5%.

The highest scorers from the Science stream were Kaveri Patle 96%, Bhumika Singh 95.75% and Drishti Bhansali 92.75%. Seventeen students scored a perfect hundred in subjects like Accountancy, Financial Management, Psychology, Applied Arts, Sculpture and Mass Media.

Remarkable success

RIS celebrates remarkable success in 10th and 12th Board Exams



RAIPUR: In the 10th board examinations, all students of Ryan International School Raipur achieved a phenomenal 100% pass rate, showcasing the dedication and hard work of both the students and the faculty. In Class X Arya Shrivastav and Raj Chandrakar topped the school with 96.2%. Furthermore, in the 12th board examinations, the students of Ryan International School Raipur have once again proven their mettle by excelling in various subjects. In Class XII Amrita Dash (Science Stream) topped with 95.4% while Anshia Gowami (Commerce Stream) topped with 94.2%.

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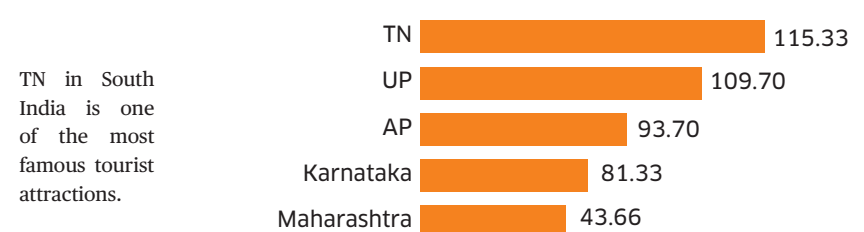
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Ryan International School Raipur remains committed to nurturing young minds, fostering a culture of excellence, and empowering students to realize their full potential in academic and extracurricular pursuits. Chairman Dr. A. F. Pinto and MD Dr. Grace Pinto congratulated all the students for their outstanding achievements in board examinations.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP FIVE STATES /UTS WITH DOMESTIC TOURIST VISITORS (IN MILLIONS)



TN in South India is one of the most famous tourist attractions.

Source: Agencies

EXCELLENT RESULTS

G.D. Goenka Raipur's Ananya Joshi (Grade X) triumphs with 95.40%

RAIPUR: In a remarkable display of academic prowess, G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur (C.G.), emerges triumphant as the Grade X and XII board results were declared. Leading this parade of excellence for Grade X is Ananya Joshi who scored 95.40% in total. With his exemplary performance in Math and French, Sparsh Parakh scored overall 91.40%, exemplifying the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

The school witnessed Grade XII students coming through, Manthan Makhijia soaring as the school topper scoring 90%, followed by his peers on a similar path.



Daljeet Singh, the Principal of G.D. Goenka International School, Raipur (C.G.), and Management congratulated the students and took this as one of the keystones in their future leadership. With almost 40% of the students scoring 80% and above, GDGIS Raipur (C.G.) pats the back of every student who took the CBSE Board Examinations this year.

The GDG Group students shine nationwide excelling and leading in their academic pursuits.

Raipur News

Drug supplier gang busted in Raipur, four arrested

Police caught drug peddlers from Hotel Shamrock and Marriage Palace.

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RAIPUR: Raipur police have taken a major action against the drug supply chain under the "Nijaat" campaign and arrested four persons including a woman with cocaine and MDMA. In a joint action, ACCU (Anti Crime and Cyber Unit) and Khamhardih police station first raided a room of Dhotre Marriage Palace and arrested Kusum Hinduja and Chirag Sharma. After interrogating both of them, the police raided Shamrock Hotel and also arrested Ayush Agrawal and Mahesh Singh.

Police have registered a case against arrested persons under the Narcotics Act at Khamhardih police station besides recovering 2100 mg of MDMA and 6600 mg of cocaine in 17 small zip packets from their possession. Market price of the recovered MDMA and cocaine is said to be more than Rs 45 lakh. Apart from this, electronic scales and mobile phone and Audi CAR have also been seized from the spot.

On Tuesday, Raipur Crime Additional SP Sandeep Mittal, while exposing the matter, said that information was received about the sup-



Police officers briefing media over arrest of persons with MDMA and cocaine.

pliers. On this Anti Crime and Cyber Unit and Police Station Incharge Khamhardih were directed to arrest drug peddlers red handed with banned drugs. On this raid was carried out in a room of Dhotre Marriage Garden. Meanwhile two people including girl Kusum Hinduja and a young man Chirag Sharma were found. When the team members conducted search they found banned drug cocaine and an electronic scale in a small zip polythene.

Peddlers named after characters of web-series "Money Heist"

Inspired by Netflix's web-series "Money Heist", all arrested persons named themselves after the characters of the series in order to hide their identity and escape from the police. They addressed each other by these names. In the series, the name of the main kingpin is Professor, due to which the kingpin in the case, Ayush Agrawal,

HIGHLIGHT

● Chirag and a woman among those arrested with cocaine and MDMA used to do drug peddling.

● Mahesh Singh used to supply MDMA and cocaine from Delhi to Raipur.

was called Professor. Ayush was staying in Hotel Shamrock. He booked hotel room using someone else's ID. The WhatsApp group was also named Professor. Now police are investigating how many people are involved in that group. Kingpin Ayush Agrawal is a resident of Samta Colony whereas Kusum Hinduja is resident of Avanti Vihar.

CU shines on the Int'l academic map: Prof. Chakrawal

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Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya has secured a place in the 401-500 band in the Times Higher Education World Young University Rankings, showcasing brilliance.

BILASPUR: The esteemed Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, has been instrumental in guiding the university with strong, visionary, and popular leadership, and the relentless efforts made in the past three years along with continuous positivity are yielding success. This is the first occasion where Guru Ghasidas Central Vishwavidyalaya has participated in the Times Higher Education World Young University Rankings. The world-renowned magazine from the United Kingdom, Times Higher Education, publishes the ranking of newly emerging higher education institutions globally every year. Earlier, on April 25, 2024, GGV was awarded the A++ ranking by NAAC.

Expressing joy at securing a place in the world rankings, Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal expressed thanks to the teachers, researchers, students, officials, and staff for their support

and untiring efforts. He said that the university is constantly advancing according to international standards in the fields of research and innovation. He stressed that after receiving the NAAC A++ ranking, a new energy has been infused into the university, which is clearly reflected in this international ranking.

Professor Chakrawal further said that the National Education Policy 2020 inspires

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higher education institutions to provide education in accordance with India's glorious and illustrious knowledge tradition along with internationalization and scientific spirit to meet global needs. Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya is committed to preparing students according to international standards.

NEWSLINE

ILLEGAL TICKET SELLING

RPF arrests nine touts



RAIPUR: To curb illegal selling of railway tickets, the Railway Police Force (RPF) has launched a crackdown and arrested nine touts in Bilaspur division. A case has been registered against touts under Section 143 of the Railway Act. According to sources, tickets worth Rs 8.84 lakh have been seized from touts. During the drive, the RPF personnel conducted regular inspections at railway stations in entire SECR Zone, reservation counters and online content to detect and apprehend unauthorised ticket booking agents. Korba RPF found that railway ticket racketeering was being done at the Unique Online and Choice Center located at Jalgaon Chowk. This came to light when the RPF team raided the establishment.

MAHADEV APP CASE

Hearing of Arjun and Amit in special court

RAIPUR: ACB/EOW produced dismissed constables Arjun Singh Yadav and Amit Agrawal before the special court in the much talked about Mahadev online betting app case of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. Arjun Singh and Amit Agrawal were produced in court after end of their 14-day judicial remand. Court took a decision in favor of EOW in case. The special court has again extended police remand of dismissed constable Arjun Yadav by 9 days i.e. till May 23 and handed him over to EOW on remand. Suspended ASI Chandrabhusan Verma, Satish Chandrakar, Sunil Dammani, Bhim Singh Yadav, Rahul Vakte and Ritesh Yadav along with Amit Agrawal were also produced in special court.

RESIGNED

Sharma resigns from post of Dist Panchayat member



KAWARDHA: Deputy Chief Minister, Home, Jail and Panchayat Minister Vijay Sharma reached District Panchayat Kabirdham today and submitted his resignation from the post of District Panchayat member. Before contesting the assembly elections, Vijay Sharma was a member and chairman of area number 9 of District Panchayat Kabirdham.

After becoming Kawardha MLA, Sharma was made the Deputy Chief Minister, Home, Jail and Panchayat Minister of Chhattisgarh state, hence he tendered his resignation from the District Panchayat membership today.

Encroachment be stopped at initial stage itself: Collector

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Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh today held a joint meeting of revenue staff and Municipal Corporation Zone Commissioners in Collectorate and gave instructions regarding stopping illegal plotting.

RAIPUR: Under the Municipal Corporation Act and Panchayati Raj Act, the concerned Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Municipal Council and the concerned Chief Municipal Officer in Nagar Panchayat and rural areas Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) in the Municipal Corporation area are competent authorities to prevent illegal colony development construction and illegal plotting, the Collector said.

They have to prevent attempts of selling of plots in pieces.

In case of such attempts a case should be registered and notice should be given to the concerned person or organization.

He also stressed the need for visiting the spot and conduct site panchama and taking photographs regarding illegal construction. Patwari report should also be taken, he said.

He said that every employee and officer of Revenue and Corporation should keep an eye on the concerned areas.

Wherever encroachment or illegal plotting is seen, it should be stopped at the initial stage itself, he said. Dr Singh said that the pending cases should be resolved on time. He instructed to complete the digital updation work of Kisan Kitab, Khasra, Rakba, Kisan.

Three bookies arrested for betting in IPL

SURGUJA: Surguja Police have achieved success in arresting three bookies who had placed bets worth lakhs of crores in the IPL cricket match.

The police have seized mobile phones, check books, passbooks, ATM cards and cash from the possession of bookies and sent the accused to jail.

This case is related to Kotwali area of Ambikapur, where Surguja Police are busting gangs involved in criminal activities under Operation Vishwas.

Meanwhile, the Kotwali police received information from an informer that three youths of the city were doing online betting on T20 matches by sending SkyExchange links to known people in the IPL match.

On this information, Kotwali police took immediate action and interrogated all three.

Awareness created on segregating wet, dry waste

| AWARENESS |

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People in Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) are being made aware of segregation of wet and dry waste before handing it over to sanitation workers for disposal.

RAIPUR: The awareness is being conducted under 'Swachh Survekshan' drive being run on the order of Raipur District Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh and as per the instructions of Abinash Mishra, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Raipur.

On the initiative of the Municipal Corporation, various voluntary organizations are coming forward and spontaneously joining Swachh Survekshan Abhiyan to make citizens and women aware



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● Voluntary organizations are coming forward and spontaneously joining Swachh Survekshan Abhiyan to make citizens and women aware of dry and wet waste segregation.

of dry and wet waste segregation by going door-

to-door. Members of voluntary organizations are asking people to keep the wet and dry waste in separate dustbins and giving it to the Corporation's 'Safai Mitra' (sanitation worker). Ms Jyoti Gupta, Neeta Bhandarkar, Mamta Agrawal, Geeta Sharda Agrawal and other social worker women of the Indian Yoga Institute Group

spontaneously came forward and went door to door under the 'Swachh Survekshan Abhiyan' in Avanti Vihar area of Maharishi Valmiki Ward under Municipal Corporation Zone 9 on Tuesday. Women along with team of Municipal Corporation Zone 9 and volunteers of Gayatri Parivar did 'Shramdaan' to clean Avanti Vihar Pond.

WORKSHOP |

Workshop on future water management in Municipal Corporation

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RAIPUR: A workshop was held in the presence of Geo Hydrologists to discuss about proper water management in future at Mahatma Gandhi Sadan, the headquarters building of Municipal Corporation Raipur.

Municipal Corporation Raipur Commissioner Abinash Mishra, who participated in the workshop, said that everyone will have to understand

the value of water. Everyone should take a pledge to conserve every drop of water and do continuous public awareness work for this work, he said.

The Municipal Commissioner also stressed the need for carrying out rain water harvesting at as many places as possible before the onset of monsoon so that water can be managed properly.

Geo Hydrologists Vipin Dubey and VK Panigrahi



of Raipur District Water Management Committee and more than 15 geo-hydrologists participated in the workshop. They gave information regarding the system of rain water harvesting.

As per the instructions of the Municipal Commissioner, Geo Hydrologists will soon start the survey of rain water harvesting work in the Municipal Corporation area. Information regarding rain water harvesting was



Everyone should understand value of water and take a pledge to continuously create public awareness to save every drop of water.

Abinash Mishra
Municipal Commissioner

provided by the Municipal Corporation to the subject experts for water management work.

The work of ground water recharging is being done by the Municipal Corporation in the Indira Smriti Forest area in Daldal Seoni. Geo Hydrologists have been empaneled in all the zones to conduct survey and collect information about the actual situation for rain water harvesting work at the site.



"Follow good habits
21-day challenge getting
good response"

Satish Thakur
DSP

Stress-free lifestyle by attaining powers from the Supreme Being



Sri Sri Darshan Spiritual Museum equipped with more than 400 newly made beautiful inspirational artefacts was inaugurated in PBIV Rajyog Bhavan Sector 7.

Summer sports training camp begins today

This 21-day sports training is being organised from May 15 to June 04 by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department

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BHILAI: Under the guidance of Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, a 21-day sports training is being organized from May 15 to June 04 by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. This training will be completely free of cost. Boys and girls of sub-junior and junior category from rural and urban areas can participate in the camp. Free

sports material will be made available through the department for training. Training camps will be organized every day from 5.30 am to 7.30 am at various training venues. In view of the weather, the training time has been fixed as per the convenience of the children. Training camps will be organized in various sports and grounds in the district. Assistant Director (Sports and Youth Welfare

HIGHLIGHT

● Boys and girls of sub-junior and junior category from rural and urban areas can participate in the camp.

● Free sports material will be made available through the department for training.

Department) informed that volleyball training

will be provided by BN Soni in Hospital Sector Bhilai; by Parivar Thakur and Anurag Taram in Bajrangpara Kohka and by Yogesh Thakur in Pahanda. Hockey training will be given by Ansari Ali in Durg near Samridhhi Bazar; Altaf in Government Higher Secondary School, Kurud. Kho Kho camp will be organised by Dilip Ingle, Deepak Nirmalkar and Rajendra Kumar Sahu at National

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PM Modi Files his Nomination



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CANDID TALK

No rift, ruling Cong is united in Karnataka, asserts CM Siddaramaiah

MYSURU: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday denied any internal rift within the ruling Congress in the state, and asserted that the party was united. “Where is the rift within us? Is there a fight among us? They (BJP) saying it is different, they say it for politics...where is the internal rift?” Siddaramaiah asked reporters, responding to a question on state BJP leaders’ statements that the Congress government will fall because of its internal rifts. He said, “There is no internal rift among us. If there was internal rift, could we have done (faced) Parliament elections unitedly? There is no rift, neither inside, nor outside.” Reacting to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde’s reported statements, the CM said, “They (BJP leaders) have been making such claims for a year now, but failed.” **PTI**

ABDUCTION OF A WOMAN

JD(S) MLA H D Revanna released from prison in kidnapping case



BENGALURU: JD(S) MLA and former minister H D Revanna was released from the Central Jail at Parappana Agrahara at Anekal town on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Tuesday. A Special Court for Elected Representatives on Monday granted bail to him in connection with a kidnap case. The 66-year-old former minister, son of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, was arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in an alleged case of abduction of a woman. **PTI**

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Karnataka, he said, “I feel that his (Shinde) own government will be in trouble as things may reverse there.” He said despite the claims of the BJP and is allies the election is very much in favour of INDIA alliance and when the result will people will be surprised to see the drastic change. He stated that even in north the wave of change is quite evident and only BJP leaders are not realising it. He hoped that Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi will make their party come back in this election.

KANGANA HOPES

I wish to file nomination from Choti Kashi in future as well: BJP candidate



SHIMLA: Actor Kangana Ranaut on Tuesday filed her nomination from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat as a BJP candidate and hoped she would keep getting the opportunity to file nominations from the constituency in the future as well. “I hope this is not the first and last time for me and I get more opportunities to file nominations from Choti Kashi (Mandi) in the future as well,” Ranaut told PTI. The Leader of Opposition in Himachal Pradesh Assembly Jai Ram Thakur and state BJP chief Rajiv Bindal accompa-

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Ruckus in MCD House over Swati Maliwal’s assault allegation

NEW DELHI: A ruckus erupted in the MCD House here on Tuesday over the allegations of Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal that she was assaulted by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal’s PA, Bibhav on his instructions. BJP and Congress councillors stormed into the well of the House as soon as the proceedings began and started raising slogans against Kejriwal and demanding his resignation over the incident. They raised slogans such as “Kejriwal haye haye” and “Kejriwal istifa do”. The opposition councillors also stood at the mayor’s podium carrying posters with “Dalit Mayor Ko kursi par baithao, Dalit virodhi Kejriwal istifa do” slogans written on them. Amid the ruckus, the mayor adjourned the House and left the meeting.

SP’s red caps boost Cong in Amethi & Rae Bareli

Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav has instructed his party workers to campaign for the alliance partner Congress candidates, as if “your own party is in the fray” and the ample presence of red caps at Amethi and Rae Bareli rallies shows the dictum is working.

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Priyanka Gandhi in a public meeting in Rae Bareli. PTI

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● Since the INDIA bloc had been holding meetings there was growing coordination among the workers and leaders of both parties,” SP’s Rae Bareli district chief Virendra Yadav said. red caps at Amethi and Rae Bareli rallies shows

constituencies. As Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra drives a high-octane campaign in Amethi and Rae Bareli addressing back-to-back corner meetings and rallies, a constant feature in her public programmes is the presence of the SP’s red cap-clad cadre. Many leaders blamed the hurriedness of the 2017 alliance for not being able to reach the grassroots and the tie-up remaining on paper but SP and Congress workers here say that it is different this time. “If you would recall the alliance in 2017 was reached at the last minute and it could not penetrate down the organisation.

REMARKS ON HP CM SUKHU |

If a film is bad people leave midway

Union Minister Anurag Thakur joined the filing of nomination of BJP candidate Sudhir Sharma from the Dharamshala assembly seat.

DHARAMSHALA: BJP leader Anurag Thakur on Tuesday, in an apparent response to Chief Minister

Sukhvinder Sukhu, who said he will complete his term and go for another, said “sometimes, a film fails so bad that the viewers leave it before interval.” The Union Information and Broadcasting Minister made the remark while speaking to reporters after the filing of nomination of BJP candidate Sudhir Sharma from the Dharamshala assembly

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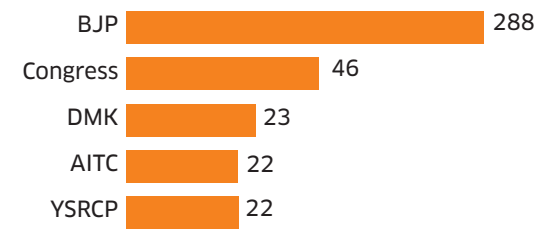


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Polling for the four Lok Sabha seats and bypolls for six assembly seats will be held on June 1 in Himachal Pradesh. “I still remember when Sharma contested his first election, BJP leader Prem Kumar Dhumal wanted him to be in the BJP and today we are strengthened as he has joined the party. The BJP workers will ensure his victory,” Thakur told reporters.

The Day’s NUMBERS

PARTY-WISE CANDIDATES IN EXISTING LOKSABHA



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CHINA MADE UAV

Polls: 49 drones recovered along India-Pak border since MCC enforcement

NEW DELHI: Forty-nine drones have been either shot down or recovered from along the India-Pakistan international border by the BSF in the 60 days of the Model Code of Conduct being in force for the ongoing general election in the country, latest data show. Separately, the total recovery of these largely Chinese-made unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), originating from Pakistan and entering India’s Punjab territory and a few in Rajasthan, has seen an about 13 times rise since 2022 in the January-May period. The MCC, or the Model Code of Conduct, came into force on March 16, the day the Election Commission held a press conference here to announce a seven-phase election in the country. The dataset, prepared by the Border Security Force (BSF), the unit that guards the 2,289 km India-Pakistan international border, and analysed by PTI, shows that a total of 49 drones, or UAVs, were either shot down or recovered by the security agencies. **PTI**

POLLS IN PUNJAB

Congress leader Manish Tewari files nomination from Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Congress candidate from the Chandigarh parliamentary constituency Manish Tewari on Tuesday filed his nomination papers. He was accompanied by the party’s Chandigarh unit president HS Lucky and other leaders. Tewari is pitted against BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon from the lone Lok Sabha seat in the Union Territory. “Filed my nomination papers from Chandigarh. I seek your blessings and support in this fight to save our democracy and bring prosperity to our City Beautiful,” said the former Union minister in a post on X. **PTI**

Cong has been raising questions on surgical strike and the forces in Bastar wants to take it towards path of peace.

Arun Sao
Dy. CM- Chhattisgarh



Chhattisgarh

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRIME

Two nabbed for misbehaving with a minor girl

ARANG: The accused reportedly misbehaving with a minor girl in Gram Kagdehi has been nabbed by the police. TI Arang SS Shyam informed that the victim had filed a written complaint that while she was purchasing vegetables in Kagdehi, the accused boy Umesh Kosale pushed him from the back and then tried to misbehave with her catching her hand. When her known uncle Jagdish Sahu asked him not to do so, then he started scolding and using fists and legs and later hit him with a wooden stick on her head and her uncle started profusing with blood. After this both the accused brothers left from the place. It was on written complaint by the victimized minor girl that the accused was nabbed from Kagdehi and this included Umesh Kosale and his brother Prakash Kosale and when interrogated, both accepted their crime.

RESULT

Anvesha Tiwari secures 2nd place in Class 10th

BIRKONI: Anvesha Tiwari, D/o Nayab Subedar Keshav Tiwari, working in Defence, has secured 95.8% marks and got second place in her School viz. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Raipur - DD Nagar in CBSE Class 10th Board results 2023-24. She has passed on the credit of her success to her teachers and parents and to the Principal of School Sujeet Saxena. It is notable here that Anvesha Tiwari is a talented student since beginning and for this achievement of her's, the villagers and the public representatives have expressed happiness.



The wastes from city in dry and wet form is mixed and the Swachhata workers are forced to segregate it in hot open sun.

Swachhata workers forced to sort garbage amidst heat

As the noon hours of the day are scorching hot, the sanitation workers many of them whom are woman are forced to sort the garbage in the middle of the day.

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KHAIRAGARH: Amidst the ups and downs of climate change in the district, in the scorching heat of the month of May, the sanitation workers of the region are forced to struggle hard for their livelihood. As the noon hours of the day are scorching hot, the sanitation workers many of them whom are woman are forced to sort the garbage in the middle of the day, before layoff of the debris, in Manikanchan centre of Dharampura and Tikrapara of the city. In these circumstances, the problems of the sanitation workers have increased due to rising

temperatures and heat and humidity. The situation is such that hundreds of kilograms of garbage are reaching Manikanchan centres in a single day and the responsibility of cleaning it rests only on the didis (woman sanitation workers) doing cleaning work.

Due to the heat, the life of sanitation workers has become difficult these days, as after collecting garbage in the morning, they are finding the compulsion to sort the garbage in the afternoon painful, but till now they have not been able to get any relief from the government and administration to save them from the heat.

HIGHLIGHT

● The problems of the sanitation workers have increased due to rising temperatures.

● Due to the heat, schools and colleges are closed and even the courts are closed, but there is no respite for the sanitation workers.

Due to the heat, schools and colleges are closed, there is silence in government offices, and even the courts are closed, but there is no respite for the sanitation workers from the heat. Let it be known that due to the abundance

of work, these sanitation workers are working from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Swachhata Didis, who are working with great effort and difficulties, said that a demand has been made for a cooler at the Manikanchan center in Dharampura and a tin shed for shade at the Tikrapara centre, but these demands are still unfulfilled.

Earlier, demands were also made to higher officials and SUDA officers of the urban body, but they still have to look into the matter. The workers of a total number of 49 employees are though deployed to collect city garbage, but 5 are work-

ing for leaders and officers despite their unwillingness to do so. But the most surprising fact is the non support of the public and public representatives, as people litter around shops and homes and after marriage and auspicious programs, there is a lot of garbage in different parts of the city.

On the other hand, many landlords and shopkeepers have not paid their monthly wages to the cleaning workers, because according to the rules, house and shop operators have to separate wet and dry waste and hand it over to the cleaning team of the municipality.

FELICITATION

Hard work is needed to realize dreams: Collector Langeh



KOREA: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education had recently declared the results of class 10th and 12th board exams and many students were felicitated by the administration for their hard work.

In the same series, Sidhant Singh, a student of class 10th of Adarsh Saraswati Higher Secondary School, Baikunthpur, Ashutosh, a student of Class 12th of Shakuntala Saraswati Higher Secondary School, Baikunthpur, Tej Pratap Rajwade, student of Baikunthpur School met Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, who felicitated them.

Student Siddhant told that he will study further by taking Mathematics subject and his aim is to go to IIT, similarly, Ashutosh told that he wants to make a career in the medical field and Tej Pratap Rajwade will try to make a career in NDA.

On this occasion, Collector Mr. Langeh wished these students a bright future and said that passion and hard work is needed to realize the dreams. On this occasion, Additional Collector Arun Kumar Markam, principals of schools and parents of these students were also present.

Incidents of attacks with knife on the rise

KHARORA: The incidents of attack by knife are on the rise in city and it seems the incident of anti-socials moving around with knife in their hand has become common and this is leading to fear among common men. The attack by knife on different persons is on the rise in city and if few days back incidents are taken into account, then many a dozen such attack with knife has taken place in city. There is another story behind it and that is now even minor youth are carrying knife in their hands and it is amidst minor controversy, they threaten with knife and at times even attack the person coming in rage. Majority of the youth are carrying some or the other weapon these days and knife is the most common of all.

TOURIST ATTRACTION

Officials of Tourism Dept inspect Mandeep Khol Cave

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The joint team conducted a detailed self-inspection of the cave and surrounding sites.

KHAIRAGARH: Keeping in view the prospectus of developing Mandeep Khol Cave into a centre of tourist attraction, under the direction of District Collector Chandrakant Verma, officials of Tourism and District Administration, inspected the site of the cave. The joint team conducted a detailed self-inspection of the cave and surrounding sites and the team said that action will be taken towards increasing tourism in the district while preserving the envi-



Tourists are visiting the Khol cave on its opening last Monday.

FACTFILE

● More than 15 thousand tourists have visited the mysterious Mandeep Khol Cave

ronment so that the coming tourists can become conscious and aware of the environment. It is

noteworthy that on Monday, there has been a huge crowd of devotees to visit the Mandeep Khol Cave, where amidst the tight security arrangements of the administration, more than 15 thousand tourists have visited the mysterious Mandeep Khol Cave, while the visitors have also visited the caves

established inside the cave. Keeping in mind the presence of religious sentiments of the people the government had handed over the responsibility for the darshan arrangements to the Police Department, Forest Department, Medical Department, Public Works Department and other departments.

MODEL VILLAGE

Village Kopedih takes the initiative to get drug-free

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ANWARI: Village Kopedih falling under Bhakhara police station, under the leadership of District President Kapil Deshalhare has geared up to be drug free and be a model village in future.

In the first meeting held in the village Kopedih, in his address

Kapil Deshalre said that Satnami society should become drug free and the society should be moving towards building a society, which is free of all narcotic addiction and trespassers of this rule will be assured of disciplinary action.

It is noteworthy that the people of village Kopedih have been in

Youths of the village have also happily accepted the initiative of drug prohibition.

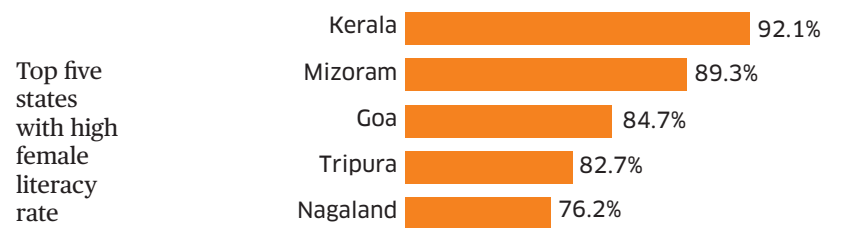
Kapil Deshalhare
District President
Satnami Samaj



the grip of drug addiction for the past many years, due to which the future of the coming generations is bleak, for which the District President is making an effort to free the people of Satnami community from the quagmire of drug addiction by running a de-addiction campaign for the bright future of the future generations.

The Day's NUMBERS

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE STATES WITH HIGH FEMALE LITERACY RATES?



Sources-Agency

SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer swimming training camp from May 15 to June 4

BIJAPUR: With a view to bring awareness about swimming sport among the talented people of Bijapur district and to make good use of the summer time among the students, summer swimming training will be organized by the district administration this summer for the general public who are interested in swimming. The camp has been organized from May 15 to June 4 at Bijapur Swimming Bridge located in the Bansagar complex of the district headquarters, in which training on various steps of swimming will be provided by trainers. Interested trainees can register in the prescribed format along with the rules and conditions and for registration for training, Miss Deepti Verma (Mob. No. 9131583717), Sandeep Kumar (Mob. No. 6266045841), Bijapur Sports Academy can be contacted. The amount for adult training is Rs 2000/- and Rs 1500/- for minor members, which will be payable along with registration.

EXAM RESULTS

Shekh Mohammed Sibtain Raza tops in JNV Rajim Class 10th



RAJIM: Shekh Mohammed Sibtain Raza of Class 10th from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Rajim secured 471 marks and came first; Samir Thakur secured 444 marks and came second and Megha Hirwai with 443 marks came third in the CGBSE Class 10th Board exam results. All the above three students have been talented since beginning and they take part in all the activities organised in the School. The Principal of School Mahendra Ram and all other teaching staff have extended greetings to all three and other passed students.

Collector felicitates top scorers of class 10th and 12th

Receiving a tablet from the collector himself and his praiseworthy remarks left students enthused.

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KORBA: With the declaration of CGBSE results a few days back, Shubh Agrawal, Gamini Kumari and Kritika Kumari were full of joy and happiness. On meeting these three talented students from the district, Collector Ajit Vasant gave them a pat on their back and offered sweets and a tablet to boost their morale and wished them all the best to move ahead. On getting a tablet as a gift from the Collector and the honour on his behalf, left the students enthused. The students said that this tablet will come in handy in moving ahead in the field of education. On this occasion, Collector said that in order to achieve any target, one has to work hard and during this, many challenges will come and one must not worry about it and face it head-on and not to take rest till one has achieved one's goals.

On declaration of CGBSE results for High School and Higher Secondary School 2024, the students who came in the merit list and secured first place in Korba district were felicitated by Collector Ajit Vasant, CEO District Panchayat Sambit Mishra and Municipal Commissioner Pratishta Mangai. Gamini Kumar Kanwar securing 5th place in Class



Topper students of Korba district after felicitation by Collector Ajit Vasant.

10th in the state with 98% marks and Kritika Kumar Kanwar securing 10th place in the state with 96% marks and was second in the district and Shubh Agrawal securing 5th place in state and was first in the district were presented with a tablet, pen and books. They were motivated for getting higher educational qualification and greetings were extended to them by offering them sweets. Collector Vasant on this occasion said that students should become more aware towards education.

Future doctors: Kritika and Gamini set their sights on medicine

The students securing a berth in the state's merit list for High School and Higher Secondary School exam 2024 on their meeting with Collector Ajit Vasant shared their study plans and their future goals. Here Collector also gave them guidance related to career. During this, the talented students Gamini Kumari Kanwar and Kritika Kumari Kan-

HIGHLIGHT

Collector said that in order to achieve any target, one has to work hard.

Collector asked all three students to prepare their level best for the competitive exams

war securing 5th and 10th place in Class 10th said that they want to become doctors. Securing 5th place in merit list in the state in Class 12th, Shubh Agrawal informed that he wants to become a chartered accountant.

Collector on this occasion informed the students about the institution which offer guidance and tuition for surging ahead.

Unfinished fairground threatens smooth conduct of 2025 Kumbh

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Apart from the electrical sub-station and three bathing ghats, no other work is in progress in the grounds.

RAJIM: There is talk of organizing the country's famous annual Rajim Kumbh Mela in a new fair ground for the last 6 years. However, the Chhattisgarh government has done this by labeling the reserved land. The roads have been made in the fields for about a kilometer by adding gravel and mud. Under the Chief Minister Electricity Infrastructure, sub-centre 33/11 has been constructed by the Electricity Department. Three ghats have been built in the river. The first puja ghat, the second royal bathing ghat and the third common devotee's ghat have taken a concrete form. There is still much work to be done. However, interest has dwindled and the task is still not finished. Still, many constructional activities are yet to be done in the fair ground. It's important to take this seriously. An entire summer has passed like this. Now only one month is left before the monsoon starts. After that, the rain will be the main excuse for not completing the construction work. Very soon,

2025 will come round the corner, and how will the constructional activities would be completed remains a puzzle. According to the information, a wide road would be built from Chaubebandha Tiraha Atal Chowk to Rajim Parswani Chaubebandha bridge. There will be pathways on both sides of the road. A wide road has to be built along the banks of the river. This road will be built directly from Rajim

FASTFACTS

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Many constructional activities are yet to be done in the fair ground.

Apart from this, a road of a lesser width have to be built in the inner parts of the ground.

This means that a network of roads would have to be laid on the entire plain. The road work has not even started yet, so people are worried about how the Kumbh Mela would be held here next year. Mini rest houses, construction of many buildings, gardens etc. are yet to be constructed in the ground itself, but not even a single brick has been laid for these works yet.

NEWSLINE

RESULTS

Excellent result of Govt HS School Tohra



KHARORA: In the recently declared results of high school and higher secondary school by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, results of Government Higher Secondary School Tohra is excellent.

The result of class 10th was 89 percent, in which Saurabh Verma passed the exam with 89.1% from class 10th, while Padmini Yadav stood first with 88.37% marks, Roshni Verma stood third with 86.5% marks. In class 12th, the exam result of Science Faculty was 100%. Out of 18 students, 17 students passed in first class. The result of Commerce stream was also 100%, while the result of Arts Faculty was 92.8%.

ACTION

No pickaxes allowed: Mineral dept builds wall to block illegal digs

FINGESHWAR: On receiving constant criticism over illegal excavation and transportation of sand, the Mineral Department of Fingeshwar took some steps to put a check on the same and this again regained some level of confidence among the villagers and came as a big shock to the sand mafias. Gram Choubandha has become a centre of illegal excavation of sand in Fingeshwar block headquarters. It is from the same route also that sand is being illegally excavated via Singhori. The news about the illegal excavation of sand from this region was published daily in many newspapers over the last few days, but still the sand mafias involved in the illegal excavation were least bothered about it.

ILLEGAL HARVESTING

Leaves are being illegally harvested in many areas of Sukma district



SUKMA/KONTA: These days, illegal harvesting of green gold tendu leaves is going on openly in Dornapal areas under Konta block of Sukma district. Hundreds of workers from Odisha are plucking tendu leaves on motor-cycles in sacks at the behest of bidi makers from Polampalli, Devarpalli, Gorgunda area without any hindrance and crossing into Odisha via Pedakurti and Dubbatota boat ghats. Every day, hundreds of workers are plucking green gold tendu leaves in the forests around Dornapal and selling them to illegal bidi traders. Due to this, the Chhattisgarh state government, including the forest department, is suffering a revenue loss of lakhs of rupees in one season of tendu leaves every year.

Ritushri secures top spot in CGBSE exams with 93.6% marks

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Neeraj Milestone public school celebrates excellent class 10th results. In second place is Alfia Memon with 80.4% marks

KHAIRAGARH: The CBSE result of Class 10th in Neeraj Milestone Public School was excellent. Neeraj Milestone is the only CBSE recognized private school in Khairagarh and it's always in the news about its exam results.

Ritushri, daughter of K Srinivash, secured 93.6% marks (Maths-97; English-95; Science-93; Social Science-92 and Hindi-91) and secured the first place in Khairagarh district and brought laurels to her family and school.

Along with this, many boys and girls have scored above 80%

marks.

In second place is Alfia Memon with 80.4% marks; Avnesh Chopda with 81.6% marks is in third place; Nagan Y Lilhare with 80.4% marks is at fourth place; Avika Bas with 80% is in fifth place.

Directors of the school Neeraj Vajpayee and Sonal Vajpayee have extended their greetings to the students and their parents and said that it was their hard work and discipline that brought them such excellent results.

Directors of the school viz. Neeraj Vajpayee, Sonal Vajpayee, Academic Director Urmila Dixit, Principal Abhijeet Mukherjee, Admini Yogesh Degor and all the teachers extended greetings to the students on their success and wished them all the best in their future endeavours.

Change in weather provides relief to citizens

MUNGELI: There is a sudden change in the weather from last two-three days in the district and after scorching heat till afternoon, there are generally strong winds and heavy showers in the evening, giving much required relief to the denizens in the city.

For last two days, there are frequent changes in weather during mornings and evenings. After days of scorching heat and clouds playing hide-n-seek, people were troubled because of the heat and humidity. During this, there were light rains in some part of the district and with fall in mercury, it was a big relief to the people.

Due to partially cloudy weather in-between, it leads to a lot of moisture in the air, making it humid and with rise in humidity, the coolers weren't bringing any relief.

Ch'garh PEKB mine shines again with 5-star rating

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Coal Ministry awarded the Rajasthan Government's mine in Surguja for its best operation.

AMBIKAUR: The Parsa East Kanta Basan (PEKB) opencast coal mine received the Five Star Award from the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, for the fourth year in a row. This award is a recognition of PEBK's outstanding performance in areas such as mine operation systems, environmental safety, and security arrangements. PEBK has successfully met the stringent parameters set by the government and has continued to maintain high standards of excellence in its operations.

The PEBK mine of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL), located in Udaipur block of the district, has achieved



PEBK opencast coal mine received the Five Star Award from the Ministry of Coal

FASTFACTS

Coal from this mine is supplied to 4340 MW thermal power projects,

RRVUNL has appointed Adani Enterprises as the mining developer

a new record in Chhattisgarh. The mine has been awarded a five-star rating in the open cast coal mines category for four consecutive years. Coal from this mine is supplied to 4340 MW thermal power projects, which provide afford-

able and uninterrupted electricity to eight crore consumers. RRVUNL has appointed Adani Enterprises as the mining developer and operator of the PEBK mine through competitive bidding. They have planted close to 11.5 lakh trees on the land reclaimed after mining and facilitated 40 lakh more trees as part of compensatory afforestation. Also, the project proponent and the MDO have undertaken several initiatives in the areas of education and empowerment, health and hygiene, and strengthening rural infrastructure. Adani Vidya

LACK OF MAINTENANCE

Public funds fail to fix crumbling government infrastructure

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MUNGELI: How the government funds are being misutilised can be known from the government buildings on Rohara road with crores worth of investment while slowly turning into ruins and becoming dilapidated. At one place where no land was available for government offices, on the other, a decade old government building is turning into ruins due to lack of proper

maintenance.

It is amidst lack of political and administrative expectations that this building is slowly turning into a centre of anti-social elements and illegal activities with crores worth of investment while slowly turning into ruins and becoming dilapidated. At one place where no land was available for government offices, on the other, a decade old government building is turning into ruins due to lack of proper

After the formation of the new district, due to lack of government land and sufficient buildings, many offices were running on rented premises. Due to the shortage of residences, even the officers and employees were



forced to travel from one district to another. But the government buildings and residences could not be constructed, despite the fact that there is already hundreds of acres of government land lying vacant and there are many government buildings which could have been used for the same.

One such building is that of CSEB, which was constructed for officers and employees of Rohara sub-station. But what is



Due to lackadaisical attitude of officers, the building is turning into shambles.

Officer
CSEB - Mungeli

more unfortunate is that in this newly constructed building worth crores, not a single officer or employee resides.

It is for this reason that this building has turned into ruins and is in a dilapidated condition.

The residential premises constructed by CSEB in Gram Rohara seem to be turning into ruins due to sheer lackadaisical attitude on the part of the departmental officers and employees.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action.

[Dr APJ Abdul Kalam]

OUR VIEW |

Sushil Modi's demise leaves everyone in tears

As the veteran BJP leader Sushil Modi passes away a golden era of politics in Bihar comes to an end. Sushil Modi was not only an ardent politician but he was a friend of friends, beyond party line. This is the reason, the leaders from other parties and even arch rivals are sad today, at his demise. The seasoned politician, Sushil Modi was better known as "BJP's trouble-shooter any kind of crisis. He was suffering from cancer. Everyone's eyes have become tearful at his sudden departure. The former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar was undergoing treatment at AIIMS Hospital in Delhi, where he breathed his last on Monday. After the announcement of Lok Sabha elections, Sushil Modi had made public the information about his illness. He wrote on X, "I have been fighting a battle with cancer for the last six months. Now I think people should be told about this. I will not be able to do much in the Lok Sabha elections." Now his assumption has become a bitter truth. President Draupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other leaders have expressed their shock and grief over his untimely demise and expressed deep condolences. While sharing an old picture with him on social media, PM Modi has written that 'I am deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Sushil Modi ji, my valued colleague in the party and my friend for decades. He has made an invaluable contribution to the rise of BJP and its successes in Bihar. Strongly opposing the Emergency, he had carved a niche for himself in student politics. He was known as a very hardworking and friendly MLA. His understanding of subjects related to politics was very deep. He also did a lot of commendable work as an administrator. His active role in passing GST will always be remembered. Of late, when politics has become more of a mud-slinging game, the leaders like Sushil Modi could be identified with pride and respect just because of their aloofness. His services would be remembered for long undoubtedly.

GUEST VIEW |

Over population may put us in more severe crisis in future

Imagine yourself residing in a 2-bedroom flat or house with your 20 family members. Is it practically possible? The time ahead may put you in a more severe situation like this. The coming days could be scarier than you just imagined. Overpopulation means more people; and more people means increased demand for housing, energy, water, food, health-care, and transportation; in other words, the end of resources. All this utilization promotes increased conflicts, ecological degradation, and a high risk of massive disasters like pandemics. According to many scientists, unless we take strict action to minimize further population growth, the further stress on the planet will lead to ecological disruption. The insufficiency brought by environmental disorder and overpopulation is likely to trigger an increase in violence and political unrest. There are already clearly visible wars fought over land, water, and energy resources in the Middle East and other regions. Each increase in the global population has a significant influence on the planet's health. According to a study, a family with one fewer child could lower emissions by 58.6 tons of CO₂ per year in developed countries. It's high time that we address this issue before it gets out of our hands.



Veena Adiga

Comment

Urban apathy toward polling: A concerning trend for democracy

With three of the seven phases of polling completed, a consistent pattern is emerging: voter turnout has been noticeably lower on average compared to previous elections. This phenomenon raises concerns about urban apathy towards polling. Despite the Election Commission's (EC) elaborate measures to minimize voter challenges—like setting up 100% of polling stations on ground floors and ensuring that even disabled voters can cast their ballots from home—participation has remained subdued. Such disinterest could be troubling for the future of Indian democracy. As polling reached the halfway mark for this year's election, with 93 seats contested across 11 states, the electoral process to form the next Lok Sabha has so far been marked by discouraging turnout figures. The first two phases revealed a lower voter turnout than the 2019 general election, and preliminary reports suggest a similar

trend for the third phase. Poll watchers remain divided on the implications, but a declining interest in electoral participation could signal waning public engagement in the democratic process. Several factors have contributed to this apathy. One significant reason is the extreme heat gripping India, one of the hottest summers in recent history. At least nine people succumbed to heat-related issues, and the crowded campaign venues exacerbated matters, with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari fainting during a Maharashtra rally due to high temperatures. In Kolkata, where temperatures soared above 43°C, a television anchor collapsed while presenting weather updates. The EC's prolonged seven-phase election schedule, the longest since 1951, further tested voters' resolve. Adding to these challenges is the deteriorating political discourse witnessed during the campaign. The EC's model code of conduct, which was once a powerful tool against uneth-



Yash Pal Ralhan

ical practices, has lost its edge since the T.N. Seshan era. Despite blatant violations, it now serves as a toothless mechanism issuing notices to offending parties. The opposition parties perceive the EC as being influenced by the ruling establishment, undermining its neutrality and eroding public trust. Consequently, voters have lost faith in a fair electoral process. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while casting his vote, praised India's democratic process, highlighting that many nations have adopted it. However, the complexity of India's elections makes them a challenging feat for the EC, as it has to navigate vast regions and an immense electorate. The EC has to accomplish this under considerable stress and strain. In Gujarat's Surat constituency, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured an uncontested victory. Despite formidable challenges, the BJP continues to rely on its strong organizational framework, robust campaign machinery, and Modi's charismatic

leadership to maintain its competitive edge. As polling proceeds across the remaining phases, the election will soon reveal its results, which are being eagerly watched worldwide. The opposition parties are leveraging the low voter turnout to propagate a narrative that the ruling BJP government is losing ground. They attempt to confuse the electorate with claims that low turnout reflects a decline in the appeal of Modi's government. The opposition's insistence that low voter turnout suggests declining voter support for the BJP is misleading. As election watchers maintain, a lower turnout only indicates reduced popular participation in what is often called a "festival of democracy." Nevertheless, the emerging trends reflect poorly on the opposition and reveal their inability to sway public opinion convincingly. For democracy to thrive, renewed efforts are needed to rekindle enthusiasm among urban voters and ensure that India's democratic process remains strong and vibrant.

Indian Ocean heat predicts dengue outbreaks

Abnormal heat patterns in the Indian Ocean can predict dengue outbreaks worldwide, providing early warnings that enhance response and planning. by *Press Trust Of India*



Temperature of Indian Ocean is increasing. | Photo AP

Recent research reveals that abnormal sea surface temperature (SST) trends in the Indian Ocean could provide a significant early indicator for global dengue outbreaks. These SST fluctuations, known as "climate indicators," are crucial in forecasting disease trends. This insight could refine planning and response strategies for dengue epidemics, potentially saving lives. Currently, climate indicators like temperature and precipitation are already used to forecast diseases such as dengue. However, scientists from Beijing Normal University in China and their collaborators have found that SST abnormalities, especially those related to the El Niño phenomenon, directly impact dengue transmission patterns globally. Warmer ocean temperatures influence mosquito breeding cycles, affecting the prevalence of the mosquito-borne disease. The research team identified significant gaps in our understanding of the long-distance climate factors influencing dengue outbreaks. Their study, published in the journal Science,

attempts to bridge this gap using data collected from 46 Southeast Asian and American countries between 1990 and 2019. The researchers analyzed yearly dengue case numbers across this period and monthly case data from 24 countries between 2014 and 2019. By analyzing these data alongside global climate patterns, they were able to identify critical correlations between SST changes and the annual and seasonal peaks of dengue

outbreaks. They discovered that global dengue epidemics are closely associated with unusual SSTs in the tropical Indian Ocean. Specifically, they identified the Indian Ocean Basin-Wide (IOBW) index, which measures the regional average of SST anomalies across the ocean basin. They found that the IOBW index is a strong predictor of the scale and timing of dengue outbreaks in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

The research revealed that the IOBW index becomes a crucial predictive factor in the three months leading up to a dengue outbreak. By affecting regional temperature and weather patterns, the IOBW index effectively indicates future dengue transmission patterns. For instance, when the IOBW index is high, it often corresponds with warmer temperatures and increased mosquito breeding in dengue-prone

regions. The team's findings suggest that the IOBW index could significantly improve lead times in predicting dengue outbreaks, allowing health organizations to better prepare and respond. By recognizing regions at risk sooner, health officials can mobilize resources, distribute mosquito control measures, and warn at-risk populations. This proactive approach could minimize disease spread, reducing the toll on both lives and health-care systems. However, the researchers emphasized that further assessment is needed to fully validate their model's predictive accuracy. Despite its success in capturing observed patterns, more extensive testing with future data is required before making conclusive predictions about its reliability. The researchers are cautious not to overstate their findings, recognizing the complexity of disease prediction. They also acknowledge that the IOBW index might work best as part of a broader suite of forecasting tools, used in conjunction with existing climate indicators like temperature and precipitation patterns.

YOUR LETTERS

Voters favor inclusive growth

Sam Pitroda's resignation as Overseas Congress chief highlights the party's decline and a pivotal shift in voter sentiment. Citizens are increasingly aligning with PM Narendra Modi's BJP due to its strong development model and inclusive policies. Many are satisfied with the performance of the Modi government, emphasizing a desire for inclusive growth and sustainability. This growing preference for the BJP over the Congress underscores a broader rejection of divisive politics.

Krishna Kumar, Kollam Kerala

Investigate vaccine safety failures

AstraZeneca's Covid vaccine, branded as Covishield in India, caused thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, leading to deaths and severe injuries. The possible connection between the vaccine and sudden deaths, especially among young and healthy recipients, demands renewed investigation. Regulatory authorities, responsible for vaccine safety, not only neglected their duty but also failed in their role. This grave lapse requires thorough investigation to hold those accountable and ensure that stringent consequences are imposed for these oversights.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

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Business



Company will invest Rs 3,500-4,000 cr on acquiring land parcels for future development.

Abhishek Lodha
MD and CEO,
Macrotech Developers

Gucci Cruise fashion show in London



Models showcase outfits for the Gucci Cruise fashion show in London.

Wholesale inflation rises to 13-month high of 1.26 pc

The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation has been rising for two months in a row. It was 0.20 per cent in February and 0.53 per cent in March.

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NEW DELHI: The wholesale inflation rose to a 13-month high of 1.26 per cent in April fuelled by rising prices of food articles, especially vegetables, amid expectations of RBI holding interest rates in the policy review next month. The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation has been rising for two months in a row. It was 0.20 per

cent in February and 0.53 per cent in March. WPI inflation was 0.79 per cent in April last year. The April WPI print is at a 13-month high. The last high was seen in March 2023, when inflation was 1.41 per cent. "Positive rate of inflation in April 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, electricity, crude petroleum and natural gas, manufacture of food products, other manu-

NUMBER

0.53%

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facturing etc," Ministry of Commerce & Industry said in a statement on Tuesday. As per the data, inflation in food articles rose to 7.74 per cent in April as against 6.88 per cent in March. In the fuel and power basket, inflation stood at 1.38 per cent in April, up from (-)0.77 per cent in the previous month. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said WPI inflation is heavily sensitive to global com-

modity prices which is undergoing upturn year after year. "A lot of commodity prices have shown an uptrend in last few months, including the crude oil prices that we saw in April.

As of now what we have seen in commodity prices, I would expect the WPI to move up further and cross 2 per cent in the next two months of May and June," Nayar said.

India, Cambodia flight ops to commence from Jun 16

NEW DELHI: Cambodia's national flag carrier Cambodia Angkor Air on Tuesday said the first-ever direct flight services between the two nations will start from June 16 between Phnom Penh and New Delhi four times a week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Koy Kuong, Ambassador of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to India, said he was hopeful that the flow of tourists between the two nations will double year-on-year, with direct flight connectivity and demand for medical tourism in India. Before the Covid pandemic, around 75,000 people from India used to visit Cambodia every year, the Ambassador told PTI. Cambodia Angkor Airline CCO Eng Molina said the pricing per person for a round trip from New Delhi to Phnom Penh is around Rs 23,000, including taxes.

MG Motor launches '100 Years Limited Edition' in India

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Introduces special 'Evergreen' Colour to honour MG's legacy inspired by the British Racing Green.

MUMBAI: MG (Morris Garages), a British automobile brand with a 100-year-old legacy, today, launched the '100-Year Limited Edition' featuring the iconic 'Evergreen' colour synonymous with British racing history spanning over 110 years. Celebrating over a century of racing history, these Limited-Edition models capture the essence of performance and craftsmanship that define MG and will be available in Comet EV, Astor, Hector and ZS EV. These Editions will come in an 'Evergreen' exterior with a starry black



MG Motor's '100 year Limited Edition' in its centenary year.

FACTFILE

• Limited Edition will also come with an 'Evergreen' themed head unit along with the customisable widget colour.

finished roof and dark finished elements along with the '100-Year Edition' badge on the tailgate. Additionally, the

interior has an all-black theme with '100-Year Edition' embroidered in the front headrests imparting sporty character to honour the history of the world of racing.

The Limited Edition will also come with an 'Evergreen' themed head unit along with the customisable widget colour. Commenting on the launch, Satinder

Singh Bajwa, Chief Commercial Officer, MG Motor India, said, "The launch of our 100-Year Limited Edition is a testament to our enduring legacy and passion for automotive excellence.

The 'Evergreen' colour holds a special place in our hearts, embodying the spirit of performance and heritage that define the brand.

ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT

I-T department rolls out new functionality in AIS

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NEW DELHI: The income tax department said it has rolled out a new functionality in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) through which taxpayers will be able to view the status of information confirmation process. AIS is populated based on the financial data received from mul-

multiple information sources and provides details of a large number of financial transactions undertaken by the taxpayer that may have tax implications. In AIS, a taxpayer has been provided with a functionality to furnish feedback on every transaction displayed therein.

This feedback helps the taxpayer to comment on the accuracy of the



information provided by the source of such information. In case of wrong reporting, the same is taken up with the source for their confirmation, in an automated manner.

"The Income Tax Department has now rolled out a new functionality in AIS to display the status of the information confirmation process.

"This will display, whether the feedback of the taxpayer has been acted upon by the source, by either, partially or fully accepting or rejecting the same. In case of partial or full acceptance, the

information is required to be corrected by filing a correction statement by the source," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement.

It may be noted that information confirmation is currently made functional with regard to information furnished by tax deductors/collectors and reporting entities.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q4 RESULTS

Aditya Birla Capital Q4 profit doubles to Rs 1,245 crore

NEW DELHI: Aditya Birla Capital on Monday reported a two-fold rise in profit to Rs 1,245 crore on a consolidated basis for the fourth quarter ended March 2024. The company posted a net profit of Rs 609 crore in the same period a year ago. The consolidated profit after tax, excluding one-off items (sale of shares in AMC through OFS in Q4 FY24), grew 33 per cent to Rs 812 crore in the quarter, it said. The total consolidated income of the company grew to Rs 10,964 crore in the quarter from Rs 8,052 crore a year ago, Aditya Birla Capital Ltd (ABCL) said in a regulatory filing. The company is present in non-banking finance (NBFC) business, housing finance, asset management, and life and general insurance, among others. ABCL is the holding company for the financial services businesses of Aditya Birla Group. **PTI**

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	73,104	+0.45
Nifty	22,217	+0.51
Nifty, MidCap	50,225	+0.98
Nifty SmallCap	16,363	+2.03
Nifty Bank	47,859	+0.22

Closing rates as on May 14, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.50	↗
Euro	90.31	↗
Chinese Yuan	11.54	↘
UAE Dirham	22.73	↘
Pakistan Rupee	0.30	↗
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27	↗

On May 14, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,466	+0.09
FTSE 100 Index	8,444	+0.35
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,356	+0.46
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,657	-0.21

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, May 14, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Markets climb as retail inflation eases in April, Sensex climbs 328.48 points



MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices climbed on Tuesday as retail inflation eased to an 11-month low of 4.83 per cent in April and buying in the country's most valued firm by market valuation Reliance Industries also added to the optimism. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 328.48 points, or 0.45 per cent, to settle at 73,104.61. During the day, it rallied 510.13 points, or 0.70 per cent, to 73,286.26. The NSE Nifty went up 113.80 points, or 0.51 per cent, to 22,217.85. Retail inflation eased to an 11-month low of 4.83 per cent in April as prices of some kitchen items declined, though overall food basket firmed up marginally, according to government data released on

Monday. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled higher while Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading mixed. Wall Street ended on a mixed note on Monday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.17 per cent to USD 83.22 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,498.92 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

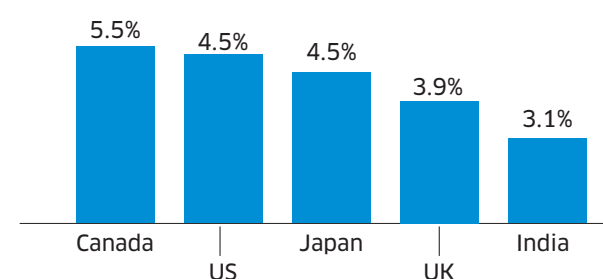
MARKET GAINERS: M&M, L&T, JSW Steel, NTPC, IndusInd Bank, Sun Pharma, UltraTech Cement, SBI, Reliance Industries, and Maruti.

MAJOR LOSERS: Nestle, TCS, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, ITC, and Asian Paints.

The Day's NUMBERS

GOOGLE REMAINS A NICHE PLAYER IN THE SMARTPHONE MARKET

Share of respondents who used a Google phone as their primary smartphone in 2023-24



Source: Statista

ACQUISITION

Birla Fertility & IVF announces acquisition of ARMC IVF Fertility

NEW DELHI: Birla Fertility & IVF, one of India's leading IVF networks, a part of the USD 2.9bn C K Birla Group, announced its acquisition of ARMC IVF Fertility Centre, marking the network's entry into South India. Currently, Birla Fertility & IVF operates 30 centres and with this acquisition, it will expand its presence across Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, now operating a total of 37 centres across the country. The acquisition marks Birla Fertility & IVF's reach as a leading partner, meeting the growing nationwide demand for people looking for a trustworthy and proficient partner to go to for their fertility needs. Speaking on the occasion, Avanti Birla, Founder, Birla Fertility & IVF, C K Birla Healthcare, said, "At Birla Fertility & IVF, our proposition of 'All Heart. All Science' means bringing care into the science of conception, and we believe in a multi-disciplinary approach where fertility specialists, andrologists, and counselors come together."

VEHICLE SALE

Domestic passenger vehicle sales up 1.3 pc at record 3,35,629 units



NEW DELHI: Passenger vehicle wholesales in India rose to record levels in April driven by strong demand for utility vehicles, automobile industry body SIAM said on Tuesday. The overall passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealers rose 1.3 per cent year-on-year to record levels of 3,35,629 units in April, as compared to 3,31,278 units in April 2023. Utility vehicle sales stood at 1,79,329 units last month, up 21 per cent from 1,48,005 units in the same month last year. Passenger car dispatches, however, declined by 23 per cent to 96,357 units.



Cong to get more seats than BJP in Chh'garh

Sachin Pilot
Congress leader

BOMBAY HC PERMITS 12-YEAR-OLD RAPE SURVIVOR TO TERMINATE PREGNANCY



The bench said that after the termination procedure, the hospital shall provide the girl counselling.

Minor rape victim permitted to terminate pregnancy

A vacation bench of Justices Sandeep Marne and Neela Gokhale perused the report submitted by the board recommending termination of the 25-week pregnancy.

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MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Monday permitted a 12-year-old rape survivor to terminate her pregnancy, noting that her welfare and safety was of paramount importance.

A vacation bench of Justices Sandeep Marne and Neela Gokhale perused the report submitted by the medical board recommending termination of the 25-week pregnancy.

"Bearing in mind the

exigencies of the situation, the welfare of the minor, which is of paramount importance and her safety," the bench said. The girl was allegedly raped by her 14-year-old brother, and a case has been registered against him, as per the plea filed by the girl's mother in the high court.

Earlier this month, the girl complained of stomach ache to her mother, and when she was taken to the hospital, the pregnancy came to light.

The girl then revealed

HIGHLIGHT

● Girl was allegedly raped by her 14-year-old brother.

● Her elder brother also threatened her with dire consequences.

that her elder brother would forcefully establish a physical relationship with her when no one was at home.

He also threatened her with dire consequences.

On the mother's complaint, an FIR was registered under the Indian Penal Code and Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the son, and he was sent to a juvenile home. The bench, in its order, said the girl was unaware of the fact that she was pregnant until a very late stage.

"The medical board has clearly opined that the pregnancy will have grievous injury to the mental and physical health of the patient if

continued," it said.

The medical board has clearly said that this pregnancy will have a serious impact on the mental and physical health of the patient. The bench said that after the termination procedure, the hospital shall provide the girl counselling.

It also directed the hospital authorities to preserve the appropriate tissue sample of the foetus and DNA sample and forward these to the investigating officer for the ensuing criminal trial.

| HIGH PROFILE CASE |

Elgar Parishad case: SC grants bail to Navlakha

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The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to activist Gautam Navlakha in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case.

A bench of Justices M M Sundresh and S V N Bhatti refused to extend the stay imposed by the Bombay High Court order on the bail granted to Navlakha in the case.

It also directed Navlakha to pay Rs 20 lakh towards expenses for security in house arrest.



SC took note of charges not yet framed in the case.

FACTFILE

● SC directed Navlakha to pay Rs 20 lakh towards expenses for security in house arrest.

"We are inclined to not extend the stay as high court order is detailed in granting bail. Trial would take years and years and years for completion. Without going at length into contentions, we will not extend the stay.

A sum of Rs 20 lakh to be paid to the opposite party as earliest," the bench said.

The top court noted that Navlakha has been in jail for over four years and charges are yet to be framed in the case.

Panchayat polls in Tripura in July end

AGARTALA: The Tripura State Election Commission (TSEC) has initiated the process to conduct three-tier panchayat elections which are likely to be held in the northeastern state in July end, an official said. TSEC has already completed the delimitation of wards and panchayats as per the rules. "The TSEC has initiated steps to identify polling booths and draft the electoral rolls for the three-tier panchayat elections to gram panchayats, panchayat samitis and zilla parishads. We are trying to complete the process at the earliest," TSEC commissioner Saradhindu Chowdhury said. The northeastern state has 591 gram panchayats, 116 panchayat samitis and eight zilla parishads (116 seats).

| LEGAL |

Advocates not liable under Consumer Protection Act

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that advocates are not liable for deficiency of services under the Consumer Protection Act 1986 and cannot be sued for poor service before consumer courts.

A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mishra said the legal profession is sui generis (unique) and the nature

of work is specialised and cannot be compared with other professions.

"Advocates have to respect client's autonomy, not entitled to make concessions without express instructions from client and transgress authority. Considerable amount of direct control is with client of advocate. This strengthens our opinion that contract is of personal service and excluded from definition

Legal profession is unique and the nature of work is specialised and cannot be compared with other professions.

Justice Bela M Trivedi
Supreme Court



of service under Consumer Protection Act," the bench said.

The judgement came on plea filed by bar bodies, such as Bar Council of India, Delhi High Court Bar Association and Bar of Indian Lawyers, and other individuals challenging a 2007 verdict of the NCDRC, which has ruled that advocates and their services come under the purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CLOSE WATCH

Pakistani intruder arrested from a village near Line of Control

JAMMU: A Pakistani intruder was arrested from a village near the Line of Control (LoC) here, officials said on Tuesday.

Separately, a massive search operation was launched near the International Border (IB) in Kathua district following suspicious movement of at least five persons, believed to be terrorists, the officials said.

They said a Pakistani intruder, who identified himself as Zahir Khan, a resident of Karachi, was summed from Milan de Khui village near the LoC in Pallanwala area of Khour on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday. He was seen moving in a suspicious manner by a police party and was taken to the local police post where he disclosed his identity and claimed to have inadvertently crossed from across the border, the officials said. **PTI**

VIGIL

Railway Protection Force continues crackdown on touts in illegal business



BILASPUR: It has been reported that some individuals, especially during festive seasons and summer vacations, exploit this facility by booking rail travel tickets with their personal IDs and selling them at higher prices or engaging in illegal ticketing. To monitor such incidents and curb the illegal activities of ticket touts, continuous actions are being taken by the RPF under the guidance of the Inspector General-cum-Chief Security Commissioner. **PTI**

HASSLE FREE JOURNEY

50 km of geo-fencing distance restriction on tickets thru UTS mobile app removed



BILASPUR: To encourage digital ticketing modes, promote self-ticketing, and enable passengers to purchase tickets without facing the hassle of queues, the railway administration has provided the facility to book unreserved tickets from home using the UTS on Mobile app. The UTS app is a significant achievement in the modern ticketing system and a boon for the large number of passengers traveling on unreserved tickets on Indian Railways. This app is specially designed for booking unreserved tickets for all stations, renewing monthly season tickets, and booking platform tickets without standing in line.

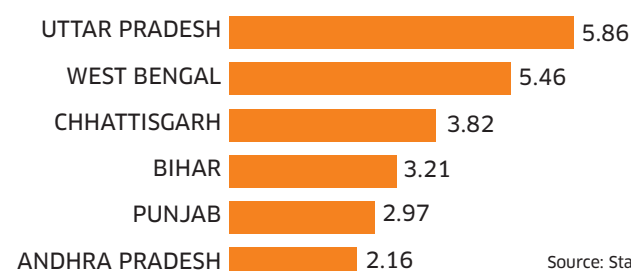
For the convenience of passengers, the restriction on the outer limit (50 km) of geo-fencing distance for obtaining tickets through the UTS on Mobile app has been removed.

Under the guidance of Sr DCM Anupam Kumar Singh and led by ACM Anupam Dutta, a special campaign is being conducted by the commercial department to widely promote this app at all stations in the division. Help desks have been provided at Bilaspur and all major stations in the division where ticket checking and booking staff are giving detailed information to passengers about the UTS on Mobile app. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

West Bengal produces highest paddy of 15.75 MT

AREA UNDER RICE CULTIVATION (IN MILLION HECTARES)



Source: Statista

MISHAP

BMC to take down remaining hoardings on GRP land



MUMBAI: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will on Tuesday start taking down the remaining hoardings on Government Railway Police (GRP) land at Chheda Nagar in the eastern part of Mumbai, where 14 people lost their lives after a billboard collapsed during a dust storm, an official said.

At least 14 persons were killed and 74 injured after a 100-feet-tall illegal billboard fell at a petrol pump in Ghatkopar during dust storms and unseasonal rains that lashed the city on Monday. **PTI**

HOAX CALL

Four Delhi hosp get bomb threat emails, police search

NEW DELHI: Four Delhi hospitals received bomb threats on email on Tuesday, two days after similar messages were sent to 20 hospitals, the airport and the office of the Northern Railways' CPRO in the capital, officials said. Nothing suspicious has been found so far. Delhi Fire Service officials said they had received calls of bomb threat emails from the GTB Hospital. **PTI**

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Govt extends ban imposed on LTTE for another 5 years

MHA noted that the LTTE is an association based in Lanka but has supporters in India.

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday extended the ban imposed on the LTTE by five more years for fostering a separatist tendency amongst the masses and enhancing the support base for it in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu, besides threatening the territorial integrity of India.

The Union Home Ministry imposed the ban invoking the sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

In a notification, the home ministry noted that the LTTE is an association based in Sri Lanka but has supporters, sympathisers and agents in the territory of India.

The central government is of the opinion that the LTTE is still indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country.

It said that even after its military defeat in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, the LTTE has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' (an independent country for Tamils) and has been clandestinely working towards the 'Eelam' cause by undertaking fund raising and propaganda activities and the



LTTE has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam'.

remnant LTTE leaders or cadres have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally. "The pro-LTTE groups/elements continue to foster a separatist tendency amongst the masses and enhance the support base for LTTE in India and particularly in Tamil Nadu, which will ultimately have a strong disintegrating influence over the territorial integrity of India," the notification said.

Have an emotional connect with Rae Bareilly, says Rahul Gandhi

As he seeks to retain the Rae Bareilly seat represented by his mother Sonia Gandhi for two decades, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said he has an emotional family relationship with the people and will stand by both Amethi and Rae Bareilly whenever required. He shared an emotional video with his mother on

HIGHLIGHT

● **Rahul said, Rae Bareilly and Amethi are our 'karmabhoomi'.**

● **Whenever Amethi and Rae Bareilly require us, we will be available.**

social media, where he is seen watching family

pictures in Amethi and Rae Bareilly and remembered their connect with the people of both Amethi and Rae Bareilly.

Rahul Gandhi is contesting the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seat and is pitted against BJP's Dinesh Pratap Singh, who had unsuccessfully contested the last Lok Sabha election against Sonia Gandhi.

No detention due to mere non-cooperation: HC

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The man - Sanjay Kumar Agrawal had filed a petition in the high court challenging the LOC issued against him by the ED in January 2021.

MUMBAI: A person cannot be detained merely because he is allegedly not cooperating, the Bombay High Court said quashing a Look Out Circular (LOC) issued against a man by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a 2019 money laundering case related to late drug smuggler Iqbal Memon alias Iqbal Mirchi.

The man - Sanjay Kumar Agrawal - had filed a petition in the high court challenging the LOC issued against him by the ED in January 2021. Agrawal said he has been working in Bahrain and Dubai since 1995 and now because of the LOC, he was detained in India without a job.

Agrawal was summoned by the ED in 2020 for questioning. He claimed that he has not even been arraigned as an accused in the case.

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Manjusha Deshpande in its judgment of April 17, a copy of which was made available on Tuesday, said the ED has been investigating the

case since 2019 and till date, despite Agrawal having appeared before the agency, it has not found any material against him.

Hence, it would not be appropriate to detain him any further, the HC said.

"The petitioner (Agrawal) has been deprived of his livelihood since December 2020. He has been working in the Middle East for more than two decades," the bench said.

FASTFACTS

● **Agrawal was summoned by the ED in 2020 but he was not arraigned as an accused in the case.**

● **ED had opposed Agrawal's plea claiming he was not cooperating with the probe.**

The ED had opposed Agrawal's plea claiming that while he had not been named as an accused in the case, he was not cooperating with the probe. The bench, however, said it cannot accept this submission.

"A person cannot be detained merely because he is not co-operating. Non-cooperation also can be a result of a person not having any information with respect to the case in question," the HC said.

NEWSLINE

BONGOAN

Matuas will get citizenship



In a bid to address concerns of the Matuas over citizenship, Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured the community that its members would get citizenship under the CAA and accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of spreading falsehood about it.

Addressing a rally in Bongaon, a stronghold of the Matua community, in North 24 Parganas district, Shah asserted that Banerjee can "never stop the implementation of the CAA in the state as it is a law by the central government". "No power in the world can stop my refugee brothers from becoming citizens of India. This is the promise of Modi Ji.

JAMMU

Better tracks to Amarnath cave

Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan on Tuesday said the pilgrims planning to visit Amarnath cave shrine would experience "improved tracks" this year. The 52-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir will commence from the twin tracks -- traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district -- on June 29. "I am back from the Baltal (base camp). Last year, we were assigned with the task of widening the track which was important for the safety of the devotees. We have completed the widening work and also covered the surface with blocks and attended curves and slopes," the DG BRO told reporters on the sidelines of a tunnel breakthrough function in Rajouri. He said the BRO has also completed the most important work of laying roadside railing and sidewalks at vulnerable locations.

No 'lehar', only 'zehir' in PM's language: Jairam

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Jairam said that the language of the "outgoing" prime minister indicates he is "tensed and confused".

BHUBANESWAR: Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday claimed that there is no 'lehar' (wave) in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi but only 'zehir' (poison) in his language.

Addressing a press conference here, Jairam said that the language of the "outgoing" prime minister indicates he is "tensed and confused".

"He (PM) has realised that farmers, youth, labourers, women and backward classes are upset with him. That's why he talks about Hindu-Muslim, Muslim League, black money given to Congress in temples and 'mangalsutra'.

"There is no 'lehar' (wave) on the ground in favour of the PM but only 'zehir' (poison) in his language. This indicates that time has arrived for a change," Ramesh claimed. In the past four phases of elections held in 379 Lok Sabha seats, it was clear that BJP became 'saaf' (finish) in south India and 'half' in north, west and east, he said, adding that INDIA bloc will get a majority in this election. The Congress is fighting this election to save the Constitution and democracy as 'dhan-tantra' (capitalism) is prevailing in the country, he said. Stating that BJD and BJP are two sides of the same coin, the senior Congress leader alleged they are engaged in a "fake fight" in the ongoing Lok Sabha and assembly elections in Odisha. "The prime minister and the chief minister are indulged in a 'fake boxing' match," he alleged.

Three children, two men drown

VIDISHA: Three boys and two men died in separate incidents of drowning in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur and Vidisha districts, police said on Tuesday.

Two brothers and their cousin drowned while bathing in a pond in Ramjhal village, under the Chandla police station limits, around 80 km from Chhatarpur, on Monday, Chhatarpur's additional superintendent of police (ASP) Vikram Singh said.

The family members started looking for the children when they didn't return home, and their bodies were recovered later in the evening, he said. The boys were identified as Vijay Anuragi (8), his brother Kisari (6) and cousin Ritik (5), he said. In Vidisha, two persons drowned while bathing in Betwa River in Nolkhi village under Ganjbasoda (Rural) police station limits.

Strange advertisement seeks marriage of dead people

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To bring peace to her soul, the family decided to arrange a marriage for her - an unique and poignant endeavour.

MANGALURU: A recent newspaper advertisement seeking a groom for a woman who passed away three decades ago has become the talk of the town here in Dakshina Kannada district.

The unconventional advertisement, originating from a family in Puttur in Dakshina Kannada district, aims to arrange a marriage for their deceased daughter, believ-



K'taka family wants groom for a girl who is dead.

FASTFACTS

● **Family believed that her unmarried status in the afterlife may be causing ongoing misfortunes.**

ing that her unmarried status in the afterlife may be causing ongoing misfortunes. Thirty years ago, tragedy struck the family when their infant daughter passed away. Since

then, they have faced unexpected challenges. Seeking guidance from elders, they were told that their deceased daughter's unsettled spirit might be at the root of their troubles.

Maratha quota agitation from Jun 4

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SAMBHAJINAGAR: Activist Manoj Jarange on Tuesday warned that the Maratha quota agitation will be restarted from June 4, the day the results of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections will be out.

A rally will be organised on June 8 to press the Maratha community's demand for reservations in government jobs and admissions to educational institutes, he said.

Jarange, who has been heading the agitation

"We have been given ten percent reservation (under the economically backward category) which is of no use. This has been proved in the (ongoing) police recruitment," he told reporters afterwards. "We will restart the agitation at 9 am on June 4 by holding an indefinite hunger strike. The agitation will take place peacefully," the activist said.

Sambhaji Maharaj here to mark the 17th century ruler's birth anniversary.

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR
AT 797-II, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR (MP)-482001
(Area of Jurisdiction - Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh)

Original Application No. 393/2020 FF: 14.07.2023
Applicant : **UCO BANK, RAIGARR BRANCH RAIGARR**
VERSUS
Defendants : **SHRI RAJESH AGRAWAL & OTHERS**

1. Shri Rajesh Agrawal S/o. Shri Babu Lal Agrawal, R/o. Dera Para, Inli Gak, Raigarh (CG) Pin-496001.
2. Shri Yogesh Das S/o. Santanu Das, R/o. Dera Para, Inli Gak, Raigarh (CG) Pin-496001.
Whereas O.A. No. 393/2020 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 08/07/2020. Whereas the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application under Section 19(4) of the Act (D.A.) filed against you recovery of debts of Rs. 22,68,856.61/- in accordance with Sub Section 04 of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) To show case within thirty days of the service of the summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under Serial No. 3-A of the application.
(iii) You are restrained from dealing without disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under Serial No. 3-A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under Serial No. 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank of financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the Written Statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before 04/05/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 23rd day of FEB. 2024.

By Order Tribunal

Bank of Baroda Branch: Narmada Nagar, Mangla Chowk Mungeli Road, Bilaspur (C.G.)

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address	Type	Limit	Details of Mortgaged Property
Mrs. Rajee Patel W/o. Hemant Patel, Ward No. 04, Surya Vihar, Yadunanandan Nagar, Tilra, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh-495223.	TERM LOAN	₹ 16,19,500.00	Equitable Mortgage of diverted residential land and building bearing Khazana No.297/12, located at Plot No. 16, Sheet No. 01 at Mouza- Saica, Mahal No. 05, PH.No. 41, RNM Arsona, Vikashkhanda- Takhatpur, Tarsi- Takhatpur, Dist- Bilaspur Chhattisgarh, Area- 1665 sqft, owned by Mr. Hemant Patel S/o. Mr. Dhuriram Patel. Boundary Marks: East- Land Of Banjara, West- House of Ravindra Patanwar, North- 25 ft Road, South- Land of Shalendra Dubey.
Mrs Sarita Tiwari W/o Mr Vikas Masih And Mr Vikas Masih S/o Mr Pradeep Masih Kanhaiya Dham Colony, Sakri, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, 495001	TERM LOAN	₹ 25,77,000.00	Equitable Mortgage of diverted residential land & Building bearing part of Kh No 549/2 located at Plot No 5, Sheet No 8, Mouza Saranapuri, P H No-40, RNM Pandari, Vikas Khand- Takhatpur, Tarsi- Sakri, Dist Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh area 1800 sqft owned by Mrs Sarita Tiwari W/o Mr Vikas Masih. Boundary Marks: East-Land Of Seller, West-Road, North-Land Of Seller, South- Land Of Seller.

The Borrower mentioned above has availed total credit facilities as mentioned above from Bank of Baroda, Branch: Bilaspur (CG) and the mentioned Guarantors provided guarantee and secured by way of mortgaged of above mentioned property. The borrower failed to adhere to terms and conditions of sanction. The account became irregular and classified as NPA as mentioned above as per RBI guidelines. The Bank intends to enforce the said property mortgaged by you and issued Demand Notice as mentioned above for recovery of outstanding amount as mentioned above with interest and expenses thereon under registered post with acknowledgment due which were not served to the borrowers and guarantors. Hence this publication is issued. Hereby Borrower/Guarantor are called upon to pay the amount mentioned above with rate of Interest (Contractual Rate), costs, charges etc., thereon within 60 Days from the date of publication failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action against mortgaged property under section 13(4) and the provision of said Act to realize our Bank's dues. Your attention is invited to provisions of the Sec (8) of Sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 14.05.2024, Place: Bilaspur (C.G.)
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

"I was really disturbed about one thing while shooting the film. I was in continuity with a couple of films that time. "Toh main apne baal chote nahi kar paaya jitna mujhe chota karna tha."

Aamir Khan Actor



& Glitters

OTT Watch



Bigg Boss OTT 3: Host shakeup? New names rumoured

Bigg Boss OTT 3: Salman Khan may not host the show due to his busy schedule. Sanjay Dutt, Anil Kapoor, and Karan Johar are reportedly approached to take over the hosting duties for the upcoming season. Fans eagerly await the show's kick-off and the announcement of the final host.



Finally Here! Zara Hatke Zara Bachke premieres on Jio Cinema on 17th May

After a long wait, Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan's film 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' is set to stream on OTT platform Jio Cinema from May 17, 2024, marking its digital debut after a year of its theatrical release.



Get ready for more laukis! Panchayat Season 3 is here

Excitement mounts as the highly anticipated trailer for "Panchayat" season 3, starring Jitendra Kumar, Neena Gupta, and Raghubir Yadav, is set to drop soon. Mark your calendars for May 28 for the premiere!



Border buddies back together!

Border stars Pooja Bhatt and Suniel Shetty are set to reunite after 27 years for an action thriller on OTT. Pooja Bhatt will portray a strong character while Suniel Shetty's role is yet to be disclosed. The crime thriller will be released on Lionsgate.



Brace yourselves! Frank Grillo joins the Peacemaker mayhem

Actor Frank Grillo is set to portray Rick Flag Sr in the upcoming season two of the DC series "Peacemaker", creator James Gunn announced. The production for the new season began last month, with Gunn directing some episodes alongside three other directors.

CLOSE UP

Mr & Mrs Mahi meets Dune? Janhvi Kapoor's bold promotional style

Janhvi Kapoor reveals she's inspired by Urfijaved's style, how creative she is with her fashion and lauded her for her innovative dress sense.

Central Chronicle News

Janhvi Kapoor channels Zendaya's style for promotions, sporting cricket-themed outfits inspired by her character.

Janhvi Kapoor, a leading Bollywood actress, is gearing up for the release of her highly anticipated film Mr&Mrs Mahi, in which she stars opposite Rajkumar Rao. As the trailer launch approaches, Janhvi recently engaged in a Q&A session on her social media platform. Among the questions, a fan asked if she was emulating Zendaya's fashion. Janhvi candidly admitted to drawing inspiration from Zendaya's style, particularly during film promotions. She also praised social media influencer Uorfijaved for her creative fashion sense. Janhvi explained that actors are often encouraged to dress similar to their characters when promoting a film, recalling her previous experience with method dressing during the promotion of her debut film Dhadak. However, after observing Zendaya's approach, she realized the potential impact of using fashion to draw attention to her film.



Janhvi Kapoor is inspired by Zendaya's method dressing.



Janhvi Kapoor channels Zendaya's style

Ahead of the trailer launch of Mr&Mrs Mahi, Janhvi Kapoor revealed her inspiration from Zendaya's style for film promotions. She praised Zen-

daya and social media influencer Uorfijaved for their fashion sense. Janhvi's recent appearances have incorporated elements from the film, generating anticipation among fans for its release.



| HYPER LOCAL |

"Baby Reindeer" controversy: Real-life "Martha" speaks out

Central Chronicle News

The Netflix miniseries Baby Reindeer created a significant buzz among viewers, delving into Richard Gadd's personal experiences with stalking and harassment. Inspired by his autobiographical one-man show, the series sheds light on the disturbing encounters he faced. Months after the show's premiere, a woman claiming to be the real-life inspiration behind the character Martha Scott came forward, revealing her identity as Fiona Harvey. Gadd recounted his encounters with



Baby Reindeer's real life Martha Fiona Harvey has spoken out.

HIGHLIGHT

● Fiona Harvey said she will be taking legal action against Netflix and Richard Gadd, and revealed that she is currently dating a man, who happens to be a lawyer.

the woman, whom he initially referred to as Martha, describing her persistent attempts to contact him through emails, voicemails, and social media messages. While Gadd acknowledged his role in the situation, admitting

to egging it on before realizing its dangers, he emphasized the woman's victimhood, citing the systemic failures in addressing stalking and harassment. In a recent interview, Harvey accused Gadd of exploiting her story for his show and revealed the negative impact it had on her life, including receiving death threats from Gadd's supporters. She expressed frustration over being portrayed in the series, particularly by actress Jessica Gunning, and sought to set the record straight through a televised interview with Piers Morgan.

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BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

It's a wrap! Vicky Kaushal concludes dramatic journey on 'Chhava' set

Actor Vicky Kaushal recently wrapped up shooting for the film Chhava, directed by Laxman Utekar of Mimi fame. The movie, reportedly a period drama based on the life of Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, is produced by Dinesh Vijan of Maddock Films. Kaushal, who stars alongside Rashmika Mandanna, shared the update on his Instagram Stories, describing the experience as an incredibly passionate and dramatic journey. This marks his second collaboration with Utekar after the 2023 hit Zara Hatke Zara Bachke. Mandanna's upcoming films include Pushpa: The Rule and The Girlfriend.

Web Series

Freedom Fighters cast: Arif Zakaria and Ira Dubey join 'Freedom at Midnight'

Arif Zakaria and Ira Dubey have joined Nikkhil Advani's Freedom at Midnight series, playing Mohammad Ali Jinnah and his sister Fatima, respectively. The political thriller on SonyLIV explores key events around India's independence. Advani lauded Zakaria's presence and Dubey's grace in embodying their characters. The series also features Sidhant Gupta, Chirag Vohra, and Rajendra Chawla as Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Advani directs the series and co-writes with a team of talented writers.

The Bollywood hot pair

Opposites attract: How Alia Bhatt learns to balance from Ranbir Kapoor



Alia Bhatt recently discussed her approach to handling success and failure, drawing insights from her relationship with Ranbir Kapoor. In an interview with Harper's Bazaar India, she revealed their contrasting methods: while she tends to overthink, Ranbir prefers moving on swiftly. This difference, she empha-

sized, allows them to support each other effectively and strike a balance. Alia emphasized their shared dedication to work, stating that while it's crucial, it doesn't define their entire lives. Instead, they approach their careers with love and respect, considering it an integral part of their lives rather than the sole focus.

Fashion

Palak Tiwari's lavish mini dress: the perfect party attire

Palak Tiwari recently showcased her fashion prowess in a stunning mini dress adorned with confetti-like multicolored embellishments, priced at Rs 1,98,950. The strapless figure-enhancing dress, known as the CryMesh Confetti mini dress, featured intricate three-dimensional embellishments, including delicate flowers, sequins, pearls, and metallic gold pieces.



Trending on Insta



@Sonam Kapoor

Sonam Kapoor slays in chic off-white look

Sonam Kapoor wows fans in an elegant off-white coat and skirt ensemble, showcasing intricate hand-embroidered details on Instagram.

@Avneet Kaur

Avneet Kaur's barefaced beauty shines through in new snaps

Avneet Kaur flaunted her clear, moisturized skin on Instagram Stories, receiving compliments on her natural glow in a green tank top.



"I did the freezing at that time when in India it was really expensive. But I was certain that when it comes to health - anything."

Esha Gupta
Actress



Bella



Amidst the beautiful chaos of motherhood, finding time for self-care and meditation is crucial for maintaining good mental health.

CHILDREN DREAM ROOM

De-stress in minutes: Meditation tips for a more peaceful mom life

meditation tips for busy moms to cultivate calm in everyday life.

In today's fast-paced world, mothers juggling multiple tasks can find solace and balance through meditation. Beginning the day with deep breaths sets a positive tone, while infusing mindfulness into daily routines fosters a sense of calm. Embracing brief moments of meditation, like taking a few breaths during routine tasks or finding stillness amidst chaos, seamlessly integrates calmness into daily life. Involving the family in mindfulness practices strengthens bonds and creates shared moments of serenity, whether through peaceful walks in nature or bedtime meditation sessions. Designating a peaceful sanctuary within the



home, whether it's a cozy nook adorned with plush cushions and flickering candles or a sunlit corner of the garden, emphasizes the importance of self-care and provides a space for introspection. Experimenting with various meditation styles allows mothers to discover what resonates best with them, from guided

HIGHLIGHT

Dear moms, amidst the chaos of daily life, it's crucial to carve out moments for yourself. Try these easy meditation tips to cultivate calm and recharge your spirit.



meditations to mindfulness practices focusing on breath awareness. Practicing self-compassion is crucial, as releasing the pressure of perfection and embracing kindness toward oneself contributes to greater well-being for both mothers and their families. Taking time for meditation can be a gift of self-love and rejuvenation, providing a moment of peace amid the hustle and bustle of daily life. By incorporating these simple meditation tips into their routines, moms can cultivate calm, strengthen their resilience, and find moments of mindfulness that nourish their souls and enhance their overall well-being.

Tiny powerhouse: Blueberries pack a big health punch



Get ready to dive into the delicious world of blueberries not just as a tasty treat, but also a nutritional powerhouse! These vibrant berries are packed with antioxidants, making them a must-have for boosting heart health, improving brain function, and fighting inflammation. Plus, their moderate glycemic index makes them suitable for diabetics, adding a touch of sweetness to any meal without the guilt. But wait, there's more! Despite claims of being a weight loss wonder, blueberries are most effective as part of a balanced diet, offering holistic health benefits that are too good to resist. So, go ahead, sprinkle some blueberry bliss into your life and reap the rewards of nature's tiny treasures.

Myth or Truth: Syncing periods: Truth or tale?

The idea that women living together synchronize their menstrual cycles, known as period syncing or the McClintock effect, has long intrigued many. It's based on the theory that close contact influences pheromones, aligning monthly cycles. However, research published in the US National Library of Medicine found no evidence of synchronization among

friends or close neighbors. Yet, there was evidence of syncing among relatives, suggesting genetic factors. Dr. Kalra explained that while syncing may create a sense of bonding, it's often a mathematical coincidence. Studies indicate that period syncing is not as prevalent as commonly believed, with cycles varying among individuals.

| FASHION |

Elevate your Denim: Mastering distress techniques for a personalized look

Central Chronicle News

Elevate your denim game with expert tips on distressing jeans! From subtle frays to bold slashes, distressed denim adds a touch of rebellious charm to any outfit. Dive into DIY techniques and discover how to achieve that coveted worn-in look effortlessly. Start by prepping your denim and selecting the distressing technique that suits your style. Whether it's sandpaper for a rugged vibe, scissors for precision, or even a pumice stone for a vintage touch, there are endless ways to customize your jeans. Experiment with different cuts,



slashes, and patches to create a custom look that reflects your personality and fashion sensibilities. Don't forget to finish off with a wash and dry to

set the look and soften the edges. Once you've mastered the art of distressing, step out in confidence and show off your fashion-forward style.

Whether you pair your distressed jeans with a casual tee and sneakers or dress them up with heels and a blazer for a night

HIGHLIGHT
Create the perfect worn-in look with our guide to distressing jeans! From cutting and ripping to sandpaper, we've got all the methods you need!

out, you'll be turning heads wherever you go. With these simple tips, you'll be rocking distressed denim like a pro in no time! Create effortlessly cool and edgy looks with distressed jeans. With techniques like sandpaper, pumice stone, cutting, and patching, customize your jeans to reflect your unique style.

Divas Dazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

Malaika Arora stuns in 'Anarkali Disco Chali' Look

Malaika Arora stuns in a black dress with a matching tulle cape, channeling 'Anarkali Disco Chali' vibes. Styled by Lepakshi Ellawadi, she donned Kristina Fidelskaya's creation, reminiscent of Morticia Addams' quote, 'Black is such a happy color, darling'. The strapless mini-dress with sleek straps and floral embellishments paired perfectly with a feathered tulle cape. Completing the look with glossy black Uma Sling-back pumps and sheer ruched gloves, Malaika exuded a flapper-inspired vibe. Her accessories, makeup by Meghna Butani, and natural waves in her dark locks added to the glamour, making her outfit both bewitching and elegant.

Achiever

Aanal Kotak's TSK steals the show at FCIC

Chef Aanal Kotak's TSK steals the spotlight at the Food Connoisseur India Convention, showcasing her innovative culinary prowess. Transitioning from nominee to jury member, Kotak humbly celebrated others' achievements. The convention, a hub for culinary exploration, saw industry titans and 180 deserving award recipients. The Secret Kitchen, Kotak's brand, attracted thousands with its flavourful delicacies. Kotak, also a speaker, emphasized culinary innovations' significance. Her brand, renowned for blending tradition and innovation, plans expansion into Canada and Dubai. With TSK's presence in Australia and India, and upcoming ventures in New Zealand, Dubai, and the US, Kotak cements her status as a gourmet trailblazer.

The Inspirors

Finding Family: Manisha Koirala open to adoption after facing infertility



In a recent interview, Manisha Koirala, renowned for her role in Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar, opened up about her journey to motherhood. Despite her successful career, she admitted to having contemplated adoption but ultimately found peace with not becoming a mother. Reflecting on her battle with ovarian cancer, she shared, as you grow older, you accept your reality. Cherishing her role as a godmother, she prioritizes

spending time with her aging parents in Kathmandu. Manisha also discussed her battle with depression during the Heeramandi shoot, emphasizing the link between physical and mental health. The series, now streaming on Netflix, boasts a stellar cast including Sonakshi Sinha, Aditi Rao Hydari, and Richa Chadha. Through her journey, Manisha inspires women to embrace their realities and find peace within themselves.

Wellness

Perimenopause Blues? Risk of depression may rise 40%

Perimenopause, the transitional phase before menopause, has been associated with a 40% increased risk of depression, according to a recent study led by researchers at UCL. Analyzing data from over 9,000 women across seven studies worldwide, the research sheds light on the significant mental health challenges faced during this phase. Lasting up to eight years, perimenopause brings about hormonal fluctuations, mood swings, and irregular periods, contributing to heightened depressive symptoms. Lead author Yasmeen Badawy emphasizes the importance of tailored support and screening to address mental well-being during this critical period.



menopause

Divas on Insta

@tejasswiprakash

Tejasswi Prakash

Tejasswi Prakash turns up the heat in a black saree with a multicolour border, showcasing her curves in a series of stunning Instagram photos.



@imouiroy

Mouni Roy

Actress Mouni Roy slays in a black and pink floral halter neck dress, serving major beach vacation fashion goals with her no-makeup look and soft waves on Instagram.



Sports



The Impact Player rule is good. You have to evolve with the times.

Ravi Shastri
former India coach

We will try out combinations before Olympics squad



India men's hockey team | Photo: PTI

Harmanpreet said the team will focus on eliminating any chinks in its armour ahead of Paris.

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: India will put to test its best strategies and combinations during the European leg of the FIH Pro League as it would be the last opportunity to short-list the final squad for the Paris Olympics, said men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh on Tuesday.

The team left for

Antwerp, Belgium on Tuesday for the challenging league, where the winner of this season will be determined. India, currently third in the points table, behind the Netherlands and Australia, will play Belgium and Argentina in Antwerp between May 22 and 26. It will be followed by matches against Germany and Great Britain from June

HIGHLIGHT

● The skipper said the Pro League will not just help him assess his team's preparations but also provide cues into the rivals' strategies.

1-9 in London.

"We are trying out the best combinations before the final squad is selected for the Olympics. Hence,

the Pro League outing is crucial in our preparations for Paris as well as for players to make it to the 16-member squad for Paris," said drag-flicker Harmanpreet in a Hockey India release before the team left for Europe.

Last month, India, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists, lost all their five matches in Australia, raising doubts about their preparations for

the Paris Games.

"The team is quite excited to get back on the road again for yet another challenging outing where we will take on world's best teams in the Pro League. We will be travelling on the back of a very intense training camp over the past few weeks where we focused on our conditioning and played intra-squad matches regularly.

Voters get a sporting welcome at 'Hockey Booth'

KARANGAGUDI: Retired army man Juvel Ddungdung who served during the 1971 Indo-Pak war, became emotional upon arriving at the hockey-themed polling booth to cast his vote, as he received a warm welcome from a team of players who showered petals and presented him a bouquet. Ddungdung, 75, who once played hockey for the Army, expressed pride in voting at Karangagudi that produced numerous international hockey players, including his granddaughter, Beauty Ddungdung. Simdega in Jharkhand, dubbed the "Nursery for Hockey," saw the polling station 216 dubbed as the 'Hockey Booth' by Election Commission officials due to its history of nurturing eight international.

Harmanpreet backs India's T20 World Cup charge

Press Trust of India

India women's skipper, Harmanpreet Kaur is confident that her team will emerge as the semi-finalists in this year's T20 WC in Bangladesh..

DHAKA: Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is confident that India women's team will be one of the potential semi-finalists in this year's T20 World Cup and beating the 'Southern Stars' will go a long way in clinching its first maiden global title. The T20 World Cup is scheduled in Bangladesh from October 3-20 with Harmanpreet banking on the Indian team's familiarity with the conditions to win the competition.



The Women's T20 World Cup will take place from 3rd-20th October in Bangladesh. | Photo: PTI

India have been drawn alongside six-time champions Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Group A for the ninth edition of the tournament, while Group B comprises South Africa, England, 2016 champions West Indies, Bangladesh and Scotland. Asked to

predict the semifinalists, Harmanpreet, who recently led India to a 5-0 whitewash of Bangladesh in the T20I series in Sylhet, said, "India, Australia, England and South Africa. Because all these teams have been doing really well and hopefully these four can qualify for the

FACTFILE

● India Women defeated Bangladesh Women 5-0 in the latter's home a few days back.

semis so we can have very good cricket over there.

"I think it will be Australia (who I look forward to facing) because they are very competitive," Harmanpreet told ICC during a fixture launch event here. "If we do well against them, it will give us a lot of confidence and I'm really looking forward to playing against them," she added.

Harmanpreet also felt India's success in the recently-concluded 5-match series against the hosts had made them more familiar with the conditions.

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BEST OF THE REST

FEDERATION CUP

New queen of shot put! Abha Khatua shatters national record

BHUBANESWAR: Asian Championships silver medallist Abha Khatua set national record en route a gold in women's shot put with a massive throw of 18.41m during the second day of the National Federation Cup Athletics Competition here on Monday. Born in West Bengal but representing Maharashtra here, Khatua was the joint record holder of 18.06m with Manpreet Kaur before this event. But with her fifth round hurl of 18.41m at the Kalinga Stadium, she became the sole national record holder. Her effort was well short of the Olympics qualifying mark of 18.80m, which no Indian woman has ever been able to reach. The qualifying window ends on June 30. Uttar Pradesh's Kiran Baliyan (16.54m) and Delhi's Srishti Vig (15.86m) finished second and third respectively. "My aim is to throw 19m and qualify for the Paris Olympics. **PTI**

TABLE TENNIS

Paddler Manika Batra reaches career-high ranking of World No. 24



NEW DELHI: Ace women's table tennis player Manika Batra rose to a career-best singles ranking of 24 following her success in the Saudi Smash, becoming the first Indian woman paddler to break into the top-25 in world rankings. The 28-year-old Khel Ratna awardee, who was in 39th spot before the tournament, jumped 15 spots following her run in Jeddah, where she reached the quarter-finals. Manika, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist in individual and team categories, had shocked multiple-time world champion and Olympic gold medallist China's Wang Manyu (seeded second) on her way to the last-eight in the Saudi Smash. **PTI**

SOCCER LEAGUE

Barca bounce back: Second place secured after Real Sociedad win



BARCELONA: Barcelona moved above Girona into second place in the Spanish league after beating Real Sociedad 2-0 on Monday. Sheraldo Becker had the ball in the net midway through the first half for Sociedad but the goal was disallowed for offside. Barcelona, though, gradually took control with Raphinha hitting the woodwork after 38 minutes and Lamine Yamal breaking the deadlock two minutes later. Ilkay Gundogan broke forward and slipped a cross ball to Yamal who made no mistake from 15 yards out.

It was the 16-year-old's fifth goal of the league season. "It was an important game to recover second place," Yamal said. "Real started well and we took a bit of time to find ourselves. But we got better little by little." Raphina completed the scoring from the penalty spot three minutes into stoppage time after Alvaro Odriozola was adjudged to have handled in the box. The result pushed Barcelona to one point more than Girona. Real Sociedad was seventh, a point behind Real Betis. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER INDEX OF IPL 2024

Sunil Narine	970
Virat Kohli	761
Travis Head	670
Ruturaj Gaikwad	578
Sanju Samson	572

PREMIER LEAGUE

Iraola extends stay: Bournemouth manager signs until 2026

BOURNEMOUTH: Bournemouth manager Andoni Iraola has signed a new contract through to the end of the 2026 season, the Premier League club said Monday. The Spaniard signed a two-year deal when he was hired last summer and has gone on to lead Bournemouth to its highest points total in the Premier League with a game still to go. "For me, it is a matter of renewing the confidence from both sides," Iraola said. "We have had a good experience with our first season together in the Premier League, and I am happy that both sides want to continue the relationship further." Iraola replaced former manager Gary O'Neil last June and preserved the club's topflight status despite failing to win any of his first nine league games in charge. Bournemouth is 11th in the standings on 48 points. It's previous highest total was 46 in 2016-17 under former manager Eddie Howe. **PTI**

CHESS

India's powerhouse: Praggnanandhaa to lead Norway chess charge



STAVANGER: Grandmasters R Praggnanandhaa, Koneru Humpy and Vaishali Rameshbabu will spearhead India's challenge in the prestigious Norway Chess, to be held here from May 27 to June 7. Popularly known as the 'Wimbledon of Chess', this tournament annually extends invitations to top grandmasters from the world rating list. Praggnanandhaa's outing will be keenly watched after the world No. 11 player finished a creditable fourth in the recent Superbet rapid and blitz tournament. **PTI**

BEYOND THE BLITZ |

'Young guns should focus on Test stardom'

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Former India captain and chief selector Dilip Vengsarkar on Monday exhorted the youngsters to aim for playing and excelling in Test cricket, saying success in the traditional format brings the real honour to the players.

Vengsarkar said here at an event to launch cricket coach by the fame and financial benefits of success in the T20 leagues but the focus of the young players should only be on red-ball cricket, which would also help them do well in other formats.

"Parents are over-awed with the success of IPL, its teams and players," Vengsarkar said here at an event to launch cricket coach



● "The bowlers should try to play Test cricket for your country, if you are a good Test cricketer you can play other formats" Dilip Vengsarkar Ex Cricketer

Jwala Singh's book, titled Pathway to Cricketing Excellence and Beyond.

Vengsarkar, also a former chief selector credited for bringing Virat Kohli into the national team, said parents might have inclination towards training their children to become batters but bowlers carry equal importance irrespective of the format.

Sports News



Rajasthan Royals players during the practice session ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 cricket match. | Photo: PTI



Punjab Kings (PBKS) players Rahul Chahar and Arshdeep Singh during the practice session. | Photo: PTI

Royals aim to seal play-offs berth against PKS

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Home Turf: Rajasthan aim to clinch play-off berth in Parag's 'Royal' homecoming

GUWAHATI: Riyan Parag, the hottest cricketing property to emerge from India's north-east, is expected to get a grand welcome from his home fans when Rajasthan Royals try to ensure a safe passage into the IPL play-offs against the ousted Punjab Kings in their pen-

ultimate league game on Wednesday.

Placed second in the 10-team table with 16 points, Royals need to ensure one win in their next two 'home' games in Guwahati. That will be enough to seal a last four berth. For the past few years, Guwahati has been Royals' second home base and it was a strategic move by the franchise having invested a good six years in tapping Parag's potential. Panned for being

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inconsistent on social media platforms, Parag's homecoming this year is special as his performance of 483 runs at a strike-rate of 153 despite

SQUADS:

Punjab Kings:

Sam Curran (c), Matthew Short, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Sikandar Raza, Rishi Dhawan, Liam Livingstone, Atharva Talde, Arshdeep Singh, Nathan Ellis, Kagiso Rabada, Harpreet Brar, Rahul Chahar, Harpreet Bhatia, Vidwath Kaverappa, Harshal Patel, Chris Woakes, Ashutosh Sharma, Shashank Singh, Tanay Thyagarajan, Prince Choudhary, Rilee Rossouw.

Rajasthan Royals:

Sanju Samson (c), Abid Mushtaq, Avesh Khan, Dhruv Jurel, Donovan Ferreira, Jos Buttler (wk), Kuldeep Sen, Kunal Singh Rathore, Nandre Burger, Navdeep Saini, Ravichandran Ashwin, Riyan Parag, Sandeep Sharma, Shimron Hetmyer, Shubham Dubey, Rovman Powell, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Trent Boult, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Yuzvendra Chahal, Tanush Kotian.

not being an opener is simply outstanding.

A stable core and improvisation as per match situations have

already made Parag an India contender for the next T20 series where he is expected to make his international debut.

Shastri backs Impact Player rule

CHENNAI: The "Impact Player" rule might have come in for sharp criticism in the ongoing IPL, but former India coach Ravi Shastri and senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin have backed it, stating that it leads to more close finishes.

The rule, implemented in the competition last season, has been a topic of debate this edition, with some experts and current players

saying that it will make all-rounders redundant. "When any new rule comes in, there will be people who will try to justify why that's not right," Shastri said.

"But with time, when you see the scores - 200 and 190 - and then, individuals grabbing that opportunity and making the most of it, people will start re-looking at how they think about it," Shastri vouched for

the rule, saying that the game has to evolve with time.

"The Impact Player (rule) is good. You have to evolve with the times. It happens in other sports as well. It's got tighter finishes," he said on Ashwin's YouTube channel. "I think it's a good rule. You saw the number of tight finishes we had in last year's IPL. So, it has made a big difference."

| BANGLADESH T20 WC SQUAD |

Injured Taskin receives call-up to WC squad

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But before that the 29-year-old had a great outing in the series, bagging eight wickets in four games at an impressive economy rate of 4.56.

NEW DELHI: Dhaka: Despite nursing a side strain, pacer Taskin Ahmed was on Tuesday included in Bangladesh's squad for the T20 World Cup to be held in the Americas next month.

Ahmed, who has also been named the vice-captain, picked up the injury ahead of the fifth T20I against Zimbabwe last week.

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The Tigers will be led by Najmul Hossain Shanto, as all the famil-



Shakib Al Hasan made his comeback to T20 international cricket after a gap.

HIGHLIGHT

● Ahmed, who has also been named the vice-captain, picked up the injury ahead of the fifth T20I against Zimbabwe last week.

iar and experienced players have been included in the squad of 15. Opener Litton Das too has been named in the squad despite his poor recent form.

Star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan is the senior-most player in the squad, having featured

Bangladesh squad:

Najmul Hossain Shanto (c), Taskin Ahmed (vc), Litton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Tanzid Hasan, Shakib Al Hasan, Towhid Hridoy, Mahmudullah, Jaker Ali, Tanvir Islam, Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan.

Travelling reserves: Hasan Mahmud, Afif Hossain.

in every event since its inception in 2007.

Bangladesh will start their campaign against Sri Lanka on June 7 in Dallas, Texas. They have been clubbed in Group D, which also has South Africa, Netherlands and Nepal.

Meiraba enters main draw of Thailand Open

BANGKOK: India's Meiraba Luwang Maisnam progressed to the main draw of the men's singles competition at the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Tuesday.

The 21-year-old from Manipur, who trains at Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, beat compatriot Shashwat Dalal 15-21 21-14 21-16 and then notched up a 21-19 21-9 win over Malaysia's Kok Jing Hong to enter the main draw.

He will face fellow Indian and fifth seed HS Prannoy on Wednesday.

There were four other Indians - S Sankar Muthusamy, Ayush Shetty, Kartikey Gulshan Kumar and Ravi - in men's singles qualification round but they failed to make the cut after suffering losses in different stages. Women's singles player Nikki Rapria and men's doubles pair of Vimalraj Annadurai and Mauryan Kathiravan also lost in the qualification stage.

| OLYMPIC TRIALS |

Manu, Vijayveer win final 25m pistol Olympic Selection Trials

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BHOPAL: Olympian Manu Bhaker and Paris quota winner Vijayveer Sidhu won the fourth and final Olympic Selection Trial (OST) in 25m pistol events here on Tuesday.

At the M P State Shooting Academy, Manu, coached by the legendary pistol shooter Jaspal Rana, shot a world record-equaling 42 in the women's 25m Pistol OST T4 final, while Vijayveer shot 34 in the decider of the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol OST T4 to emerge triumphant.

Manu displayed complete dominance in the



Manu Bhaker in action. | Photo: PTI

trials, winning two and coming second in the other two.

She was also the only shooter among the selected five to not score below 580 in the qualification round even once.

Abhidnya Patil (35) was second, while Sim-

ranpreet Kaur Brar (30) took home the final podium point. Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan were fourth and fifth respectively.

In men's rapid fire, Vijayveer took the lead after the second five-shot series and held on

HIGHLIGHT

● Manu shot a world record-equaling 42 in the women's 25m Pistol OST T4 final

to it till the eighth and final series to register his first outright victory in the trials.

Anish Bhanwala was second with 30 while Adarsh Singh was third with 25. Ankur Goel (20) and Bhavesh Shekawat (18) took the minor places.

Anish, however, was the most successful of the five in the event, having won two trials and coming second in the other two.

| GOLF |

I'll be more focussed in Paris: Diksha

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NEW DELHI: Indian golfer Diksha Dagar was just happy to be there when she made her Olympic debut in the Tokyo Games but having become "more balanced, and stable" since then, the Deaflympics gold-medallist is eager to deliver a solid performance when she competes in the upcoming Paris Games.



The 23-year-old, who last week became the first Indian golfer to tee off in a 100 Ladies European Tour events, will be on a packed European sojourn ahead of the Paris Olympics in July-August.

I am more committed and focused on performing well rather than just participating.

Diksha Dagar
Indian golfer

She made her Olympics debut alongside Aditi Ashok, who had

pulled off a creditable fourth place finish. Starting this week at the Amundi German Masters in Berlin, Dagar will participate in at least nine events, almost all in Europe, to prepare for the Summer Games.

"All events from here on will be like an Olympics for me," Dagar said on the 'Fit India Champions Podcast', a series that features India's top sportspersons.

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World



US arms will make a difference in Ukraine as Zelenskyy asks for more air defences

Antony Blinken
US Secretary of State

Ruchira Kamboj addresses UNGA session



Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Ruchira Kamboj addresses the 10th Emergency Special Session of the UNGA on Palestine.

Putin to visit China on Thursday to discuss future strategic ties

BEIJING/MOSCOW: Days after being sworn in for a fifth term, Russian President Vladimir Putin will travel to China on Thursday on a two-day state visit to discuss with his close friend and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping the future course of their strategic alliance amid mounting pressure on Beijing to scale down its support to Moscow's continuing war in Ukraine. At the invitation of Xi, Putin will pay a state visit to China from May 16 to 17, the first state visit since his new term as president began, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here on Tuesday. Both leaders will exchange views on bilateral relations, cooperation in various fields, and international and regional issues of mutual interest in light of the 75th anniversary of China-Russia diplomatic relations, he said. During his visit, Putin, who was sworn in for his fifth Presidential term on May 7, will travel to two cities: Beijing and Harbin.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PAK-POK-LD VIOLENCE 3 killed in firing and teargas shelling by security forces in PoK

ISLAMABAD: At least three people were killed and six others injured when security forces opened fire on protesters who attacked paramilitary Rangers in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which has been rocked by protests against high prices of wheat flour and inflated electricity bills, media reports said on Tuesday. The paramilitary Rangers, which were called in to maintain law and order in the disputed region, came under attack in the regional capital Muzaffarabad while moving out of the town, the Dawn newspaper reported. Instead of exiting via Brarkot, the village bordering Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the 19-vehicle convoy, including five trucks, chose to exit the region from Kohala, it said. As the convoy reached Muzaffarabad in a "charged atmosphere", it was pelted with rocks near Shorran da Nakka village. **PTI**

ISRAEL-INDIA Israel-India to deepen ties for greater prosperity: Israel FM

JERUSALEM: Israel and India will continue to deepen their bilateral ties and lead to greater prosperity, Foreign Minister Israel Katz said on Tuesday. Katz was responding to India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's message on the occasion of Israel's 76th Independence Day. "Thank you for the warm wishes, FM @DrSJaishankar. In celebration of our Independence Day, Israel and India will continue to deepen our ties and lead to greater prosperity," Katz said. **PTI**



'76 mn people displaced within their countries'

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre report found that number of internally displaced people, or IDPs, has jumped by 50 per cent over past five years.

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GENEVA: Conflicts and natural disasters left a record nearly 76 million people displaced within their countries last year, with violence in Sudan, Congo and the Middle East driving two-thirds of new movement, a top migration monitoring group said Tuesday. The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre report found that the number of internally displaced people, or IDPs, has jumped by 50 per cent over the past five years and roughly doubled in the past decade. It doesn't cover refugees - displaced people who fled to

another country. The report tracks two major sets of information. It counted 46.9 million physical movements of people in 2023 - sometimes more than once. In most of those cases, such as after natural disasters like floods, people eventually return home. It also compiles the cumulative number of people who were living away from their homes in 2023, including those still displaced from previous years. Some 75.9 million people were living in internal displacement at the end of last year, the report said, with half of those in sub-Saharan African countries. Almost 90

HIGHLIGHT

- The report tracks two major sets of information. It counted 46.9 million physical movements of people in 2023 - sometimes more than once.
- Almost 90 per cent of the total displacement was attributed to conflict and violence, while some 10 per cent stemmed from the impact of natural disasters.

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of natural disasters. The displacement of more than 9 million people in Sudan at the end of 2023 was a record for a single country since the centre started tracking such figures 16 years ago. That was an increase of nearly 6 million from the end of 2022. Sudan's conflict erupted in April 2023 as soaring tensions between the leaders of the military and the rival Rapid Support Forces broke out into open fighting across the country. The group reported a total of 3.4 million movements within Gaza in the last quarter of 2023 amid the Israeli military response to the October 7 attacks

in Israel. That means that many people moved more than once within the territory of some 2.2 million. At the end of the year, 1.7 million people were displaced in Gaza. Group director Alexandra Bilak said the millions of people forced to flee in 2023 were the "tip of the iceberg," on top of tens of millions displaced from earlier and continuing conflicts, violence and disasters. The figures offer a different window into the impact of conflict, climate change and other factors on human movement. The UN refugee agency monitors displacement across borders but not within countries.

Ex-Indian Army officer with UN killed in Gaza

UNITED NATIONS: A former Indian Army officer working with the United Nations was killed in Gaza when the vehicle he was travelling in came under attack in strife-torn Rafah, becoming the "first international casualty" for the world body since the Israel-Hamas conflict started last year. The United Nations has called for a full investigation while Israel has ordered a separate investigation into the attack. Col Waibhav Anil Kale, 46, who took premature retirement from the Indian Army in 2022, joined the UN as a Security Coordination Officer in the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS) two months ago.

European Union agrees on a new migration pact

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EUROPEAN UNION: European Union nations endorsed on Tuesday sweeping reforms to the bloc's moribund asylum system as campaigning heats up for European-wide elections next month, with migration expected to be an important issue.

BRUSSELS: The New Pact on Migration and Asylum was officially approved by the 27-nation EU's economy ministers, ending more than eight years of work to rewrite the rulebook for handling people who enter Europe without authorisation. EU government ministers approved 10 legislative sections that are part of the pact, running to



Migrants aboard a rubber boat end up in the water while others cling on to a centifloat before being rescued by a team of the Sea Watch-3.

FASTFACTS

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long opposed any obligation for countries to host migrants or pay for their upkeep, voted against the package.

The new rules lay out the guidelines for screening people to establish whether they qualify for some kind of protection, like asylum, or deporting them if they're not allowed to stay. Main-

stream political parties believe the pact provides answers to questions that have divided nations since well over 1 million migrants swept into Europe in 2015, most fleeing war in Syria and Iraq.

They hope the reforms will starve the far right of vote-winning oxygen in the June 6-9 elections. However, the vast legislative package will only enter force in 2026, so it provides no immediate fix to an issue that has fuelled one of the EU's biggest political crises as nations bicker over who should take responsibility for migrants when they arrive and whether other countries are obligated to help. Critics say the pact will let nations detain migrants at borders and fingerprint children.

INDONESIA-FLASH FLOODS |

Indonesian rescuers search through rivers and rubble

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TANAH DATAR: Rescuers on Tuesday searched in rivers and the rubble of devastated villages for bodies, and whenever possible survivors, of flash floods that hit Indonesia's Sumatra Island over the weekend. Monsoon rains and a landslide of mud and cold lava from Mount Marapi

caused rivers to breach their banks. The deluge tore through mountain-side villages in four districts in West Sumatra province just before midnight Saturday. The floods swept away people and 79 homes and submerged hundreds of houses and buildings, forcing more than 3,300 residents to flee to temporary government shelters, National



Disaster Management Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said.

The National Search and Rescue Agency said in a statement that 52

bodies had been pulled from mud and rivers by Tuesday, mostly in the worst-hit Agam and Tanah Datar districts, while rescuers are searching for 20 people who are reportedly missing. More downpours were forecast for the West Sumatra province in coming days, and that danger of extreme rainfall would continue.

FROM AROUND THE WORLD Edgar Wright in talks to direct Sydney Sweeney's 'Barbarella' film



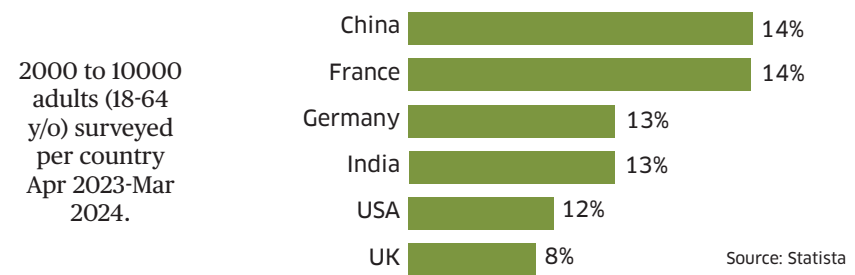
LOS ANGELES: Filmmaker Edgar Wright is in negotiations to direct the upcoming remake of classic sci-fi comedy "Barbarella", to be headlined by Sydney Sweeney.

The project, set up at Hollywood studio Sony Pictures, will see Sweeney stepping into the lead role of the eponymous space-travelling protagonist. Besides Wright, Jane Goldman and Honey Ross are in talks to board the project to write the script, according to entertainment news outlet Variety. Adapted from French writer and illustrator Jean-Claude Forest's comic series, the original 1968 film featured Hollywood legend Jane Fonda as the

eponymous heroine, sent to find a scientist, who has created a weapon that could destroy humanity. Although the film wasn't a box office smash at the time, it has garnered a cult film status in the decades since, with "Barbarella" widely seen as one of Fonda's most iconic on-screen roles. Wright, 50, is known for his films like "Hot Fuzz", "Shaun of the Dead", "The Sparks Brothers" and "Baby Driver". His upcoming directorial is Glen Powell-led "The Running Man", adapted from author Stephen King's 1982 novel. Sweeney, 26, most recently appeared in rom-com "Anyone but You" alongside Powell. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

SHARE OF RESPONDENTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES WHO OWN A ROBOT VACCUM OR A LAWN-MOWING ROBOT



PAK-IMF Pakistan, International Monetary Fund start talks for fresh bailout package

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the IMF have started negotiations for a fresh bailout package to address the cash-strapped country's fiscal challenges and implement crucial reforms, media reports said on Tuesday. On Monday, the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) mission chief to Pakistan, Nathan Porter, called on Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb to "kick start the dis-

cussions on further engagement with the Fund," the Ministry of Finance said in a statement. "The finance minister welcomed the IMF team and thanked them for the successful completion of the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA)," said ministry statement. Aurangzeb also "apprised the IMF team about the improvement in the macroeconomic indicators over course of SBA. **PTI**

POLAND-COAL MINE Cave-in leaves 2 miners dead, 1 missing and 12 injured at a coal mine in Poland

WARSAW: Two miners were killed and one remains missing after a cave-in at the Myslowice-Wesola coal mine in southern Poland early Tuesday in which 12 other miners were hurt, mining authorities said Tuesday.

The cave-in happened around 3:30 am some 870 metres (2,800 feet) underground in an area where 15 miners were working, said Rajmund Horst, the deputy head of the company that runs the mine. **PTI**

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