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BJP releases 1st LS list of 195 candidates



BJP National General Secretary Vinod Tawde (R) announces first list of candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections during a press conference, in New Delhi, Saturday.

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI):

The ruling BJP on Saturday announced Prime Minister Narendra Modi will fight again from Varanasi in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections as it named 34 Union ministers in the first list of 195 candidates.

PM Modi will contest from Varanasi constituency for the third consecutive time. The list includes 34 Union Ministers and Ministers of State (MoS) and

two former Chief Ministers. Home Minister Amit Shah will contest from Gujarat's Gandhinagar while Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will contest from state's Porbandar.

The BJP has fielded 53 candidates in Uttar Pradesh, including PM Modi; 24 in Madhya Pradesh; 20 in West Bengal; 15 each in Gujarat and Rajasthan; 12 in Kerala; 11 each in Assam, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh; 9 in Telangana; 5 in Delhi; 3 in

- Modi to fight again from Varanasi
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Uttarakhand; 2 each in Jammu & Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh; and 1 each in Goa, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar and Daman & Diu. The list also included two former ministers as well as Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla from Kota in Rajasthan. Announcing the list, BJP National General Secretary Vinod Tawde said the party is confident that it would form the government for the third term under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a much bigger mandate.

He also said the party has been working on further expanding its footprint across states and also to strengthen the ruling National Democratic Alliance.

Consignment useful for Pak nuke prog seized



A combination of photos shows bills of landing and a container onboard a Karachi-bound ship from China.

Mumbai, Mar 02 (PTI):

Security agencies at Mumbai's Nhava Sheva port intercepted and seized the consignment of a Karachi-bound ship from China after it was found carrying a dual-use consignment with implications for Pakistan's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, officials said on Saturday.

Customs officials, acting on intelligence, halted the Malta-flagged merchant ship - CMA CGM Attilla - en route to Karachi on January 23 and, during its inspection, found that the consignment had a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine, manufactured by

an Italian company, known for its precision and efficiency controlled by a computer system.

A Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) team examined the consignment and confirmed its potential usage in Pakistan's nuclear initiatives, notably in manufacturing crucial components for missile development, the officials said.

CNC machines fall under the Wassenaar Arrangement, an international arms control regime aimed at curbing the spread of items with dual civilian and military applications, in which India is an active participant. The CNC machine

was used by North Korea in its nuclear programme.

Further investigations showed many discrepancies in the shipping details, indicating potential evasion tactics to conceal the true recipients. This incident follows past seizures of dual-use military-grade items being transhipped from China to Pakistan, raising concerns over illicit procurement activities.

The ongoing probe aims to ascertain if the suspected Pakistani entities receiving these items are linked to the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DESTO), responsible for Pakistan's defence research and development.

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Spanish tourist gang-raped in J'khand

Dumka, Mar 02 (PTI):

A tourist from Spain was allegedly gang-raped in Jharkhand's Dumka district, police said on Saturday.

Three persons have been arrested in connection with the incident and a manhunt has been launched to nab the remaining accused, while a special investigation team (SIT) has been formed to probe the incident, they said.

The incident took place at Kurumahat in Hansdiha police

station area, around 300 km from the state capital Ranchi, on Friday night when a tourist couple from Spain was spending the night at a makeshift tent. The couple had reached Dumka from Bangladesh on two motorcycles and was en route to Bihar and then Nepal. "An investigation is underway, and forensic teams have visited the spot. Three persons have been arrested in connection with the incident and a manhunt has been launched to nab the remaining accused.

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BMC makes advance preparation to curb encroachment

Commissioner appeals Sunday Market traders to cooperate

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: In order to hold the Sunday Market from Supela Ghadi Chowk to Gada Chowk in an organised manner and avoid traffic hurdles on this road, the Bhilai Municipal Corporation team is regularly visiting the spot and is appealing to the shopkeepers to cooperate. Public announcement was also made on Saturday.

On Saturday, the team of the Nehru Nagar and Vaishali Nagar zone of offices of the corporation again did the marking on both sides of the road in the market area and advised the traders that no



shopkeeper should put his goods for sale beyond the line. Similarly, the vendors doing business on stalls, carts and kiosks installed on the roads have also

been asked not to do any business on the road which may affect the traffic. Public announcement to this effect was also made by the BMC in the

Sunday market area.

On March 3, the Revenue and Health staff of the Bhilai Municipal Corporation, under the leadership of the zone commissioner, will again visit the area between Ghadi Chowk to Gada Chowk to check the goods spread outside the shops and the pull carts.

Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv, while appealing to the traders, has said that the Corporation is making continuous efforts to ease the traffic and organize the market area. Cooperation of the traders is necessary to achieve the goal and avoid inconvenience to the general public.

Hundreds of women from Durg join BJP

● BJP is the mainstream of country's politics: Jitendra Verma

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: Influenced by the policies and working of BJP, hundreds of women from Durg joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday. District President Jitendra Verma welcomed the women in the party at Durg district BJP office.

The women led by senior BJP leader, former District Vice President, Sharda Gupta (former councillor) joined the party. Bhulan Sahu, Vandana Sahu, Prachi Sahu, Khemlata Dewangan, Bimala Sahu, Rita Sahu, Anita Gupta, Sheela Sukhdev, Urmila Sahu, Sunita Sahu, Lalita Sahu, Sangeeta Gupta,



Aarti Sahu, Priya Sahu, Savita Sahu, Lalati Sahu and hundreds of women joined BJP.

During this programme, District BJP President Jitendra Verma said that influenced by the policies and works of Bharatiya Janata Party, a large community of people across the country is joining BJP.

Today, the condition and direction of the country's politics is being decided through the Bharatiya Janata Party, in such a situation the public inclination is clearly towards the Bharatiya Janata Party. The party is expanding under the leadership of the Prime Minister. He welcomed everyone to the

BJP family. Together we will make the party stronger, he said.

District General Secretary Surendra Kaushik, Mandal President Vijay Tamrakar, Sunil Agrawal, Madan Wadhai, Govind Dewangan, Ajay Thakur were present in the program.

Patil suggests inclusion of mixed water soluble fertiliser in FCO

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: ICAR's Annual General Meeting was recently held in New Delhi. Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Technology with independent charge Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary, Agriculture Ministers of other states, ICAR Director General Himanshu Pathak, Secretary Sanjay Garg, Agriculture Commissioner Dr PK Singh, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Vice Chancellor and



Directors of Agricultural Universities from various states were present.

The annual budget of ICAR was discussed in the meeting. Dinesh Patil, Member ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture,

Government of India, spoke on several important issues. He mentioned the new spot treatment technology which is proving to be useful in the agriculture sector all over the world and the in-

production of Gel Base Liquid Nano Technology in the Fertilizer Control Order of India.

He recommended to include mixed water soluble fertiliser, homeopathic medicine and micronu-

trients as the demand for these products is increasing among the farmers of India and good results are also being seen.

As these products are not under FCO, some officials are working arbitrarily. He spoke about an industry friendly environment to promote new agriculture sector MSME, startups, appropriate relaxation in government rules.

He also had a personal discussion with Kailash Choudhary on other important points. He discussed the importance of farmers and Indian startups, MSMEs. The meeting was presided over by Arjun Munda, Union Agriculture Minister.

Date extended for PMAY applications



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: Under the Mor Makaan - Mor Aas component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, houses are available for allotment to the families living in tenancy. In the third phase of PMAY in Bhilai Municipal Corporation limits, the houses are being built in Ward 01, behind Surya Vihar in Khamhariya, behind

Krishna Engineering College and behind NR Estate and Mile Stone School. For the allotment of these houses, the last date of submission of applications in the prescribed format was February 29. BMC has extended the last date and now applications will be sold till March 5 and applications can be submitted till March 7. For allotment of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana, which are under construction at various places of Bhilai Municipal Corporation, citizens can deposit Rs 100 in cash along with a photocopy of their Aadhar Card till 4 pm every day on office days at the counter of Room No 16 Planning Branch of the Corporation Main Office. People can get the application form by making payment and can also submit the application.

Olympian Rajendra Prasad invited as selector

For Elite Men & Women's National Boxing Coaching Camp

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: Former Olympian and Arjuna Award-winning boxer Rajendra Prasad, has been invited by the Indian Boxing Federation to serve as a member of the selection committee for the Elite Men and Women's National Boxing Coaching Camp, which will be held at the NSNIS Centre, Patiala, Punjab, from 05th to 08th March 2024.

Currently working as Deputy General Manager, Education & TSD, in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, Rajendra Prasad is the only Olympian and Arjuna Award recipient from Chhattisgarh.



Rajendra Prasad is also a member of the selection committee for the Indian Boxing Federation. He has been nominated by the Indian Boxing Federation to select female athletes for the Elite Women's National Coaching Camp. This selected team will

be travelling abroad to participate in an international competition. Rajendra Prasad had also been invited by the Indian Boxing Federation for the selection of male players for the Men's National Boxing Coaching Camp, in the year 2021, and women players for Women's National Boxing Coaching Camp, in 2023.

The National Sports Federation of India has made a rule that an Olympian must be included in the selection process before the Indian team's foreign tours, ensuring that the Indian players cannot go without the signature of the Olympian athlete.

632 youth get recruitment in job fair

Bhilai, Mar 02: As per the instructions of Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, a job fair was organized for polytechnic and ITI students by Sanjay Rungta Group of Institutions under the Srijan Rojgar Abhiyan run by the District Administration Durg and the Sankalp Project of the District Skill Development Authority. Nodal Officer Deputy Collector Vijay Dhruv said that in this program organized on February 24 at Bhilai Campus R-2. A total of 20 companies including big companies like Tata Motors, Tata Electronic, Simplex, Bajaj Motors had announced the recruitment of 2700 vacant posts. Interviews were conducted. A total of 632 students were selected and 125 students were shortlisted.

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Bhilai, Mar 02: The cheque bearing Policy premium amounts for the GPAIS (2024-25) Accidental Death Insurance of BSP's SEWA member employees, was handed over to the United India Insurance Company Limited (UIIC), in the presence of Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A).

Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel) and Chairman (SEWA), on behalf of the SEWA Governing Body, presented the Policy premium cheque to the representatives of UIIC, during a brief programme on March 01, 2024. Members of the SEWA Governing Body Jaya Roy, AGM (Personnel Services), and Sailaja Suryasen, Section Officer (Employee Services-SEWA) were present on this occasion, along with BK Singh, CRM (UIIC), and Bhavana Chandwani, Manager (UIIC) from United India Insurance Co Ltd.



Pawan Kumar in his address appreciated the SEWA initiative, while Sandeep Mathur thanked the members of the SEWA Governing Body for their contribution. Speaking on the SEWA initiative, BK Singh, CRM (UIIC), assured best services under SEWA-GPAIS (2024-25). Amulya Priyadarshi, GM (HRD) and Secretary (SEWA) commended the programme, while Brij Bihari Mishra, Vice President (SEWA) proposed the vote of thanks.

The present SEWA Executive Body consists of 14 members including Sandeep Mathur (President), Brij Bihari Mishra (Vice President), Amulya Priyadarshi (Secretary), N Asha (Treasurer), Nand Kishore (Joint Secretary), and Hari Ram Yadav (Joint Secretary).

RMP 3 crosses 20 Lakh Tonnes milestone in cumulative production

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: Bhilai Steel Plant's Refractory Materials Plant-3 (RMP-III) has crossed the milestone of 20 lakh tonnes cumulative production on 24th Feb 2024. A new and modern unit set up under SAIL-Bhilai's Modex Plan, the primary function of RMP 3 is the calcination of flux, which is supplied to the Steel Melting Shop 3 for use in steel purification. To meet the daily demand in steelmaking, the availability of proper flux, such as lime and calcined dolomite is essential.

Recently, on 11th February 2024, RMP-III had achieved its highest day production of 2145 T, surpassing the previous record of 2105 T recorded on 31st October 2023. RMP 3 has already surpassed the



previous yearly best production of 4,96,302 T recorded in 2023-24, achieving this two months prior to completion of current year 2023-24. RMP-III is equipped with five Vertical PFR-type gasified kilns and the latest technology, making it the most economical choice. Employees of RMP-III are dedicated to production and meeting the flux demand of the Plant. It is noteworthy that while RMP 3 had

crossed the 10 lakh tonnes cumulative production mark in 47 months after its commissioning on 12th June 2018, the shop took only 21 months to achieve the next 10 lakh tonnes of production. Ratan Mukherjee, GM I/c (LDPC & RMP-II & III) said that these achievements show the commitment of RMP 3 to meet the flux demand of the Plant. He thanked all associated shops for their support.

When salary account provides free insurance cover, why mgmt paid premium; questions INTUC

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 02: Bhilai Steel Plant had entered into a MoU with a private bank three months ago. This bank is providing a free accidental insurance of Rs 50 lakh on the salary accounts. Even when the free insurance cover was available, the BSP management paid a huge amount as premium for GPAIS.

Officials of Kotak Mahindra Bank recently reached the Steel Employees Union (INTUC) office and informed about the MOU signed with the management. They gave detailed information on the MoU signed with SAIL management for the salary accounts of the employees.

Bank's Regional Manager (Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh in-charge) Prasad Gulhane said that this scheme is a salary account scheme, under



which the salary or pension of the employees after retirement should be credited in this account to avail the benefits and facilities. Under this scheme, the salary account holder will get a free locker facility and accidental insurance of Rs 40 lakh at zero premium. Along with this, there will be an additional accidental benefit of Rs 50 lakh for debit card users. In this way, a total of Rs 90 lakh insurance cover is available free of cost. Also, the

account holder will get a reimbursement benefit of Rs 1000 per day for hospitalization of 30 days in a year.

The bank official said that on a deposit amount up to Rs 25000 in this account, 4% interest will be given and on the deposit amount above Rs 25000, 7% interest will be given. He said that on top-up of ? 823 on Mediclaim policy, policy benefit of Rs 30 lakh will be given. Account holders will get a personal

loan at 9.99% interest and home loan at 8.4% interest. There is also a facility of education loan up to Rs 4 lakh. Bank officials gave detailed information about the scheme. They said that soon an ATM will be installed near the Main Gate of BSP. Many officers and employees opened their salary accounts by producing their Aadhar card and PAN card.

Union office bearers said that when this agreement was made with the

management on 30 November 2023, then why this information was not given to the employees for 3 months. In the meantime, accidental insurance of Rs 30 lakh was done through the SEWA by paying a premium amount of Rs 2384 per employee. On the other hand, free accidental benefit of Rs 40 lakh is available at zero premium.

Bank branch manager Santosh Soni, bank officers Shradha Khedekar and Idris Patel, INTUC General Secretary Vansh Bahadur Singh, executive president Puran Verma, senior vice president Santosh Kitchlu, vice president Ramesh Tiwari, deputy general secretary Dhanesh Prasad, Jayant Barhate, Animesh Pasee, Vipin Bihari Mishra, PK Vishwas, K Agarwal, Raman Murthy Rajkumar, Resham Rathore and others were present.

BJP denies party tickets to 7 sitting MPs from Chh'garh

Vijay Baghel from Durg and Santosh Pandey form Rajnandgaon retained

Cabinet Minister Brijmohan Agrawal to contest Raipur Lok Sabha seat



Brijmohan Saroj Pandey Kamlesh Jangade Vijay Baghel

the list of candidates announced here on Saturday evening, the heavy-weight leader and Cabinet Minister for School and Higher Education Brijmohan Agrawal has been fielded whereas outgoing Rajya Sabha member Saroj Pandey would be contesting the Lok Sabha elections from Korba constituency. Former Members of Legislative

Assembly (MLAs) Rupkumari Chaudhary from Mahasamund Parliamentary constituency, Tokhan Sahu from Bilaspur segment, Chintamani Maharaj from Sarguja and Bhojraj Nag from Kanker too have been given party tickets whereas Ambresh Jangade from Janjgir (SC) reserved seat, Mahesh Kashyap from

Bastar (ST) and Radheshyam Ratia from Raigarh (ST) seat too have been given the opportunity by the party in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. In the list of all the 11 seats from Chhattisgarh, the BJP has fielded three Women candidates whereas OBCs too have been given equal opportunity in view of the existing political scenario.

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Raipur, Mar 02: Vijay Baghel from Durg and Santosh Pandey from Rajnandgaon are the only two sitting Members of Parliament (MPs) who have been once again given party ticket by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. In

Rs 13k cr to be given to 24 lakh farmers on 12TH March



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Raipur, Mar 02: A sum of Rs 13,000 crore will be disbursed to more than 24 lakh farmers in Chhattisgarh on March 12 in connection with paddy procurement in the state, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said on Saturday.

The CM made the announcement at a public meeting in Tamamunda village in Jashpur district.

This amount is additional money over the Minimum Support Price (MSP) given to farmers for paddy procurement as promised by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party



ahead of the Assembly polls last year. The BJP had promised during the Assembly poll campaign to procure paddy at Rs 3100 per quintal from farmers. The paddy procurement for the Kharif season 2023-24 was held between November 1 to February 4 and a total 147 lakh metric tonne of paddy was procured from over 24 lakh

farmers at MSP, which was Rs 2,183 per quintal for common grade paddy and Rs 2203 for Grade A paddy.

"As per our promise, 21 quintal paddy per acre was purchased from farmers. Total 147 LMT paddy was procured, which is a record. The farmers have received MSP against selling their paddy but as per the promise of giving Rs

3100 per quintal, the difference amount of Rs 917 per quintal would be given on March 12," Sai said.

"More than 24 lakh farmers will get the difference amount totalling Rs 13,000 crore in their bank accounts. On March 12, Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda will visit Chhattisgarh," Sai said.

Cong stages statewide protest on inflation

State Congress President Deepak Bajj met people and vegetable vendors suffering from inflation in Shastri Bazaar, Raipur

Congressmen reached vegetable markets and grocery shops of all the districts of the state.



Raipur, Mar 02: State Congress on Friday staged protest in all the districts of the state on inflation. State Congress President Deepak Bajj met the common public and vegetable vendors of Shastri Bazaar and discussed the rising inflation. On the occasion he also bought vegetables. The State President also purchased vegetables like

ginger, garlic, peas, gram, carrot, tomato etc. In this unique protest, Congressmen under the leadership of District Congress Committees across the state protested against the rising inflation by purchasing vegetables and groceries.

State Congress President Deepak Bajj said that under the rule of Modi, who formed the

government at center with the promise of reducing inflation in 100 days. At present inflation is at the highest level in 50 years. The common man's kitchen budget has deteriorated. The price of edible oil and pulses was Rs 70 and Rs 60 per kg and now it was crossed Rs 200 per kg. Not only this, in the past even curd, cheese, lassi, flour, dry soybean,

peas and puffed rice could not escape the brutal blow of GST, 5 percent GST was imposed on them too. Modi government is charging 12 percent GST on rooms. In 2014, the gas cylinder cost was costing Rs 410 earlier. Now it is Rs 1000. Petrol price Rs was Rs 70 and now it has touched Rs 102 per liter. The price of diesel was Rs 55 per liter whereas now it is Rs 95.44 per liter. The prices of crude oil are continuously decreasing in the international market. Compared to 2014, currently crude oil is available at half the rate but the general public is not getting its benefit. State Congress President Deepak Bajj said that Congress will continue the people's fight against inflation. Today's movement will proceed in a phased manner. We will continue to raise the voice of the public in future also.

Aadhaar seeding process of accounts of MVY beneficiaries to be expedited

Banks to remain open even on Sundays, other holidays

Women and Child Development Department Secretary instructs to speed up process of linking Aadhaar cards of beneficiaries



Raipur, Mar 02: The issues of linking Aadhaar card with the bank accounts of the beneficiaries of Mahtari Vandan Yojana (MVY) were discussed with the SLBC coordinator and member banks at a meeting held through video conferencing by the Director, Directorate of Institutional Finance,

Government of Chhattisgarh. Secretary, Women and Child Development Mrs. Shammii Abidi chaired the meeting held to discuss expedition of the process of Aadhaar seeding in the accounts of the MVY beneficiaries.

Women and Child Development Secretary Mrs. Shammii Abidi directed State Bank branches in the districts

to cooperate with the district authorities to expedite the Aadhaar seeding process. She directed the SLBC Convenor to issue necessary instructions to branches to give priority to Aadhaar seeding of accounts and complete the work on war footing.

She asked the bank branches to organize camps and call CSP/Bank Mitra with laptops to link the accounts of the beneficiar-

ies with Aadhaar so that the process of Aadhaar seeding will become easier. She said that the bank branches located in the districts should give priority to the process of Aadhaar seeding and take it forward. Director, Directorate of Institutional Finance, while giving instructions to expedite the Aadhaar seeding process, said that camps will soon be organized in Raipur, Bilaspur and Durg districts. It was informed in the meeting that all the bank branches in the state will assist in linking Aadhaar to the remaining accounts and issue instructions to the banks to complete the work on time. Bank branches will remain open even on Sundays and other holidays for Aadhaar seeding of beneficiaries.

Director for Audit of expenditure on Mitran Club and Chhattisgarhia Olympics

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Raipur, Mar 02: Director Sports & Youth Welfare Tanuja Salam on Saturday directed the District Sports Officers (DSOs) to conduct Audit at every level on the expenditure made in various schemes like Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club and Chhattisgarhia Olympics. Presiding over the meeting of DSOs, the newly-



posted Director Sports Tanuja Salam directed them to organise Summer

Sports Training at Development Block levels also apart from the

District-level. She also reviewed the availability of sports kits and fund for organising forthcoming events.

She also collected information about the various grievances faced by the DSOs. Senior officials from the Directorate Sports and Districts were present during the meeting held at International Hockey Stadium based Office here.

National level workshop on ICT enabled Employability Skills held

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 02: One Day National level workshop on ICT Enabled Employability Skills for Technical Students in Rural Areas in Chhattisgarh was organized by the Department of HSS, NIT Raipur on 1st March 2024. The program was sponsored by the ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Sciences Research), New Delhi. The workshop focused on the need for the ICT enabled skills and provided a platform for



scholars, researchers, and practitioners to discuss key elements, practices, and recent developments in the field of ICT education, teaching, communication, employ-

ability skills especially the facilities for rural students in C.G state.

Director addressed the gathering by instructing the importance of NEP 2020 and need for effective communication skills for enriching the employability skills and also congratulated the organizers for conducting the workshop. He discussed about Viksit Bharat@2047. Prof. Sameer Bajpai emphasized the importance of ICT-CALL modules helping rural students of Chhattisgarh. HoD HSS

said that the program would be beneficial for students of rural districts of Chhattisgarh.

Prof. GA Ghanshyam, the guest keynote speaker delivered a resourceful lecture on the practical implementation and implications of NEP-2020, focusing on the need for promoting female student enrolment in technical institutes in rural CG. He also emphasized on interdisciplinary thinking in acquiring useful generic skills among students in Chhattisgarh.

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Challan issued to more than 700 vehicles violating traffic rules

Traffic police in action mode

Raipur, Mar 02: As soon as the assembly session ends, the traffic police has come into action mode. In a single day, action was taken against more than 700 vehicles under different sections of the MV Act for ignoring traffic rules. 25 vehicles found driving under the influence of alcohol were seized. Preparations are underway to present the case in court. In fact, SSP Santosh Kumar Singh has given instructions to the traffic police to prevent accidents on the ring road passing through the city and also to maintain smooth and safe traffic system. In this context, action is being taken by running a campaign against vehicles parked dangerously in no parking by disrupting the



traffic.

ASP Traffic Sachindra Kumar Choubey said that the traffic police staff under the leadership of DSP Gurjit Singh, Sushanto Banerjee, Karan Kumar Uike, conducted a special campaign against vehicles parked with no parking on Ring Road No. 1 and 2 passing through the city and arrested nine auto rickshaws drivers. Action has been taken against 12 vehicles including three trucks under section 283.

Due to the Assembly session going on for the last several days, this action of the police seemed to have stopped. But as soon as the session ended, strict action has been started again against those who ignore the traffic rules.

On Thursday too, action was taken under the Motor Vehicles Act against 284 drivers driving two-wheelers without helmets and 156 drivers driving four-wheelers without seat belts. Similarly, challans were issued to more

than 75 auto and e-rickshaw drivers who parked in no-parking areas on major roads and streets within the city and picked up and dropped off passengers. Fines were collected from more than 50 drivers for installing black films in cars, modified silencers in two-wheelers etc.

In this series, 25 drivers who were driving under the influence of alcohol were caught and their vehicles were seized. ASP has appealed to the drivers to cooperate with the traffic police in the smooth operation of the city's traffic system, drive the vehicle following the traffic rules, do not park your vehicle in no parking area and while intoxicated, do not drive a two-wheeler without a helmet or a four-wheeler without a seat belt. Do not allow minor children to drive.

Kisan Mahasammelan to be held in Raipur on Mar 9

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to be Chief Guest

Raipur, Mar 02: The meeting of the National Working Committee of Bharatiya Janata Party Kisan Morcha will be held on March 8 at the BJP state office located in the Kushabhau Thakre complex of the capital. National officials of the Morcha will participate in it. The very next day, on March 9, there will be a Kisan Mahasammelan at the Science College grounds in Raipur. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address it.

The Kisan Mahasammelan will be held prior to the Lok Sabha elections. In view of this meeting and the general conference, a meeting of all the district units of



the BJP Kisan Morcha is being organized in two days. State President of Kisan Morcha Tokhan Sahu gave this information in a press conference called at Ekatma Complex. State President of BJP Kisan Morcha Sahu said that state Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, National President of Morcha Rajkumar Chahar and national officials will

address the Kisan Mahasammelan. Sahu has invited all the farmers of the state for this meeting.

Meanwhile, while discussing the achievements of the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state government led by Chief Minister Sai, Sahu said that under Modi's guarantee, the BJP state government has pur-

chased 21 quintals of paddy per acre at the rate of Rs 3,100 per quintal. The promise has been fulfilled. During this time,

senior Kisan Morcha leader Dwarikesh Pandey, State Vice President Gaurishankar Srivas, State Minister Ajay Sahu, State Office Minister Ravish Gupta and others were present in the press conference.

Akash Dhavana nominated as State V-P CCCI



Raipur, Mar 02: State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Amar Parwani said that in order to cooperate and make the work of the Chamber dynamic, while expanding the office bearers in the Chamber, Mr. Akash Dhavana (Proprietor-Amar Poly Print Industries, Raipur) has

been appointed as the State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber. He has been nominated for the post of Vice President. State President Amar Parwani, while congratulating Mr. Akash Dhavana, has hoped that he will take Chhattisgarh Chamber to new heights by working in the interest of business and industry.

Birthday of Minister Ramvichar Netam celebraed



Raipur, Mar 02: The birthday of Tribal Welfare Minister Ramvichar Netam has been made unforgettable by the students of Shabari Kanya Ashram, Rohanipuram and Vanvasi Kalyan Samiti located in Raipur. The students of the Ashram cut the cake on the occasion of the Minister's birthday and congratulated Netam and gave their best wishes. On this occasion, the students of the Ashram have said that the simple and easy-going Minister Ramvichar Netam has paid special attention towards

the Ashram hostels after becoming the Minister of the department. He has given instructions to the officials to increase the number of seats in ashram-hostels along with promoting the quality of food, education, sports and culture. It is a commendable step for the needy children of weaker sections. Minister Netam has also announced in the Assembly to open boys and girls hostels as per the need in all the district headquarters and block headquarters of the state and thanked him for this.

NIT Raipur and CRRRI signs MoU for institutional collaboration

Raipur, Mar 02: In a significant move towards fostering collaboration and enhancing research opportunities, the National Institute of Technology, Raipur (NIT Raipur) and CSIR-CRRI, New Delhi have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Feb 27 by Dr (Prof.) N. V. Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur and Dr (Prof.) Manoranjan Parida, Director, CSIR-CRRI, New Delhi in the presence of Dr. S. Velmurugan, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CRRI New Delhi, Dr. Rajesh. K. Tripathi, Dean (Planning & Development), Dr. P. Diwan, Dean (Research & Consultancy), and Dr. D. Sanyal, Dean (Faculty Welfare) of NIT Raipur along with the MoU Nodal officers, faculty



members and Scientists from the institutions.

The primary objective of this MoU is to establish cooperation and collaboration between NIT Raipur and CSIR-CRRI New Delhi with the aim of advanced collaborative research in the areas of Transportation Infrastructure, Architecture and Urban Planning. By, leveraging their intellectual capabilities, the

faculties and scientists of the institution will work together to develop skill enhancement system for research and teaching to the needs of the industry.

Under the terms of MoU, the two institutions have agreed to share their important R&D facilities through a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) ensuring the protection of generated intellectual property. The institutions will explore opportunities of joint research projects and seek external funding for them.

The institutes will actively engage in delivering training to bridge the gap and make the students industry-ready. Necessary support and assistance will also provided by the institutes for internships and

placements. Joint academic activities will be formulated such as short-term courses, training programmes, seminars, access to workshops and conferences based on mutual interest and available expertise in both the institutions.

The agreement is valid initially for 5 years and may be extended by the mutual consent of both the parties. The signing of MoU reflects the commitment of both the institutions to promote excellence in technical education, research and industry collaboration. This strategic partnership will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and development of both institutions and benefiting the students scientists, faculties and the industry at large.

National Intensive Pulse Polio Campaign from March 3 to 5

Two drops of polio will be given to 36 lakh 13 thousand 226 children in the state



Raipur, Mar 02: Under polio eradication, National Vaccination Day i.e. Pulse Polio Campaign will be organized in the state from March 3 to March 5, 2024. Polio doses will be administered to all children aged 0 to 5 years through booths on the first day of the campaign and through home visits on the second and third days.

State Immunization Officer Dr. V.R. Bhagat said that vaccines and other necessary materials for the campaign have been made available in the districts. This year, a total of more than 36.13 lakh children will be administered polio vaccine through more than 14,000 booths in urban and rural areas of the state. During the campaign, the transit team will especially focus on railway stations, bus stands, fair grounds, hot markets, brick kilns, slum areas, building construction etc. The training of the vaccination team has been completed at village, sector, primary health center level and development block level. The supervisor will also supervise all the booths during the campaign. All necessary preparations have been completed for the successful conduct of Pulse Polio campaign.

OBC Mahasabha bolsters presence across Raipur district villages

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 02: The OBC Mahasabha Chhattisgarh took strides towards organizational enhancement as it expanded its reach into Sandogari village, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Ward-2 of Raipur Municipal Corporation. The gathering, held at the community hall of Hardiha Sahu Samaj, Sandogari, witnessed the esteemed presence of State President of OBC Mahasabha, OBC Radheshyam, Hemant Kumar Sahu, Division President Raipur, and District President Kishore Soni.

Attendees included village head Makhan Sahu, along with other local leaders and hundreds of OBC



community members. Discussions centered around social justice for Other Backward Classes, addressing injustices, atrocities, and the significance of OBC representation in the national census.

State President OBC Radheshyam elucidated on the organization's mission

and emphasized the importance of OBC inclusion in national census data. Highlighting Article 340 of the Constitution and the recommendations of the Kaka Kalelkar Commission and Mandal Commission, he underscored the pressing need for accurate OBC representation.

Division President Hemant Sahu underscored the economic, educational, and political implications of the lack of OBC census data. Efforts to petition the government through rallies, memorandums, and advocacy campaigns have yielded tangible results, including the passing of the

Reservation Amendment Bill.

A youth cell was established in Ward No. 2 of Sandogari village, underscoring the Mahasabha's commitment to engaging the younger generation in advocacy efforts. District President Kishore Soni pledged to establish ward units across all wards of the Raipur Municipal Corporation.

The meeting concluded with the unanimous election of new officials, with Rahul Kumar Sahu assuming the presidency. Sanjay Kumar and Rahul Kumar were appointed vice presidents, while Rupesh Kumar and Jitesh were entrusted with the role of General Secretary and Ghanshyam Sahu as Secretary.

Kedar Kashyap took blessings from Shankaracharya

Raipur, Mar 02: Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Skill Development and Cooperation Minister Kedar Kashyap participated in the Hindu Rashtra Dharma Sabha organized in village Mura of Dharsiwa development block. On this occasion, he took blessings from Puri Govardhan Math Peethadhiswar Shankaracharya Shri Nischalanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj and wished for the happiness, prosperity of the people of the state.

It is worth noting that for the last three days, divine discourses of Puri Govardhan Math Peethadhiswar Shankaracharya Shri Nischalanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj have been organized in the village Mura of freedom fighter Pandit Shri Lakhna Lal Mishra in village Mura in Dharsiwa development block of Raipur. On this occasion, former IAS officer G.S. Mishra, local public representatives and a large number of saints and devotees were present.

Skye Air teams up with Govt Medical College, Ambikapur for Drone delivery

Raipur, Mar 02: Skye Air Mobility, India's premier SaaS-based autonomous logistics solution provider, proudly announces another successful trial in collaboration with the Rajmata Shrimati Devendra Kumari Singhdeo Government Medical College, Ambikapur, selected for the Government of India's Drone Healthcare Project. This trial heralds a new era in healthcare deliveries in Chhattisgarh, leveraging state-of-the-art drone technology.

The Rajmata Smt. Devendra Kumari Singhdeo Government Medical College, Ambikapur, takes a pioneering step forward with its selection for the Government of India's Drone Healthcare Project. This groundbreaking initiative aims to revolutionize emergency sample reporting in remote areas through innovative drone technology. The recent successful test flight by Skye Air Mobility, covering an aerial distance of 33 kilometres to transport blood samples, vividly demonstrates the immense potential of this project to enhance healthcare accessibility in Chhattisgarh. Moreover, this initiative stands as a testament to women's empowerment, with the training of 'Drone Didis' for operational roles, contributing significantly to bridging healthcare gaps in Surguja and Bastar. This fusion of technology and social responsibility exemplifies a



significant stride forward, promising a bright future for advanced healthcare delivery in the region.

Ankit Kumar, Founder & CEO of Skye Air Mobility, expressed profound excitement for the transformative impact of the collaboration with the Rajmata Shrimati Devendra Kumari Singhdeo Government Medical College, Ambikapur. In his statement, Ankit expressed, "We are thrilled to embark on a trial with Rajmata Shrimati Devendra Kumari Singhdeo Government Medical College, Ambikapur. Skye Air is passionately dedicated to strategically leveraging drone technology to revolutionize healthcare in Chhattisgarh. Our cutting-edge drone technology is poised to play a pivotal role in enhancing healthcare accessibility and making a tangible difference in the lives of people in the region."

Furthermore, Ankit underscored the significance of the collaborative initiative in empowering communities, particularly emphasizing the role of 'Drone Didis' in fostering women's empowerment in India. He highlighted the profound impact that drone delivery will have on hospitals, enabling swift and efficient transportation of medical supplies and samples, thereby revolutionizing healthcare logistics in the region. Dr. Ramesh Murthy, Dean, Rajmata Smt. Devendra Kumari Singhdeo Government Medical College, Ambikapur, said, "Drone delivery trial in Ambikapur is not merely about elevating packages; it's about elevating lives. By harnessing the power of drones, we are revolutionizing the way essential supplies, such as medicines and blood samples, reach hospitals swiftly and efficiently".

BMT is only curative treatment option available for Thalassaemia, Sickle Cell Anemia

Raipur, Mar 02: In India, over 10,000 children are born with Thalassaemia and 30,000 children are born with Sickle cell disease every year. This adds to the existing burden of these diseases.

Thalassaemia, a genetic disorder that passed down from parents to their children, is a blood disorder that prevents the body from making enough hemoglobin. Sickle cell disease, also an inherited blood disorder, causes the body to produce abnormally shaped red blood cells. It's caused by a mutation in the beta globin gene, which leads to a faulty hemoglobin. In the absence of enough hemoglobin, the body's red blood cells don't function properly. Red blood cells carry oxygen to all the cells of the body, which may cause a person to feel tired, weak or short of breath. People with thalassaemia may have mild or severe anemia, which can damage organs and even lead to death.

These patients require regular blood transfusions in order to have a normal life expectancy. "Implementing life-long blood transfusion is a tremendous bur-

den for the child and their family, making it impossible to continue it in most cases. Approximately 90% of cases fail to receive optimal supportive care, and patients face numerous issues," says Dr Gaurav Kharya, Clinical lead, Centre for Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy & Senior consultant paediatric hematology oncology and immunology, Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi. Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) is a standard treatment for both Thalassaemia and sickle cell disease. "If the patient is in good health and a suitable donor is found, BMT is the preferred option. This treatment can significantly improve the quality of life. Currently, BMT is the only curative option available and its success rate has improved significantly over the years," Dr Kharya, said. "The costs of the treatment in India has drastically come down over the years—it is now about INR 25 lakhs at most hospitals in our country while it is about six crores in the US and Europe."

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FARMERS' PROTEST



Farmers during their ongoing protest, at the Punjab-Haryana Shambhu border, in Patiala district, Saturday.

Centre signs tripartite pact to solve problems

Of Tripura's indigenous people

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI)

A tripartite agreement between TIPRA Motha and the governments of Tripura and India was signed on Saturday in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to bring a lasting solution to the problems of the state's indigenous people.

"I assure all stakeholders of Tripura that you won't have to fight for your rights anymore. The government of India will be two steps ahead in creating mechanisms to safeguard your rights," he said at an event



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, TIPRA Motha supremo Pradyot Debarma and others during the signing of agreement between TIPRA Motha and the governments of Tripura and India, in New Delhi, Saturday.

held at North Block here. The home minister said no one can change history but everyone can learn from their past mistakes and move ahead.

He said the Tripura Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance, popularly known as TIPRA Motha, and all tribal parties have played a constructive role

and the BJP government in Tripura also worked sincerely towards this agreement.

Shah added that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, 11 peace and boundary settlement agreements in Northeastern states were signed. He said the peace pact with the insurgent

group National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) was signed first and this will be the last for the Northeast before going to the Lok Sabha polls.

TIPRA Motha supremo Pradyot Debarma was on a 'fast-unto-death' to demand a permanent solution to the problems of the indigenous people.

Nine more MLAs in touch with us: Himachal Cong rebel

Shimla/Chandigarh, Mar 02 (PTI):

Rebel Himachal Pradesh Congress MLA Rajinder Rana on Saturday claimed that nine more party legislators "feeling suffocated" by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's style of functioning were in touch with them.

Rana along with five other Congress MLAs, who had cross-voted in the Rajya Sabha polls, have been disqualified from the Assembly for abstaining from voting on the cut motion and finance bill.

In an exclusive interview to PTI-Videos, Rana alleged that CM Sukhu's "friends" were running the state government. He claimed that the elected representatives, especially

the ministers, were feeling "suffocated and humiliated". Besides the six Congress and three independent legislators that cross-voted in favour of the BJP in the Rajya Sabha polls, nine more party MLAs are in touch with us," he said.

Rana termed Sukhu "liar number one" and alleged that he was trying to twist the facts.

"Neither Public Works Department Minister Vikramaditya Singh had told the chief minister that he is meeting the Congress rebels at Panchkula nor the CM had sent him," Rana said.

"Vikramaditya Singh, who met us on his way to Delhi, did not ask us to patch up. He has his own grievances against the government which failed

to provide land for installing Virbhadr Singh's statue and interfered in his functioning," he added.

Sukhu on Friday said Vikramaditya Singh had informed him that some Congress rebels have approached him and they wish to come back following which the PWD minister was told to talk to the rebel MLAs and the Congress' central leadership.

Ruling out any possibility of returning to the Congress, Rana said, "After the observers said Sukhu would continue as the CM, there is no scope for compromise."

"No rebel MLAs wish to come back. The question of working with the CM who has put Himachal Pradesh on back gear does not arise and we have also

conveyed our stance to the observers who called us on phone," he added.

In a stunning upset for the ruling Congress in Himachal Pradesh, the BJP on Tuesday won the state's lone Rajya Sabha seat despite being in minority with just 25 MLAs.

Defending the cross-voting in Rajya Sabha polls, Rana said, "We were upset over fielding Abhishek Manu Singhvi, an outsider, (in the Rajya Sabha polls) by ignoring senior Congress leaders like Asha Kumari, Ram Lal Thakur and Kaul Singh who had also won the assembly polls."

"We cross-voted to safeguard the self respect and interests of Himachal Pradesh... We would prefer to sit at home rather than face humiliation," he

added.

Referring to the chief minister's "black snakes" remark at a public meeting in Dharampur on Friday, Rana said Sukhu has "lost his mental balance" and added the claims of the Congress government being stable was "false".

"If the CM is sure of his majority then why the security of some Congress MLAs have been beefed up and efforts are on to allure the MLAs," he asked.

Addressing a public meeting in Dharampur in Solan district, Sukhu had said, "The six black snakes of the Congress party sold their honour and tried to destabilise the government by abstaining from voting on a budget which had welfare schemes for the poor."

PM Modi unveils mega development projects

Transformative investments propel West Bengal's growth

Bilaspur, Mar 02:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a historic journey of development today, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for an array of transformative projects worth Rs 7,200 crore in Arambagh town, Hooghly district, West Bengal.

Spanning crucial sectors including railways, ports, oil pipelines, LPG supply, and wastewater treatment, these initiatives signify a monumental leap towards comprehensive growth and infrastructure enhancement in the region.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Modi

underscored the significance of these projects, highlighting their pivotal role in catalyzing West Bengal's progress.

The inauguration of the third rail line connecting Jhargram-Salgajhari, aimed at bolstering connectivity and fostering tourism and industrial growth, epitomizes the government's commitment to modernizing the state's railway network.

Further elucidating on the development agenda, PM Modi emphasized the doubling of the Sondalia-Champapukur and Dankuni-Bhatnagar rail lines, alongside initiatives to fortify infrastructure at

the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port in Kolkata.

With a steadfast focus on job creation and economic empowerment, PM Modi disclosed that over Rs 13,000 crore has been allocated in this year's budget for railway development in West Bengal alone. Electrification of rail lines, upgrading passenger amenities, and station redevelopment are paramount priorities, with significant strides already made in electrifying over 3,000 kilometers of railway lines and revamping nearly 100 railway stations under the Amrit Station Scheme.

Article 21 soul of Constitution, liberty of citizen paramount: SC

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI):

The Supreme Court has said that Article 21 is the soul of the Constitution as the liberty of a citizen is of paramount importance and the high court not expeditiously adjudicating matters related to it would deprive a person of this precious right.

A bench of Justice B R Gavai and Justice Sandeep Mehta made the observation after noting that the Bombay High Court has granted bail to one Amol Vithal Vahile, a prime accused in the murder of a corporator in Maharashtra, after a nudge from the apex court on January 29.

The bench, in its recent order, said it is thus clear that before the order was passed by this court on January 29, 2024, the high court instead of deciding the application for bail on merits shunted it on one or the other ground. "Needless to state that Article 21 of the Constitution of India is the soul of the Constitution as

the liberty of a citizen is of paramount importance. Not deciding the matter pertaining to liberty of a citizen expeditiously and shunting away the matter on one or the other ground would deprive the party of their precious right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," it said. The bench said that it has come across various matters from the Bombay High Court where the bail and anticipatory bail applications were not being decided expeditiously.

Referring to one such case, the bench said in the matter of the application for anticipatory bail was not decided for more than four years. "We have also come across numerous matters wherein the judges are not deciding the matter on merits but find an excuse to shunt the case on different grounds. We, therefore, request the chief justice of the High Court of Bombay to convey our request to all judges exercising the criminal jurisdiction to decide the matter pertaining to bail/anticipatory bail as expeditiously as possible," the bench said.

It asked the Registrar (Judicial) of the apex court to communicate this order to the Registrar (Judicial) of the high court, who shall place the same before the chief justice of the Bombay High Court.

On January 29, the bench noted that on March 30, 2023, the high court had asked Vahile to approach the trial court for regular bail even though it had noted that he was languishing in jail for more than seven years.

The top court had said, "When the petitioner applied for bail on merits and also on the ground that he had been incarcerated in jail for seven and a half years, the approach of the high court in only permitting him to file an application for bail before the trial court/sessions court and not deciding the prayer for bail on merits, in our view, would amount to non-exercise of jurisdiction vested in it."

NSE registered investor base crosses 9 crore

Mumbai, Mar 02:

The unique registered investors on the National Stock Exchange of India crossed 9 crore (90 million) on February 29th, 2024. The total number of client codes registered with the Exchange stands at 16.9 crores (169 million) (Includes all client registrations done till date; clients can register with more than one trading member).

Unique investor registrations at NSE have seen an accelerating trend over the last few years. While the increase from 6 to 7 crore (60 to 70 million) unique investors took about nine months, the next crore (10 million) investors came in eight months, and the jump from 8 to 9 crores (80 to 90 million) took only five months.

During this period, daily new unique registrations have averaged between nearly 47,000 in October 2023 to 78,000 in January this year. The investor base has seen

more than 3x jump in the last five years, facilitated by rapid growth in digitization, rising investor awareness, financial inclusion, and strong market performance.

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PM unveils development projects worth Rs 21,400 cr

In Aurangabad

Aurangabad, Mar 02 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled development projects worth Rs 21,400 crore in Bihar's Aurangabad district on Saturday. The PM unveiled the projects at an official function in Ratanwa village.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Governor Rajendra V Arlekar, Deputy CMs Samat Chaudhary and

Vijay Kumar Sinha, and several Union ministers were among those present at the programme.

This is Modi's first visit to Bihar since the BJP-led NDA returned to power in the state after CM Nitish Kumar, who heads the JD(U), dumped the Mahagathbandhan.

Addressing the programme, Kumar told the prime minister that he would remain in the NDA forever. Modi unveiled national highway projects worth over Rs 18,000 crore.

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CMHO conducts surprise Health Center inspections

In Katghora

Korba, Mar 02:

In a proactive move to uphold healthcare standards, Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) Dr. S.N. Keshari, accompanied by a team of officials led by Collector Ajit Vasant, conducted surprise inspections across various health centers and private clinics in Katghora.

Under the purview of the Community Health Center and Nursing Home Act, the inspections targeted private nursing homes, clinics, pathology labs, and sonography centers in the Katghora Development Block. Dr. Keshari meticulously scrutinized the requisite documents and issued directives to ensure compliance with the Nursing Home Act, emphasizing the rectification of



any identified deficiencies.

During the inspection at Katghora Community Health Center, attention was drawn to staff attendance, resulting in notices being issued to three absent doctors and one employee. Dr. Keshari meticulously assessed multiple departments, including Registration, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Obstetrics,

Labor, NCD Clinic, Pathology, and Operation Theatre. Emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and operational efficiency, he mandated the appointment of section-wise nodal officers for streamlined operations and systematic documentation.

Furthermore, Dr. Keshari emphasized the timely presence of special-

ist doctors and medical officers, directing the establishment of a roster to ensure uninterrupted services, particularly in the Dental Department. A meeting with gynecologists underscored the commitment to obstetric care, with a mandate for their presence in OPD shifts and strict criteria for patient referrals.

Two nabbed with 'Ganja' worth Rs 44 lakh

Dhamtari, Mar 02:

As per instructions by the SP Anjaney Varshney to keep constant vigil at the inter-state borders, the TI Borai Inspector Pramod Amaltas stopped a truck coming from Odisha bearing No. RJ-06-GD-5696 near check-post point and when they interrogated the two sitting in the truck they started giving vague answers. It was on suspicion the goods in the truck were searched a white bag was opened. The police found nine such white bags with 43 packets of drugs 'Ganja' wrapped with brown tape and weighing 221.33 Kg, worth Rs 44.26 lakh. Including the cost of Eicher truck, the cost went upto Rs 69.26 lakh. The two accused nabbed are Ashok Sharma S/o Bherulal Sharma (27), R/o Dodekheda Bhilwada, District Bhilwada, Thana Kerenda (Rajasthan) and the other is Jeewan Lal Gurjar, R/o Bhagwa Ram Gurjar, (31), R/o Gram Jodha, Kheda tehsil, Borela, Bhilwada Thana Asind (Rajasthan).

Medical care boost for detained jail inmates

Doctors assigned to district jail Baikunthpur

Korea, Mar 02:

In a bid to ensure adequate healthcare provisions for detainees at District Jail Baikunthpur, the District Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) has issued a directive for the temporary deployment of medical personnel. Dr. Vivek Kumar Singh and Dr. Neelabh Devnath, contracted medical officers from the District Hospital, will be stationed at the jail premises on a rotational basis, facilitating regular health assessments and treatments. As per the directive, the medical officers are mandated to offer essential services for two hours thrice a week, specifically on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11 am to 1 pm.

This strategic deployment of medical professionals aims to bolster the healthcare infrastructure



within the district jail, fostering improved health examination and treatment opportunities for inmates. The recent issuance of posting orders by the Health Directorate underscores a broader commitment to enhancing medical services across various health facilities throughout the district, including the District Hospital.

Notably, a recent visit to the District Jail by District Sessions Judge

Bhishma Prasad Pandey and District Collector Vinay Kumar Lengeh has spurred proactive measures to address the healthcare needs of the incarcerated population. During their inspection, both officials engaged with the Jail Superintendent to gain insights into the well-being of prisoners, emphasizing the importance of adequate food provisions alongside healthcare interventions.

Blood donation camp organised at NTPC Lara



Bilaspur, Mar 02:

A move to facilitate smooth supply and maintaining good stock of blood in local blood bank, a voluntary blood donation camp was organised by NTPC Lara Health de-

partment and Fortis-OP Jindal Blood bank, Raigarh on Mar 01 at stabilization centre, NTPC Lara. 30 units of blood collected in this camp. It was inaugurated by Akhilesh Singh, Head of Project, NTPC Lara.

Motivating the blood donors Singh appreciated their interest to do such noble work for the service of mankind. Talking to blood donors, Singh described this as "blood donation is the best donation" to save one's life.

On this occasion Rajeev Ranjan, GM (Operation & Maintenance), Subrat Kumar Swain, GM (Fuel Management), Sangeeta Singh, President, Prerita Mahila Samiti, staffs of Fortis-OP Jindal blood bank, representatives of union and association, employees, doctors, and paramedical staffs were present.

1008 Parthiv Shivalinga Maharudrabhishek to be held with devotion

Khairagarh, Mar 02:

Preparations have been started for the Maharudrabhishek of the second 1008 Shivalings to be held at Fateh Maidan in the city coming Sunday and besides Khairagarh, Chuikhdan, Gandai, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Kawardha, Raipur, Durg-Bhilai, devotee families from MP and Maharashtra will also participated in the congregation.

The Rudrabhishek program will start from 5 pm on March 3 and during this time, group musical Hanuman Chalisa recitation, Rudrabhishek with simultaneous chanting,



group Mahamrityunjaya chanting, Shiva bhajan, Mahaarti on Banaras style and Bhog Bhandara will be held. It may be noted that a potter family of Chuikhdan is making 1008 Shivalings for Rudrabhishek and the Rudrabhishek will be done by Pandit Srijan Maharaj of Ratanpur.

Dr. Arun Patnaik honoured by CM as a famous social worker

Bilaspur, Mar 02:

Dr. Shivam Arun Kumar Patnaik's unwavering dedication to social service has earned him accolades from the highest echelons of the state. As Director of PR Amity University and a member of the Executive Council at Atal Bihari University, Dr. Patnaik has seamlessly blended higher education with his passion for community welfare.

His tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, garnering admiration both locally and internationally. Dr. Patnaik's altruistic endeavours have transcended borders, earning him recognition and awards abroad for his selfless com-



mitment to serving others. In a momentous occasion, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Government, honorable Vishnu Deo Sai, alongside Dr. Jagdish Chandra, bestowed upon Dr. Arun

Patnaik the esteemed title of "Famous Social Worker of the State." The announcement has sparked jubilation among Dr. Patnaik's supporters, well-wishers, friends, and the entire Bilaspur district.

CM urged to host Satnam Mahotsav in Giroudpuri

Lavan, Mar 02:

The call to reignite the spirit of Satnam Mahotsav at Giroudpuri, the revered birthplace of Baba Guru Ghasidas, resonates once again as fervent advocates rally for its celebration on the auspicious days of Panchami, Chhath, and Saptami of Falgun Shukla, falling on 14th, 15th, and 16th March respectively. A grand festival honoring artists is slated to grace the three-day affair, marking a significant cultural milestone.

The fervent demand for this event has been a long-standing aspiration, echoed once more during a gathering of the state artist organization, Satnami Samaj, and community leaders convened



under the stewardship of President Dr. Hriday Prakash Anant. The collective plea seeks the organization of a triumphant Giroudpuri Satnam Mahotsav during the annual fair, symbolizing a cherished tradition cherished for years.

Despite persistent appeals spanning several administrations, the venerable Giroudpuri has regrettably remained neglected,

overshadowed by the lavish funding allocated to other religious sites across the state. Drawing over a million visitors annually, the fair underscores a critical need for essential amenities, including accessible sanitation facilities, potable water sources, lodging accommodations, and a dedicated fairground. The absence of these fundamental provisions poses a considerable inconvenience to devotees, tarnishing the experience and dampening the spirit of the revered event.

While appeals to the Chief Minister and District Collector Baloda Bazar have been earnestly submitted, tangible progress towards fulfilling these demands has yet to materialize.

Artist perform in Regional Saras Mela



Sufi and ghazals presented by Swapnil Live Band

Kawardha, Mar 02:

Various artists of different genres are performing in the regional Saras Mela organized at the PG College grounds of Kawardha with the special efforts of Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma. In Saras Mela, an exhibition of products and recipes of rural women belonging to self-help groups from across the state has been organized and also many artist

are performing in the Mela, which also includes. Swapnil Trivedi in his performance via Swapnil Live Band. Along with this, a devotional song and dance was presented by Adarsh Kanya Vidyalaya Kawardha on the theme 'Mere Ghar Ram Aye Hein...'. Devotional songs and dances will be performed by Rajaram Dhurve and his team through Jasgeet and folk singing, and Aditya Sinha of Magnetic Vibes Raipur and his team will present Rang Rang program. Collector Ranamejay Mahobe and Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav felicitated all the artists.

5811 children appeared in CGBSE 12th Board exam

In 79 examination centers of Kondagaon

Kondagaon, Mar 02:

The Board examination conducted by CG Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) started from Friday with Hindi subject exam paper. In all 79 examination centers have been set up in the district for the Board examination in which 5873 students of the district were registered. The students appeared in the exam and gave the exam.

A total of 5811 students of the district participated in the examination and it started with Hindi subject as the first paper. 65 students from various examination centers of the dis-



trict were found to be absent in the 12th CGBSE Board examination of today.

There are 79 examination centers in the district, 10 are sensitive and 7 highly sensitive centers. The question paper was distributed earlier with security in all the centers of the district. Examinations started in sensitive and hyposensitive examination

centers of the district with tight security arrangements and five control rooms were set up for monitoring and copying related proceedings in which 79 observers were also appointed along with 4 and 11 block level flying squads at the district level. In all the centers of the district, the students appeared for the examination under tight security.

Bright future for children, Bastar's inclusive development a top priority: Sai

CM Sai empowers Sukma students with Solar Home Lighting Systems for education

Sukma, Mar 02:

Demonstrating the state government's commitment to the welfare of residents in remote areas, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai distributed solar home lighting systems to 50 students

from small hamlets in Konta block of Sukma district. The distribution took place at the Swami Vivekananda Airport premises in Raipur on Thursday, aiming to empower these children and pave the way for their brighter future.

Addressing the students, Chief Minister Sai stressed the government's dedication to ensuring a bright future for children. He stated, "It is the effort of our government to ensure that the future of children is bright. Chhattisgarh Government is committed to providing all facilities to the citizens of the tribal-dominated Bastar region and its inclusive development. In



keeping with this spirit, we have launched Niyad Nella Naar - Apka Accha Gaon Yojana, aiming to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach tribal communities."

Chief Minister Sai highlighted the government's goal of providing essential amenities in-

cluding roads, electricity, water, housing, and healthcare facilities in Bastar. Stressing the importance of education and accessibility to government schemes for tribal communities' development he stated "There should be well-equipped schools for children's education. Aadhar cards and

ration cards should be issued to everyone, enabling our tribal population in remote areas to participate in mainstream development. The development of the Bastar region is important for building a 'Viksit Chhattisgarh'."

While providing solar home lighting systems to students from Sukma, Chief Minister Shri Sai wished them a bright future, stating, "With the solar lights, you all will be able to study better." He encouraged students to take full advantage of opportunities and learn as much as possible during their visit to Raipur.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma assured students of providing facilities for better education

and encouraged them to study diligently under solar light. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sai distributed solar home lighting systems to 50 students from villages Purvarti, Silger, and Tekalguda of the Konta development block in Sukma district. The kit comprises a 200-watt solar panel, a 12.28-volt battery, 05 LED lights, a DC fan, a DTH, and a mobile charging unit.

Jagdulpur MLA Kiran Singhdeo, Nitin Nabin Sinha, and other public representatives, along with Chief Minister's Secretary P. Dayanand, CREDA Chief Executive Officer Rajesh Singh Rana, and Raipur Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh, were present on the occasion.

Jai Mata Di SHG prepares herbal gual for safe Holi celebrations

Raipur, Mar 02:

As Holi, the vibrant festival of colours, approaches, members of the Jai Mata Di self-help group are gearing up by preparing herbal gual. Utilizing natural ingredients including vegetables, herbs, and flowers, their goal is to promote a safe and eco-friendly celebration. The herbal gual, prepared by the women Self-Help Group (SHG) associated with the village Dokarpali Bihana in Mahasamund district, is free from chemicals and has no side effects on the skin. Group member Smt. Chitrarekha Diwan stated that last year, the women produced 80 kg of herbal gual during Holi, generating an income of Rs 30,000 to 40,000 for the

group. With significant demand for gual in the market during the festival, herbal gual packets priced at Rs 10, Rs 20, and Rs 50 are swiftly sold. The process involves using all-natural ingredients like spinach, Lal Bhaji, turmeric, herbs, and flowers. In addition, leftover petals from flower markets and flowers offered in temples are utilized. These petals are dried and then ground in the processing unit to create gual. Varieties such as rose, marigold, beetroot, turmeric, mango, and green guava leaves are processed. This season, nearly 60 kg of gual has been prepared, with half of the quantity already sold.



Classical dancer from India shot dead in US

Indian mission condemns 'represensible gun attack'

New York, Mar 02 (PTI):

In yet another deadly attack on Indians and Indian-Americans in the US in recent months, a 34-year-old trained classical dancer from India and a student of Washington State University, was shot dead in St Louis, Missouri.

Kuchipudi and Bharatnatyam dancer Amarnath Ghosh, who migrated to the US from Kolkata last year "to follow his dancing dreams," was shot several times near the border of St Louis' Academy and Central West End neighbourhoods. He died on the spot.

According to the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the shooting happened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday at Delmar Boulevard and Clarendon Avenue, news portal 5 On Your Side reported on Friday. Ghosh was pursuing his master's in the



Performing Arts Department of Washington University. Calling him a "very friendly and very talented," Ghosh's friends Hima Kuppa and Ravi Kuppa said, "He was always travelling a lot for his performances. A lot of organisations called him for performances, but he always wanted to come back to St Louis."

Ghosh was learning ballet and dance. "I think it was a full scholarship at Wash U. His ultimate

dream was to get his PhD in dance and work full-time with us at our Kuchipudi Art Academy," Hima was quoted as saying by 5 On Your Side.

He enjoyed volunteering as a dance instructor at a local studio and also taught children between the ages 5 and 18. His friends told the news outlet that Ghosh was the only child of his parents; his mother died three years ago and his father died when he was a child.

Pak court confirms interim bail of Imran Khan

In 4 cases related to May 9 violence and others



Lahore, Mar 02 (PTI): A Pakistani court has confirmed the interim bail of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan in four cases related to the May 9 violence and others, according to a media report on Saturday. The 71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder is currently incarcerated at Rawalpindi's high-security Adiala jail in multiple cases. On May 9 last year, Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps Commander house), Mianwali air base, the ISI building in Faisalabad, and the Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi. During the hearing of the bail petitions of the PTI founder on Friday, Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Judge Arshad Javed confirmed Khan's interim bail in four cases related to the May 9 violence and others, The News International newspaper reported on Saturday.

HOUTHISUPPORTERS RALLY



Houthi supporters attend a rally against the U.S.-led airstrikes on Yemen and the Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip in Sanaa, Yemen.

UK celebrates launch of Wales in India 2024 partnership

London, Mar 02 (PTI):

The Welsh government has declared the year 2024 as "Wales in India" to celebrate the partnership between the devolved region in the south west of Great Britain and India, celebrated with a special launch event at India House in London this week.

Leading businesses, innovators, academics and community leaders came together at the Indian High Commission on Thursday to discuss two-way investment opportunities, business collaborations and cultural exchanges.

The First Minister of Wales, Sir Mark Drakeford, spoke of the many highlights of a year-long programme planned as part of the Wales in India 2024 initiative.

"The efforts will span such a wide range of areas in which we have a joint interest education, arts, sports, business, health-care the things that are important to us both are the things that will bring us together to celebrate what we have achieved already, and then to work to strengthen those connections between India and Wales," said Drakeford.

"We are so well served in Wales by a rich Indian community, who we are lucky enough to have at-

tracted to come and make their futures part of our future; and who every single day contribute to the richness of our society and help us together to craft that confident, outward-looking Wales," he said. The senior Labour Party leader pointed out that the Wales in India festivities were kicked off earlier this year with the Welsh Language Children's Laureate Nia Morais addressing the Kolkata Literature Festival 2024 and will lead up to an Indo-Welsh Conclave in the coming months. The Indian High Commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami, extended his mission's support for all the series of events planned as part of the drive over the course of the year.

"We are determined as partners to actually be part of the journey to help you with events that you do in India and be part of your events in Wales as well," said Doraiswami as he spoke of the "colossal" opportunities India has to offer the region.

"Our idea is that we celebrate this partnership as an opportunity to showcase what we can do for each other and what Wales can benefit from the rise of the Indian economy, and how India can benefit from Wales," he said.

Drone attack damages apartment building in St Petersburg

Moscow, Mar 02 (AP):

A drone attack damaged an apartment building in St Petersburg Saturday morning, according to Russian state news agency RIA Novosti.

Six people received medical help after the explosion rocked the building, the agency said, citing the press service of the city's health care committee.

The Mash news site said that the apartment build-



A view of a damaged apartment's building after a reported drone attack in St. Petersburg, Russia, Saturday, March 2.

ing was hit by a Ukrainian drone. The Associated Press could not verify this claim. The site published videos appearing to show the moment the apartment building was struck, showing a strong flash of light engulfing one side of the building and fragments of debris flying into the air. Another video showed car alarms going off.

Russia's Defence Ministry has not commented on the incident.

Rishi Sunak makes impassioned plea to protect British democracy

London, Mar 02 (PTI):

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has issued an impassioned plea for Britain to protect its democracy as he warned that extremist forces were out to tear the country apart and undermine its multi-faith identity.

Referencing his own Hindu beliefs, the British Indian leader on Friday stressed that the enduring values of the UK are about embracing migrants of all faiths and ethnicities and urged protesters to ensure peaceful demonstrations are not hijacked by extremist forces.

"Immigrants who have come here have integrated and contributed. They have helped write the lat-



est chapter in our island story. They have done this without being required to give up their identity," said Sunak in a speech outside 10 Downing Street.

"You can be a practising Hindu and a proud Briton as I am, or a devout Muslim and a patriotic citizen as so many are, or a committed Jewish person and the heart of your

local community, and all underpinned by the tolerance of our established, Christian church," he said.

"But I fear that our great achievement in building the world's most successful multi-ethnic, multi faith democracy is being deliberately undermined. There are forces here at home trying to tear us apart," he added.

He was speaking soon after what he characterised as the "beyond alarming" win in a by-election on Thursday of a controversial politician, George Galloway, in Greater Manchester following a campaign dominated by the divisions of the Israel-Hamas conflict. He said on too many oc-

casions recently, the streets of Britain had been hijacked by small groups who are hostile to British values and have no respect for its democratic traditions.

"Islamist extremists and the far right feed off and embolden each other. They are equally desperate to pretend that their violence is somehow justified when actually these groups are two sides of the same extremist coin both loathe the pluralist, modern country we are," he said.

The British Prime Minister stressed that both these groups of extremists were spreading the poison of extremism with the aim of draining Britain's confidence.

PPP's Sarfraz Bugti elected Balochistan Chief Minister



Karachi, Mar 02 (PTI):

The Pakistan Peoples Party candidate Sarfraz Bugti was elected unopposed as the new chief minister of the restive Balochistan province on Saturday.

Bugti had stepped down as the caretaker federal interior minister in the interim government to contest the provincial assembly elections on a PPP ticket in the February 8 general elections. The senior politician also enjoyed the support of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) when he submitted his nomination papers with Assembly Secretary Tahir Shah on

Friday. No other candidate filed any nomination paper for the chief minister's post till the given deadline on Friday following which Bugti was declared winner unopposed.

Bugti faces a tough challenge as the new chief minister of a province frequently hit by terrorism and separatist violence and an ongoing crisis in the coastal port city of Gwadar and its adjoining areas which have been hit hard by heavy rainfall and flash floods. After the February 8 general elections, PPP emerged as the largest party in Balochistan and has formed a coalition government with PML-N and Baloch Awami Party in the province. Bugti also served as the information minister in Balochistan during the government led by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party between 2018 and 2022.

Pakistan's Foreign Office dismisses US 'directions' on probing alleged election rigging

Washington, Mar 02 (PTI) : Pakistan has dismissed the US suggestion to probe discrepancies in the February 8 general elections, asserting that it will not succumb to external dictates.

Foreign Office spokesperson Mum taz Zahra Baloch in her weekly press address on Friday categorically said that "no country could give directions" to Pakistan, an independent and sovereign nation.

"We believe in our own sovereign right to make decisions about Pakistan's internal affairs," Dawn News quoted Baloch as saying in reply to the comments made by her US counterpart regarding allegations of misconduct in the controversy-marred general elections. Earlier this week, US State Department spoke person

Matt hew Miller said any claims of interference or fraud "should be fully and transparently investigated per Pakistan's laws and procedures". On another occasion, Miller said: "Concerning investigations into reported irregularities, we want to see those investigations proceed [and] wrapped up as soon as possible."

The comments were prompted by accusations, particularly by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party-backed candidates, of tampering with and manipulation of election results. The results were announced after an unprecedented delay in the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The ECP and the caretaker government have strongly refuted the accusations, urging political

parties to pursue legal remedies for their complaints through courts and other appropriate channels. Miller is not the only US official to express concerns over the polls. Citing "strong evidence" of election rigging in Pakistan, a group of influential lawmakers, including Muslim legislators, belonging to the ruling Democratic Party has urged US President Joe Biden to withhold "recognition" of a new government in Islamabad until a transparent and credible investigation is conducted. The February 8 general election, marred by allegations of widespread rigging, in Pakistan, resulted in a hung Parliament with independent candidates backed by the PTI party winning more than 90 seats at the 266-member National Assembly.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- E-R-T-89-23-24 Date:29/02/2024

Name of Work: 1) Construction of RCC yard drain at SLH, MNH & side drain at Neodhi (at LC No.409 at Km.814/17-23) and between HN-TLD under the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/IR. 2)Standardization of sand humps and Dead ends buffer stop under jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/IR. 3)Augmentation and shifting of combined crew lobby/BYT to the first floor of the station building. 4) Improvement of LC road surface at LC's 440, 429, 417, 415, 414, 405, GSD, WRS & KPRP under jurisdiction of ADE/NI/IA. 5) Improvement of minor or major bridges structures like wing wall, toe wall, Pier cap, apron, boulder pitching water way, epoxy grouting work etc under the jurisdiction of SSE/Works/Durg. 6) Construction of one unit type-IV quarter for ADSTE/BYT at Bhatpara under the jurisdiction of ADE/NI/IR. 7) Civil work at SZB/SP for improvement the safety.

Tender Value: Rs. 3,13,89,116/- EMD: Rs. 3,07,000/- Submission of Tender: upto 11.00 Hrs. on 26.03.2024. Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. on 26.03.2024. For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr.DEN(Co.)Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in.

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NIT No.491/TC/EinC/ PWD/2023-24 Dated-26.02.2024

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker, Kondagaon, Bijapur & Narayanpur for construction of 1 Road & 04 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 2728.23 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 28.02.2024 and may be submitted up to 17.00 Hrs. on 15.03.2024

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, NirmanBhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department <http://pwd.cg.nic.in>

Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer-in-Chief P.W.D. Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

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कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता, लो.नि.वि. राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग परिक्षेत्र, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकरद्वारा से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु अनिलान (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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1.	71/CE/NH/TC/44-05/2024 (2nd Call)	2024_MoRTH_797383_1	SHORT TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (STMC) OF ROAD FROM KM 0.000 TO km 30.00 OF NH - 63.	Rs 303.20/- Lakh (i/c GST)
2.	72/CE/NH/TC/44-10/2024 (2nd Call)	2024_MoRTH_797384_1	SHORT TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (STMC) OF ROAD FROM KM. 25.530 TO KM 31.540 AND KM. 55.700 TO 57.000 (JAGDALPUR-SUKMA-KONTA ROAD) TOTAL LENGTH=7.31 Km ON NH-30 IN THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH.	Rs 138.20/- Lakh (i/c GST)
3.	73/CE/NH/TC/44-11/2024 (2nd Call)	2024_MoRTH_797385_1	SHORT TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (STMC) OF ROAD FROM KM 0.000 TO km 36.00 OF NH-163.	Rs 208.71/- Lakh (i/c GST)
4.	74/CE/NH/TC/44-12/2024 (2nd Call)	2024_MoRTH_797386_1	W.M.M. Patch Repair, B.T Patch Repair, Road Safety Work On Km 237.860 to 276.000=38.140 Km on NH 45 (Extended) in the state of Chhattisgarh under short term maintenance contract mode).	Rs 117.80/- Lakh (i/c GST)
5.	75/CE/NH/TC/44-13/2024 (2nd Call)	2024_MoRTH_797387_1	W.M.M. Patch Repair, B.T Patch Repair, Road Safety Work On Km 276.000 to 319.600=43.600 Km on NH 45 (Extended) in the state of Chhattisgarh under short term maintenance contract mode).	Rs 86.34/- Lakh (i/c GST)

निविदा डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 11.03.2024 सुबह 17.30 बजे तक है।
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Policy Sovereignty

India's Victory for Farmers and Fishermen

The culmination of the 13th ministerial conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has spotlighted India's steadfast commitment to safeguarding the interests of its farmers and fishermen. Amidst the deliberations where consensus remained elusive on critical matters such as agricultural and fisheries subsidies, India emerged resolute in securing its policy autonomy. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal's affirmation underscores India's stance: the nation stands fully satisfied, retaining its complete policy space to fortify the welfare of its agricultural and fishing communities. Despite the extension of talks, the outcomes, particularly concerning contentious issues like public food stockpile and fisheries subsidies, remained unresolved. However, amidst this impasse, India stood firm, refusing to compromise on vital aspects crucial for its agrarian and maritime sectors. One of the pivotal achievements was the preservation of India's food security concerns. The procurement of food grains for distribution among the marginalized sections continues unabated, showcasing India's unwavering commitment to addressing hunger and poverty within its borders. This unyielding stance resonates deeply with India's principled approach towards ensuring food security for its citizens, particularly the vulnerable segments of society. In the discourse surrounding fisheries subsidies, India emerged as a vocal proponent for clarity and fairness. Recognizing the complexities inherent in the proposed agreement aimed at curbing detrimental subsidies, India highlighted ambiguities and advocated for inclusive definitions. The intricacies of the fisheries sector demand nuanced solutions, and India's insistence on comprehensive consultations reflects its dedication to fostering sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and livelihoods. Moreover, the extension of the moratorium on imposing import duties on e-commerce trade underscores India's pragmatic approach. While not inherently opposed to the extension, India emphasizes the need for thorough deliberations on its implications. The evolving landscape of digital commerce necessitates careful consideration to ensure a level playing field for all stakeholders, balancing the imperatives of innovation and equitable trade practices. Amidst these negotiations, India's stance against the inclusion of non-trade issues within the WTO framework stands as a testament to its strategic foresight. Rejecting attempts to introduce extraneous matters such as investment facilitation and environmental regulations, India reaffirms the primacy of trade-related discussions within the WTO ambit. This resolute defense of the core principles laid down in the Marrakesh Agreement underscores India's commitment to preserving the integrity of the multilateral trading system. As the world navigates through evolving trade dynamics, India's unwavering commitment to policy sovereignty emerges as a beacon of resilience. The outcome of the ministerial conference not only reaffirms India's role as a responsible global actor but also underscores its resolve to prioritize the welfare of its citizens, particularly those engaged in agriculture and fisheries. Moving forward, India's proactive engagement in shaping international trade norms will continue to reflect its ethos of inclusive and equitable development. As the nation charts its course in the global arena, it does so with a steadfast commitment to protecting the interests of its most vulnerable communities. In this journey towards sustainable development and equitable trade, India stands poised to lead by example, ensuring that policy sovereignty remains sacrosanct in shaping the future of international trade.

Digital Harmony In Wildlife Conservation

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

World Wildlife Day 2024 commemorates the 1973 signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, observed annually on March 3rd. The theme, "Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation," underscores preserving biodiversity and tackling wildlife crime and species reduction. Amid a global digital revolution, it emphasizes the crucial role of digital innovation in conservation, recognizing the persistent digital divide affecting around 2.7 billion people, especially women and young individuals, who lack internet access, highlighting challenges like environmental pollution and unequal technology access. The global focus on digital technologies, including ICTs and AI, transforms wildlife conservation by serving as effective tools against illegal wildlife trade. Initiatives such as Tech4Nature and the AI for Biodiversity series showcase the potential of digital innovation. The launch of CITES-LEX, an information system for Convention implementation, highlights ongoing efforts to strengthen national laws. Technological advancements, like species-distinguishing apps and drones for sea turtle nesting sites, are transforming wildlife conservation. CITES Secretary-General Ivonne Higuero stresses sustainable development, ecological considerations, preventing tech misuse, and digital inclusion by 2030. DNA barcoding and social media are pivotal in understanding wildlife behavior, tracking illegal trade, predicting biodiversity threats, and shaping conservation strategies. The UN Secretary-General's World Wildlife Day message highlights threats to wildlife from human activities, emphasizing pollution and habitat loss. Digital technologies are seen as valuable conservation tools with the condition of responsible use. Proposals at the Future Summit include new metrics balancing GDP and addressing issues like overfishing. Urgent actions recommended are emissions reduction, climate adaptation, and acknowledging Indigenous Peoples' role in biodiversity protection. Developed nations are urged to invest in biodiversity and climate action in developing countries, aligning with global temperature limits. The Secretary-General emphasizes collective efforts to protect nature and implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. This year's celebrations prioritize involving young people and forming partnerships with schools, communities, civil society, and political leaders to raise awareness about technology's role in wildlife conservation. World Wildlife Day 2024 encourages reflection on the wonders of the natural world, stressing the travel industry's responsibility in conservation. The festivities explore digital innovation, highlighting how technology can drive wildlife conservation and foster human-wildlife coexistence in our increasingly connected world for both current and future generations.

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MARITIME EXERCISE

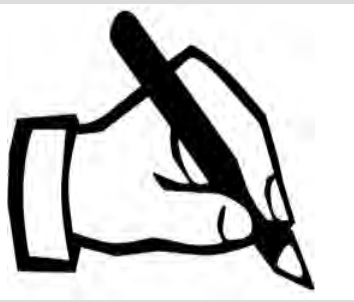


India-Malaysia bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Laksamana' underway, off the Visakhapatnam coast.

Doubts beyond the INDI Alliance



PROF. ANIL JAIN



Despite the fact that the Congress Party has come into alliance with many parties in the name of INDI Alliance, it is still doubtful that this alliance would work on the surface till the elections because most of the parties who have joined hands are such who despise each other more than they dislike their arch rival the Bhartiya Janata Party. Most of the parties in the alliance do not dislike the BJP as they distrust each other. The reasons are many and obvious. If we see the condition of the party it seems that the Congress Party despite being the only national Party, after the seat sharing in the alliance would be fighting on not more than 250 seats. Congress got 17 seats in Uttar Pradesh, washing its hands on sixty three seats; on to lose forty seats in West Bengal and thirteen in Punjab. The Samajwadi Party has snatched one seat even in Madhya Pradesh where the Samajwadi

Party has no existence at all. The state of affairs would not be different in Maharashtra and Bihar. The Congress Party cannot expect more than one third of the total seats in both the states. If the Congress party is fighting only in 250 seats then what does and how many seats it expects to win. As the performance of the party has been in the last few elections it would win 20 to 25 seats. The strike rate of congress has been not more than 10 percent. Today Congress is the largest party in the opposition but the seats the party is gaining after the alliance it would not be able to retain this status.

On the other hand are the Congress Party workers who have been dedicated to the party ever since. How would they react to such circumstances? There have been expectations of congress workers in each and every constituency. They were working with a hope of going into the elections. How their

hopes have been decimated. They are being deprived of their right to fight the election. To work for its own party leaders is one thing but for others it is different. It will have a very adverse impact on the morale of the workers. There are other things that must be taken into consideration. The congress workers of Delhi and Punjab would never like to work for the Aam Admi Party with whom they have had a dislike which is on the verge of enmity since the Sheela Dixit regime. They would rather be neutral than go with the Aam Admi Party.

In fact Congress has no connect with its party workers. The top leaders take decisions without consulting the ground workers. They do not follow any particular ideology before joining hands. The problem with the congress is that they have no policy at all. A few leaders take a decision and impose the decision without having any proper consideration. They don't decide anything at the right moment and when they get late they decide in haste. There is no link between the workers and the leadership.

In such a situation more and more workers will resign from congress. We have already seen a streak of disappointment on the faces of Mr. Salman Khurshid and many others. The congress has come to such a low that it has fallen astride before regional parties. It is dancing to the tune of the Aam

Aadmi Party. During the Manipur issue in the parliament the Congress Party leaders disrupted the House everyday but at the behest of the Aam Aadmi Party they kept quiet in the house.

The regional parties are making fun of Congress contestants. Somewhere they have become laughing stocks. They have given the Varanasi seat to Congress. Mamta Banerjee is wavering from this end to that with or without proposition. What Congress would get even after taking two to five seats and losing forty to thirty seven seats to contest in Bengal.

The best way for the congress party would be that it must fight on all the seats of the country. That way it will save its face from harassment. It will also be able to keep the morale high of its workers which is more important than winning elections. Once the morale of the workers is wrecked the party will be demolished forever. If it continues to save the morale and face it can hope to do well in the next election if not in the forthcoming elections. The Congress Party must walk like a lion avoiding being the part of the flock.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leopard population surges

The leopard population in India has surged by 1,022, marking an 8% increase over four years. The count rose from 12,852 in 2018 to 13,874 in 2022. Madhya Pradesh leads with 3,907 leopards, followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu each with over 1,000. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and West Bengal collectively saw a 150% rise to 349 leopards. However, Uttarakhand faced a 22% decline due to poaching and conflicts. Some states like Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Odisha, and Telangana also reported decreases. The fifth cycle of estimation covered 18 tiger states with 6,41,449 km foot surveys and 32,803 strategically placed camera traps, resulting in 85,488 photo-captures. Despite being smaller, leopards, estimated at 13,874, are skilled hunters. A specific conservation policy is crucial to harness India's potential for a larger leopard population, given the ratio of six leopard deaths for every tiger.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Elevated road for Kaziranga

The approval for the proposed four lane Elevated Road Corridor Project in Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger reserve along the existing National Highway-715 (new) is great news as it will ensure the safety and security of the animals. Habitat fragmentation and corridor encroachment are important reasons for animal deaths. During rains, as the park got flooded, the rush of animals towards the nearby Karbi Anglong hill traversing across the highway resulted in animal deaths. Therefore, the 35-km elevated corridor in earmarked area of Kaziranga, where definite animal-crossings are said to happen, stands to shield many endangered species like the one-horned rhinos. Nil chances of animal-vehicle collisions also means safe commuting options. The corridor is also a significant step towards tapping and boosting tourism in Assam as "viewing platforms" are set to be constructed on the elevated road.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Give a good house for Hassan

The demolition of Wakeel Hassan's home by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) showcases official neglect. Despite his heroism in rescuing 41 workers in Uttarakhand, Hassan now lacks shelter. The targeted demolition of minority homes without warning is alarming. The DDA must be accountable for its insensitive actions. Recognizing Hassan's bravery, authorities should provide him with permanent housing.

MK Nair, Raipur

Three Brainwashing Theories

Kajal Chatterjee

1. Nation is larger than region

If any region dares to air their grievance in a peaceful democratic way supposed against any Central policy (like say NRC-NPR-CAA), they are often advised in a solemn tone - "Region not greater than nation" or "Nation is larger than region". The fact remains that just like countless drops of water make up an ocean or water body, similarly a nation gets formed by conglomeration of different regions only. Thus there lies no existence of any nation without regions. Can anybody dare to say that his/her liver or nose is not greater than his/her body? What would be the destiny of the body without its vital organs? Rather the body can function normally only when all parts of it remain intact, healthy and fit. Similarly interests or welfare of different regions can never be sacrificed at the altar of the nation. Had Western Pakistan not offered a raw deal to its Eastern counterpart, perhaps

the nation would not have disintegrated to give birth to Bangladesh. Thus instead of according superior status to nations over regions, the latter should be nurtured and developed with utmost neutrality to ensure a strong nation. After all, if any particular region gets exploited or left languishing in an undeveloped state, it is the nation itself which ultimately suffers because the concerned region is part of the very nation only. So what is the necessity of engaging in a duel between region and nation?

2. Nation larger than individual

In the year 2006, the "industry-obsessed" Left Front Government of West Bengal (claiming to be the "sole guardian of the downtrodden") felt no qualms in evicting the farmers and sharecroppers with brutal force from the green fertile lands of Singur; Hooghly district. Apart from their land, the livelihood of that poor lot also were ruthlessly snatched.

Why? So that the privileged class can ride Nanos on the Tatas laugh all the way to the bank. Apart from a barrage of

flimsy excuses furnished so as to defend its brutal action, the think tank of that regime used to proclaim "Nation is much larger than individuals".

The same "logic" was forwarded to defend demonetisation. Hundreds are collapsing to death in inhuman bank queues, children dying without treatment in hospitals for its refusal of accepting "illegal notes", farmers committing suicide due to crash crunch, senior citizens having a hell of time in exchanging depositing and withdrawing money, poorest of poor labourers are finding themselves jobless overnight --- amidst that hell, the sponsors and rabid supporters of demonetisation, specially of privileged background, were offering sermons after sermons from their ivory towers "Nation infinite times more important than individuals".

Who will enlighten these heartless "intellectuals" in the guise of "nationalists" that mountains to oceans, malls to multiplexes, industries to cars or notes to plastic cards do not make the nation! Rather it is the individuals who form the real nation! So the State needs to be responsible for a single

individual also.

Even if the human right of food, land, livelihood, security, dignity and life of a single individual gets hurt, it is none other than the Nation itself which gets assaulted. So this much abused and exploited statement smacks of supreme barbarity and inhumanity.

3. Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

President John F Kennedy, in his inaugural speech, might have made this statement in a particular perspective. But this statement often gets cleverly exploited by the concerned authorities to hide their supreme failures in ensuring welfare to the lives of common people.

Innumerable sons and daughters of the concerned country might remain suffocated by the daily poison of hunger, poverty, malnutrition, joblessness, illiteracy and "live" and die in a much worse condition than pet dogs and cats of the rich. Far from trying to extricate the downtrodden from this vicious cycle and inhuman ordeal, the con-

cerned mother country squanders money to pamper the upper middle class and rich and play to the gallery of extravagant film festivals and gigantic statues.

No, the downtrodden should of course never never plead or demand their minimum entitled dues and human rights! Rather with a stomach full of starvation and hunger and a body "decorated" with malnutrition and all sorts of diseases, their prime noble and patriotic duty remains asking themselves what they can do for the nation.

Oh what a unique idea envisaged by the vested interests to relieve themselves of all duties, responsibilities and obligations towards the downtrodden and instead make those very neglected deprived people remain accountable to the nation and morally blackmail them by asking what is your contribution for the nation. Three cheers for the exploiters of this statement.

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BRIEF

Appointment



New Delhi: Agri-inputs firm Rallis India on Friday announced the appointment of Gyanendra Shukla as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years effective from April 1. The board has approved the appointment of Shukla, who will take over Sanjiv Lal on completion of his term on March 31, 2024, the company said in a statement. Shukla, an experienced agri professional in the crop protection and seed sector, possesses more than 34 years of leadership experience across India, Asia-Pacific, and Africa.

Globe logo

New Delhi: Global beverages major Pepsi on Friday rolled out its new logo worldwide as part of its rebranding exercise. This is the first visual identity change by Pepsi in the last 14 years, according to a statement by the American beverage major. As part of this, the new Pepsi globe logo was unveiled at Gateway of India in Mumbai, where it took over the monument with a digital artwork, it added.

Investment



Ujjain: The Madhya Pradesh government has laid the ground for investment of Rs 1 lakh crore, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said. He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the two-day regional industrial conference being held in Ujjain. "I am happy that the outcome of this event has laid the ground for investment of Rs 1 lakh crore. History is being created. The MP government wants to do concrete work instead of rituals of events so that proposed investments turn into reality," he said. Instead of holding a global investors summit in a big city, his government will conduct such events in different parts of the state, Yadav said, adding all obstacles will be removed in order to help the industrial sector prosper.

Dividend cheque

New Delhi: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Friday paid a dividend of Rs 2,441 crore to the government. "Smt @nsitharaman receives a dividend cheque of Rs 2,441.44 crore from Shri Siddhartha Mohanty, Chairman - Life Insurance Corporation of India (@LICIndiaForever)," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Office said in a post on X.

App delisting cannot be permitted: Minister Vaishnaw on Google-Indian startups row

New Delhi, Mar 02:

Taking a strong view of Google pulling out some apps from its Play Store, the government on Saturday said delisting of Indian apps cannot be permitted and that the tech company and the startups concerned have been called for a meeting next week. In an interview to PTI, IT and Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the startup ecosystem is key to the Indian economy and their fate cannot be left to any big tech to decide.

The minister's comments assume significance as Google on Friday began removing some apps, including popular matrimony apps, from its Play Store in India over a dispute on service fee payments, even as apps and well-known startup founders cried foul. Taking a serious view of the issue, Vaishnaw said: "India is very clear, our



policy is very clear, our startups will get the protection that they need." The minister said the government will be meeting Google and app developers who have been delisted, next week, to resolve the dispute. "I have already called the app developers who have been delisted, we will be meeting them next week. This cannot be permitted. This kind of delisting cannot be permitted," Vaishnaw asserted.

Stating that India has built a strong startup ecosystem of over one lakh startups, and more than 100 unicorns from scratch in a matter of 10 years, the minister said the energy of youth and entrepreneurs must be channelised fully and "cannot be left to the policies of any big tech." "I will be telling Google...Our entrepreneurial energy...startups, look at the whole startup India programme, 10 years back we had practi-

cally nothing and today we have more than 1,00,000 startups, more than 100 unicorns...this is something...the energy of our youth, the energy of our entrepreneurs, energy of our talented people that has to be channelised fully well, it cannot be left to the policies of any big tech," Vaishnaw said.

On Friday, Google said 10 companies in the country, including "many well-established" ones had avoided paying fees despite benefiting from the platform and Play Store, and proceeded to delist some apps. It did not name the firms but a search of Play Store on android phones did not give results for matrimonial apps such as Shaadi, Matrimony.com and Bharat Matrimony. Balaji Telefilms' Alt (formerly ALTBalaji), audio platform Kuku FM, dating service Quack Quack, Truly Madly also disappeared from Play Store.

Separately, Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said he has been flagging the concerns around dominance of Google stifling competition and startups. The government, he said, has to find if the current issue "trespasses" into the "abuse and misuse" of dominance category.

"I have raised concerns on the dominance of Google in the past, it controls more than 90 per cent of the app ecosystem in India, the fact that they are a vertically integrated large company, we are concerned that their dominance does stifle competitions and startups, and it can be misused against startups, and there are some legitimate concerns that the government has," Chandrasekhar said. The government and court has to look whether this particular incident trespasses into that territory of abuse and misuse, he added.

Many countries want to start rupee trade with India: Sitharaman

New Delhi, Mar 02:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said many countries are negotiating to start trade in rupee as the country's fundamentals are strong and the Indian unit has been "mostly stable" against most of the international currencies.

Addressing the Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru Memorial Lectures 2024 at JNU, Sitharaman also said India has opened up every sector for private investments and will extend fiscal and policy support to sunrise sectors like artificial intelligence, semiconductors and manufacturing using innovative tools. "Indian Rupee being mostly stable against most of the international currencies except for the US dollar, where it had volatility. But even in that case, compared to many other currencies, the Indian rupee has been far more stable even against the



US dollar. "And therefore, you find countries today wanting to have trade relations built on rupee trade," said Sitharaman while addressing students and professors at her alma mater.

"As a central university, JNU provided me with all India exposure that has helped me grow as a student. A nostalgic visit," Sitharaman said in a post on X. She had completed her MA and M Phil from the School of Social Sciences and School of International Studies at JNU, respectively.

GDP numbers strong, growth momentum to continue: CEA Nageswaran

New Delhi, Mar 02:

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said the GDP numbers are "strong" and good momentum in economic activities is likely to continue in the fourth quarter. Nageswaran, during a media interaction after the release of GDP data, also said that the agriculture sector, which recorded a decline of 0.8 per cent in the third quarter, will rebound in the next financial year. India's economic growth accelerated to 8.4 per cent in the October-December quarter of this fiscal, mainly due to double-digit growth in manufacturing and good showing by mining and quarrying and construction sectors. The GDP (gross domestic product)

growth was 4.3 per cent in the October-December 2022 quarter, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Thursday. The manufacturing sector's output, as per the gross value added in the third quarter of this fiscal, grew by 11.6 per cent compared to a contraction of 4.8 per cent in the year-ago period. "So the actual performance of the economy has continued to defy expectations and do better than what many had projected underscoring the fact that a structural transformation of the economy is indeed underway, both in terms of physical infrastructure and digital infrastructure as well as inclusion agenda, boosting the purchasing power of Indian households..." Nageswaran said.



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Strong GDP growth, weak monsoon drove up India's energy-related carbon emissions in 2023: IEA

New Delhi, Mar 02:

Strong GDP growth and a weak monsoon drove up India's energy-related carbon emissions by around 190 million tonnes in 2023, though the country's per capita emissions remain far below the global average, the International Energy Agency said. Global energy-related carbon emissions grew by 1.1 per cent in 2023, increasing 410 million tonnes (Mt) to reach a new record high of

37.4 gigatonnes (Gt) in 2023, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday.

It said emissions in China grew around 565 Mt in 2023, the largest increase globally and a continuation of its emissions-intensive economic growth in the post-pandemic period. Per capita emissions in China are now 15 per cent higher than in advanced economies. However, China continued to dominate global clean energy

additions. "In India, strong GDP growth drove up emissions by around 190 Mt. But a weak monsoon increased demand for electricity and cut hydro production, contributing around one-quarter of the increase in its total emissions in 2023. Per capita emissions in India remain far below the world average," the IEA said. India grappled with warm and dry conditions throughout 2023 and experienced a weak monsoon season,

with August being the driest in at least 45 years.

In 2022, energy-related global emissions increased by 490 Mt, representing a 1.3 per cent rise. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), countries together need to cut down emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane by 43 per cent by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

India retains full policy space for benefit of farmers, fishermen at WTO: Goyal

Abu Dhabi, Mar 02:

The outcome of the 13th ministerial conference of the WTO was "good" and India is "completely satisfied" as the country continues to retain its full policy space to protect the interests of farmers and

fishermen in every respect. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said. He said that New Delhi's procurement of food grains for distribution among the poor continues uninterrupted and without any hindrance. "India contin-

ues to retain full policy space for the benefit of our farmers, our fishermen, and in every respect, we have been able to take India's interests to the highest level possible," the minister told reporters here after the five-day meeting of the trade min-

isters of 166-member World Trade Organisation (WTO). As the members were not able to reach consensus on key issues such as agriculture and fisheries subsidies, the talks that were scheduled to end on February 29 got extended for a day.

Adani to invest Rs 75,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh

Ujjain, Mar 02:

Adani group will invest about Rs 75,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh in power plants, building Mahakaal Expressway, and setting up cement grinding units in coming years, a top group executive said on Friday. The apples-to-airport group has already invested almost Rs 18,000 crore in the state and will continue investing in diverse sectors, said Pranav Adani, Managing Director (Agro,



Oil and Gas) and Director of Adani Enterprises at the Regional Industry Conclave here. "Currently, our presence in Madhya Pradesh spans a wide range of sectors - from roads, cement, and natural resources to thermal power, renewable energy and power transmission," he said. "Our faith in your (chief minister Mohan Yadav's) visionary leadership will see us investing close to Rs 75,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh," he added.

Economy on a high growth trajectory due to sustained reforms: India Inc

New Delhi, Mar 02:

India Inc said 8.4 per cent GDP growth in the October-December quarter of FY24 has "surpassed" expectations, and the economy is on a high growth trajectory due to sustained reforms undertaken by the government. India's economic growth accelerated to 8.4 per cent in the October-December quarter of this fiscal, driven by double-digit growth in manufacturing and good showing by mining & quarrying and construction sectors. The GDP (gross domestic product) growth was 4.3 per cent in

the October-December 2022 quarter, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Thursday. "Industry is enthused to note the strong set of GDP growth numbers for the third quarter (YoY), which surpassed expectations...What is more comforting to note is the fact that the robust expansion came despite the recurring spate of geopolitical flashpoints," said Chandrajit Banerjee, director general, CII.

He further said the Indian economy is on a high growth trajectory supported by structural

reforms and improvements in both ease and cost of doing business. "This makes us confident that the Indian economy will continue to grow at 7 per cent plus growth rate over the medium term," he added. Deepak Sood, Secretary General of ASSOCHAM, said India's stellar 8.4 per cent GDP growth for the third quarter of 2023-24 is indeed laudable. "What stands out is the double-digit expansion in manufacturing. Consistent high growth in manufacturing can provide a transformative change in the direction of our economy," he said.

Indian economy soars with 8.4% growth ahead of general elections

New Delhi, Mar 02:

India's economy grew by better-than-expected 8.4 per cent in the final three months of 2023 - the fastest pace in one-and-half years, fortifying Prime Minister Narendra Modi's record of providing a world-beating growth rate ahead of general elections. The growth rate in October-December was higher than 7.6 per cent in the previous three years, and it helped take the estimate for the current fiscal (April 2023 to March 2024) to 7.6 per cent, according

to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Thursday. The estimate for 2023-24 is better than the 7.3 per cent projection made in January and exceeds by a significant margin the outlook of 6.7 per cent and 6.3 per cent made by the IMF and World Bank, respectively. The third quarter (October-December) growth came on the back of a double-digit (11.6 per cent) surge in the manufacturing sector. The services sector too saw a significant uptick, but the agri-

cultural sector saw a modest contraction of 0.8 per cent during the quarter. Private consumption growth too was sluggish at 3.6 per cent, and according to some economists remains an area of concern in the context of high GDP growth. Commenting on the growth numbers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his government will continue to make efforts to keep fast economic growth. "Robust 8.4 per cent GDP growth in Q3 2023-24 shows the strength of the Indian economy and its potential.

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Major crackdown on illegal mining

- Mineral Department seizes many vehicles
- Collector's directive leads to swift action against illegal excavation



Damri was apprehended for unauthorized transportation of Murum, and a Poklane was seized during an illegal excavation operation in Sonpuri. All seized vehicles have been handed over to the respective police stations for further action.

Collector Chandrakant Verma has underscored the importance of proactive measures to combat illegal mining activities. He has directed Mineral Department officials to identify and swiftly act against areas prone to illegal excavation, transportation, and storage of sand.

Emphasizing a zero-tolerance approach, the Collector has urged officials to remain vigilant and ensure the preservation of the district's natural resources.

Mineral Inspector Bablu Pandey revealed that the department's operations led to the discovery of illegal sand storage sites in Thelkadih, Chhuikhadan, and Bazar Ataria. Furthermore, enforcement teams intercepted two Hiwa vehicles laden with sand near Chhuikhadan and Narmada Chowk, while another Hiwa, found in Bhulatola, was caught transporting ballast illegally.

Additionally, a Hiwa in

MLA Dhruv conducts surprise inspection at Mainpur hospital

Central Chronicle News

Mainpur, Mar 02: Bindranavagarh MLA Janak Dhruv conducted a surprise inspection at Mainpur Hospital, demonstrating his commitment to enhancing healthcare services.

During his visit, MLA Dhruv thoroughly examined various hospital facilities, including the X-ray room, OPD, and sanitation areas, ensuring a comprehensive assessment. His genuine concern for patients' well-being was evident as he personally engaged with them,

addressing their grievances and actively participating in improving the

hospital environment by cleaning bed sheets. Prompt action followed as

MLA Dhruv instructed immediate measures to rectify deficiencies, including the provision of hot and nutritious meals for patients. Concerns regarding the underutilization of the X-ray machine were swiftly resolved with the recent installation of a new digital unit, promising improved diagnostic capabilities.

MLA Dhruv's advocacy extended beyond the inspection, as he promptly initiated discussions with State Health Minister Shyam Jaiswal to address the chronic shortage of doctors in Mainpur Hospital.



No compromise in the quality of construction: Dhruv

Bindranavagarh MLA Janak Dhruv emphasizes the importance of maintaining high standards in the ongoing construction projects at Mainpur Community Health Centre. During his inspection, MLA Dhruv raised concerns about the absence of information boards detailing the construction works, urging for transparency and accountability. He stressed the necessity of informing the public about the nature, cost, and timeline of each project. To ensure adherence to quality standards, MLA Dhruv directed officials to prioritize the installation of information boards and monitor the construction closely.

Illicit liquor trade thrives unchecked

Residents of Ghotiya, Damri, Ghoghedbari, and Shikaritola demand government intervention

Central Chronicle News

Badaitola, Mar 02: Concerns have mounted in the communities surrounding Ghotiya, Damri, Ghoghedbari, and Shikaritola as the illicit liquor trade continues to flourish unchecked, amidst perceived inaction from the Excise Department. The sale of illegal liquor in these villages has not only disrupted the peace but also raised serious questions about law enforcement and public safety.



Residents lament the deteriorating atmosphere in their villages, attributing it to the unabated sale of illegal liquor. Disturbingly, individuals of all ages, including youth, have been drawn into this illicit trade, exacerbating concerns about addiction and social decay. Despite ongoing efforts by the government to curb illegal liquor sales, the situation in rural areas has escalated, with reports indicating a surge in illicit alcohol transactions.

Open-air markets in Ghotiya, Damri, Ghoghedbari, and Shikaritola have become hotspots for the illicit liquor trade, operating around the clock and undermining law and order in the process.

further emboldens illegal liquor sellers, exacerbating the situation.

Rs 80's liquor is being sold for Rs 120 to 150

The illicit liquor trade thrives in villages, offering alcohol at inflated prices ranging from Rs 120 to Rs 150, compared to the government shop's Rs 80 per quarter. This significant price difference entices unemployed youth into the illegal liquor business, where they can earn net profits of Rs 40 to Rs 70 per quarter. Without prompt intervention, the situation is poised to deteriorate further, with almost every village in the area affected by the rampant illegal sale of liquor.

Organized transport fuels proliferation of illegal liquor

To sustain the widespread illegal liquor trade, sellers employ organized transportation methods,

gathering in groups of two to three motorcycles after the shop opens. They procure large quantities of liquor, amassing 30 to 40 quarters by afternoon, then target intersections to find customers. Shockingly, reports suggest that more than half a dozen liquor vendors have emerged in every village, underscoring the pervasive nature of the issue. Moreover, it's evident that the government, too, benefits financially from the sale of liquor, perpetuating the cycle.

There is no doubt that illegal liquor is sold in our Gram Panchayat area and the surrounding villages. The police and excise department are aware of this, yet they do not take any action on it.

- Kanhaiya Verma, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Ghotiya

Accident on NH claims one life

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Mar 02: A somber atmosphere enveloped Kurud as news emerged of a fatal accident on the National Highway. In the early hours of Friday morning, tragedy struck when a hiwa vehicle transporting mud from the Sonpur mine to Bharda Pulia on the Bharatmala road collided with a parked truck loaded with iron bars near the Pratham Arora Training Center.

injuries at the scene of the accident. His body was carefully extricated from the mangled vehicle

the incident occurred around 4 am, as Anand Gupta was navigating the hiwa vehicle, bearing registration number RJ20 DG 4491, from Sonpur village was hit a parked truck bearing number OR10F 8351 loaded with iron rods.



The impact of the collision was devastating, leaving the hiwa driver entrapped in the wreckage for hours. Despite exhaustive efforts by rescue teams, the driver, identified as Anand Gupta, aged 32, succumbed to his

The collision was so terrible that the engine steering of the hiwa vehicle was badly damaged, and the hiwa vehicle driver, Anand Gupta, got badly trapped in the middle.

Tragically, Anand Gupta succumbed to his injuries on the spot. His body was carefully extricated from the wreckage by the JCB team and subsequently transported for post-mortem examination. According to Kurud Police reports,

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Collector inspects progress of 240-bed multispecialty hospital in Koni

- 10 storey state-of-the-art hospital being built for Rs 200 crore with Centre-State cooperation

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 02: A significant milestone in healthcare infrastructure is on the horizon as Collector Awanish Sharan inspected the ongoing construction of a 240-bed multi-specialty hospital in Koni, operated under the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS).

With a keen eye on progress, the Collector emphasized the need for expediting the supply of remaining equipment and the recruitment process for staff to ensure the hos-



pital's operational readiness.

The multi-specialty hospital, envisaged at a cost of approximately Rs 200 crore, stands as a testament to collaborative efforts between the Central and State Governments. Boasting ten floors besides the ground level, the hospital is poised to offer cutting-edge medical services to the community.

During the inspection, Collector Sharan underscored the importance of

swiftly recruiting specialist doctors to bolster the hospital's medical staff. He also issued directives to the equipment procurement agency to expedite the delivery of outstanding equipment, highlighting the urgency in completing the project.

Notably, the procurement of equipment is facilitated through the central government agency HEIGHT, with 80 types of equipment already supplied and 19 types already

installed within the hospital premises. The construction, overseen by the PWD Department of the Central Government, reflects a commitment to delivering state-of-the-art healthcare facilities to the citizens.

In attendance during the inspection were CIMS Hospital Superintendent Dr. Nayak and other officials, signifying a collective effort towards enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality in the region.

Rajpur's nutrition garden becomes center of attraction

Students moving towards vocational education along with agriculture

Central Chronicle News

Bhond, Mar 02: In a heartening display of ingenuity and collaboration, the primary school Patelpara Rajpur, nestled in the Bastar development block, has transformed into a hub of agricultural innovation with its thriving nutrition garden.



Through collective efforts of students, teachers, sanitation workers, and cooks, a bountiful array of vegetables including cabbage, bottle gourd, peas, and onions flourish in the school garden. These fresh produce not only contribute to the daily mid-day meals, providing essential nutrition to the children, but have also sparked a ripple effect of inspiration.

The surplus yield from the nutrition garden has garnered attention from neighboring rural schools, who now purchase fresh vegetables, thereby pro-

moting a culture of sustainability and self-reliance.

Encouraged by the community's support, students are venturing into vocational education, transcending traditional boundaries and embracing agricultural entrepreneurship.

The children started depositing the money received from the vegetables sold from the nutrition garden in the piggy bank which the children broke on March 2, out of which the total

amount received was more than Rs. 4 thousand. Seeing this a palpable joy and enthusiasm radiating from their faces.

Acknowledging their efforts, sweeper Shantanu Kashyap and village youth Puran Kashyap were duly recognized for their invaluable contributions to the nutrition garden.

The head teacher of the school, Pancham Ram Negi, congratulated the children on this first earning and advised them

to adopt agriculture as an income. Cluster Coordinator Gajendra Singh Thakur also regularly takes classes in this school and provides support in the work with the children and teachers.

In preparing the nutrition garden, all the students of the school, Head Teacher Pancham Ram Negi, Sankul Coordinator Gajendra Singh Thakur, Sweeper Youth Puran Kashyap of Shantanu Kashyap village, cook Sahadev Kashyap and Mehtu Sinha had special contribution.

What do officials say

District Education Officer Bharti Pradhan said that the Kitchen Garden at Primary School Patel in Rajpur is an ideal for all other schools. All the people working here including the cook deserve congratulations.

Warm welcome marks start of board exams



- At Higher Secondary School, Joratarai

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Mar 02: The commencement of Class 10th and 12th examinations in Chhattisgarh from March 1 was met with a warm gesture at the new examination center, Higher Secondary School in Joratarai. As candidates arrived to take their

exams, they were greeted with traditional hospitality, including the application of gular and the sharing of sweets.

Notably, the examination center, accommodating 21 students from High School Koliyari and 45 students from the 12th class in Joratarai, along with 67 students from the 10th class, saw its inaugural session with enthusiasm and excitement. Students expressed

joy at the warm reception and eagerly anticipated the upcoming examinations.

Parameshwari Mahendra Sahu, the District President of the area, extended heartfelt best wishes to the students, emphasizing their bright future ahead. The occasion was marked by a program attended by prominent figures including Tekram Sahu, former SMC President of Higher Secondary School, and Manak Lal Sahu, former SMC President, alongside the Secondary Education Board in-charge and Principal Banjara.

Teachers Gopal and KK Sahu, along with all staff members, joined in the festivities, contributing to the positive atmosphere surrounding the start of the examinations.

Lakshya Foundation: Empowering youth for national service

Central Chronicle News

Berla, Mar 02: Founded on December 9, 2018, by Pawan Kumar Verma, the Lakshya Foundation in Bemetera is scripting a tale of national service history by nurturing the district's youth for military roles. With a vision to transform Bemetera into a military-centric district, the foundation offers free training to aspiring youngsters, equipping them both physically and mentally for the rigors of military life.

Inspired by his own aspirations to join the army, Pawan Kumar Verma, despite facing medical disqualification, resolved to guide and support others on their path to military



service. Since its inception, the foundation has been steadfast in its mission, culminating in notable successes.

Under the Agniveer Scheme, three children who received training from the Lakshya Foundation Bemetera have been selected to serve in the army. Among them, Purshottam Singh Verma

from village Hathmudi, along with Ujjwal Sahu and Narayan Sahu, are dedicated to serving the country. In the recent recruitment rally for the army in Janjgir-Champa, 11 children have been selected under the Agniveer scheme. Among these 11, one was deemed unfit in the medical examination, while the other 10 made it

to the final merit list. From the final results, 8 individuals have been selected as Agniveers.

Beyond military aspirations, Lakshya Foundation also extends its support to aspiring police recruits, with approximately 80 youths receiving comprehensive preparation every morning. The foundation's operations are driven by a

team of dedicated individuals, including retired Subedar Harish Awasthi and social worker Manoj Sharma, who contribute their time and resources selflessly.

In addition to training, Lakshya Foundation actively engages in community initiatives, organizing events like Republic Day and Independence Day celebrations, and providing essentials like T-shirts and shoes to underprivileged children.

For Pawan Kumar Verma, leading Lakshya Foundation is not about financial gain but a deep-rooted commitment to serving the nation, embodying the essence of patriotism and selfless dedication.

Deshpande, Thakur shine as Mumbai take opening day honours

Mumbai, Mar 02 (PTI):

Tushar Deshpande (3/24) and Shardul Thakur (2/48) starred to put Mumbai on top following a meek display from Tamil Nadu on the opening day of their Ranji Trophy semifinal here on Saturday.

Tamil Nadu skipper B Sai Kishore's decision to bat first backfired as the visitors were shot out for a mere 146 in the first innings, with Deshpande and Thakur making life miserable for the batters at the BKC Ground.

If it was any consolation, Tamil Nadu struck twice with the ball but Mumbai shaved off a significant chunk of the first-innings deficit, reaching 45/2 at stumps to trail by 101 runs.

Musheer Khan (24 not out) and nightwatchman Mohit Avasthi (1) were at the crease with Mumbai losing openers Prithvi Shaw (5) and Bhupen Lalwani (15).

Shaw fell early against Kuldeep Sen while Sai Kishore trapped Lalwani for the second wicket, but Mumbai remained on top.

On a track which had movement off the surface as well as turn for spinners, Mumbai proved to be the superior side as their bowlers extracted more support and their batters did not find getting runs as tough as the visitors.

Tamil Nadu, shell-shocked by a disastrous start to their first semi-



Mumbai's Tushar Deshpande bowls a delivery.

Avesh's four-wicket haul help MP to bowl out Vidarbha for 170

Nagpur: Avesh Khan-led Madhya Pradesh pace bowling unit hit right lengths on a pitch that offered enough carry to bowl out Vidarbha for a meagre 170 on day one to gain control of their Ranji Trophy semifinal match here on Saturday. Avesh (4/49) was the pick of MP bowlers, while receiving good support from Kulwant Khejroliya (2/38) and Venkatesh Iyer (2/28). Madhya Pradesh reached 47 for one in their first innings at close, and trail by 123 runs. The VCA Stadium deck wore such fine green tinge as MP employed spin for just 2.4 overs in a total of 56.4 overs they bowled on the day. Left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya, who dis-

missed last man Umesh Yadav, did the spinner's duty for a brief period. Other spinners in their ranks like offie Saransh Jain remained spectators of the proceedings. Vidarbha's feeble fight came through Karun Nair, who made 63 (105 balls, 9x4). India pacer Avesh gave MP a fine start to the match when he uprooted the stumps of opener Dhruv Shorey (13). Vidarbha lost wickets at regular intervals from that point and their biggest partnership was a 36 between Atharva Taide (39, 63b, 8x4) and Aman Mokhadde (13, 75 balls) for the second wicket. It came in almost 16 overs but the home side failed to capitalise on all the hard work.

Jagadeesan (4) caught at short leg by Musheer.

Coming in as first change, Deshpande remained unplayable for the Tamil Nadu batters throughout the innings.

"We wanted to bowl as the wicket has enough for the pace bowlers. We bowled in the right channels, on this pitch it was important to bowl in the right areas," Deshpande told the media after the day's play.

"Yes, absolutely," said Deshpande if TN's decision to bat was surprising. "We all can see the pitch has enough help for the pace bowlers and with the shadow staying till late here it helps the pace bowlers a lot in the first session," he added.

Pradosh Ranjan Paul's (8) but curled in his hands as he hit one straight to Deshpande, who took a fine return catch for the third wicket. It was a brave call for skipper Sai Kishore (1) to promote himself ahead of the dependable Baba Indrajith, but one that did not work.

Sai Kishore's footwork was all over the place when Deshpande moved the ball back in, pegging back the middle-stump as Tamil Nadu slumped to 17/4. Tamil Nadu's hopes of a revival took a body blow when Indrajith (11) was caught at short mid-wicket with Tanush Kotian (2/10) taking a sharp diving catch in front of him to leave the visitors reeling.

nal in seven years, could not muster the courage to stage a fightback and folded shortly after tea despite Vijay Shankar (44) and Washington Sundar's (43) rearguard act. The horror

began when B Sai Sudharsan (0) was trapped leg-before on the fourth ball of the match by Thakur. It did not take long for the Mumbai bowlers to get all over the

Tamil Nadu side in the first hour.

Mumbai bowlers exploited the early moisture with the new ball to perfection as Avasthi had TN's leading run-maker N

Messi's Argentina picks 4 teenagers for friendlies in US

Buenos Aires, Mar 02 (AP):

Argentina will feature four players aged under 20 in two friendlies in the United States in March with the Copa America and Paris Olympics in mind.

One of the biggest surprises of coach Lionel Scaloni's squad on Friday was 19-year-old left back and midfielder Valent n Barco. He joined Brighton less than two months ago and has had an impact at the English Premier League club.

The other three teenagers in the world champion squad were forwards; Manchester United's Alejandro Garnacho, Brighton's Facundo Buonanotte and Monza's Valent n Carboni.

The selection of 36-year-old Angel Di Maria hints that the 16-year international is keen to play in the Copa and Olympics. Argentina faces El Salvador on March 22 in Philadelphia and Costa Rica four days later in Los Angeles. That means Lionel Messi will miss Inter Miami's visit to New York Red Bulls on March 23 in Major League Soccer.

But the friendlies will give American soccer fans another chance to see Messi in action. Earlier Friday, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Messi won't compete in the U.S. Open Cup. Last year, Messi helped Miami reach the final but missed the 2-1 loss to Houston due to injury.

The U.S. tour has replaced Argentina's original trip to China. That visit was canceled after Messi didn't play a Miami preseason game in Hong Kong, infuriating the local fans and city leaders a month ago. Messi apologized and said he was injured.

With experience, things have changed for me: Sreejesh



New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI):

Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh says he has learned to steer clear of negative thoughts with experience, something that has helped him immensely while guarding the post for the Indian team in big matches.

As he prepares for the upcoming Paris Olympics, Sreejesh spoke about the criticism that comes with the "thankless job" of manning the goalpost for the national side.

"It is a thankless job at times because if I made 10 saves and concede one goal, everyone will remember that one mistake. But I have accepted that and I have moved on with that," he said on Saturday.

"This profession has helped me in my personal life on how to deal with pressure and criticism as well," Sreejesh added during a conversation with David Lee, who is the head coach of Prime Volleyball League franchise Bengaluru Torpedoes.

One of the best players in modern-day volleyball, Lee represented USA thrice at the Olympics,

and led his side to a gold medal and a bronze medal.

Sreejesh, who is one of the top goalkeepers in the world, has represented India at the Olympics three times, and won the bronze medal at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

During a discussion on how athletes can develop mental strength at an early age, Sreejesh opened up on his struggles as a young goalkeeper.

"Goalkeeping is a mental game. Being a player, we understand how we want to get involved in a match. But, being a goalkeeper, I just stand behind and my game is in my head," Sreejesh said.

"As a young player, my negative feelings used to dominate my positive feelings, and that would lead me to concede goals. Now, with my experience, things have changed for me, and I allow positive thoughts to dominate."

Sreejesh praised Prime Volleyball League for providing a platform for youngsters to showcase their skills and recalled his experience of playing in the erstwhile Hockey India League.

CA chief Hockley denies reports Big Three ignored study to save Test cricket

Sydney, Mar 02 (PTI):

Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley on Saturday rebutted reports that India, England and his organisation had not paid attention to a draft presented to the International Cricket Council to save Test cricket.

A report in the Sydney Morning Herald said that the three powerful boards were dismissive of a document compiled by New Zealand Cricket chair Martin Snedden, who proposed an overhaul of the future tours program (FTP) to save the longest version of the game.

"Categorically, I think there was some misreporting around that. Certainly, the discussions I'm in at the moment are very much thinking about how we can optimise the calendar and how we can continue to grow cricket around the world," Hockley told SEN Cricket. The changes proposed in the blueprint document include additional windows for T20 leagues other than the Indian



Premier League, alteration in the World Test Championship points system, 40-over ODIs, apprehensions about T20s and an effort towards pooling of broadcast rights revenue for bilateral series. Hockley, when asked about the report, denied suggestions that the powerful nations were turning a blind eye to Test cricket, saying he had met Snedden during the New Zealand-Australia first Test in Wellington and conveyed to him that Australia was very much committed to help ICC ensure all the three formats flourish. "We had a great catch-up with Martin (Snedden) here yesterday (Friday in Wellington)," Hockley said.

CSK training camp ahead of IPL 2024 gets underway

Chennai, Mar 02 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings' pre-season camp got underway here on Saturday in the presence of pacer Deepak Chahar, who will be eyeing a national comeback through a consistent run for his franchise in the IPL beginning March 22.

"The first batch of local (Indian) players arrived on Friday and more are expected to arrive in the coming days," a Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) official told PTI.

On Friday, CSK confirmed the arrival of the first batch of players in the city and they included Simarjeet Singh (pacer), Rajvardhan Hangargekar (all-rounder), Mukesh Choudhary (pacer), Prashant Solanki (spinner), Ajay Mandal (all-rounder) and Deepak Chahar (seamer).

Notably, Chahar has not played any form of cricket since last December when he pulled out of the T20 se-



ries against Australia midway before skipping the tour of South Africa due to his father's illness.

However, he declared himself fully fit last month while training at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The injury-prone pacer is eyeing a comeback to the national side for the T20 World Cup

scheduled in the Caribbean and the USA in June. Fan-favourite and team skipper MS Dhoni's arrival is yet to be confirmed. He was spotted with his wife Sakshi in Jamnagar on Friday when he attended the pre-wedding function of Anant Ambani, the youngest son of Indian business tycoon Mukesh Ambani.

Mizoram confirm quarterfinal spot, Manipur top Group B

Itanagar, Mar 02 (PTI):

Mizoram confirmed their spot in the quarterfinals of the Santosh Trophy with a comprehensive 4-0 win against Railways at the Golden Jubilee Stadium here on Saturday.

While the four teams to make it to the knockout stages from Group A were already confirmed on Friday, three of the Group B sides Manipur, Delhi, and Railways started on Saturday, having already qualified.

Mizoram, Maharashtra, and Karnataka were fighting it out for one quarterfinal spot, and it was advantage Mizoram.

Services will face Railways in the first quarterfinal on March 4 followed by the second quarterfinal between Goa and Delhi on the same day. On March 5, Manipur will take on Assam, while Mizoram will play Kerala.

The side from the north-eastern reaches of India had a simple equation in

front of them. If they beat Railways, they would book their quarterfinal spot; anything else, and they would have to depend on other results.

Lalthankima (17th min) set the tone for Mizoram early on, as he ran on to a through ball behind the Railways defense and slotted it past the keeper.

Mizoram were not content with just a goal lead, and constantly kept looking for more opportunities to score. However, Railways came back hard in the second half, looking for the equaliser. They had already qualified, but a few points in this game would improve their standing in the group, which could give them a more favourable tie in the quarterfinals.

However, it was Railways' willingness to commit more men forward that was finally their undoing.

Mizoram substitute Vanlalbiaa Chhangte doubled the lead in the 81st minute, a similar strike to that of Lalthankima.

ITF Women Open: Ankita exits singles but wins doubles crown with Zhibek

Gurugram, Mar 02 (PTI):

Home favourite Ankita Raina copped a straight set semifinal defeat to unseeded Yeonwoo Ku in the singles event of the ITF Women's Open but grabbed the doubles title with Kazakh partner Zhibek Kulambayeva, here on Saturday. Ankita, India's number one singles player, lost 6-7 (4) 3-6 to her Korean rival in the last-four stage match. Also making the exit was top seed from Slovenia Dalila Jakupovic, who was undone by third seed Justina Mikulskyte of Lithuania 4-6 2-6 7-6 (0).

Later, Ankita joined hands with Kulambayeva to brush aside the challenge of Jacqueline Cabaj Awad of Sweden and Justina Mikulskyte 6-4 6-2.

Kiwis to chase 369 against Australia of victory

Wellington, Mar 02 (AP):

Part-time off-spinner Glenn Phillips took 5-45 as New Zealand bowled out Australia for 164 in its second innings Saturday on the third day of the first cricket test.

Phillips' maiden five-wicket total comprised the wickets of Usman Khawaja (28), first-innings century-maker Cameron Green (34), Travis Head (29), Mitch Marsh for a first-ball duck and Alex Carey (3). Matt Henry took 3-36 as Australia was bowled in less than four hours. Australia still increased its overall lead to 368 after leading by 204 on the first innings. At stumps New Zealand was 111-3 and 257 runs behind.

Rachin Ravindra reached a half century from 77 balls just before stumps and was 56 not out at the close of play and Daryl Mitchell was 12. Australia struck a major



blow when it dismissed Kane Williamson for 9 in the last session. Williamson fell to Nathan Lyon, the off-spinner who likely holds the key to the match.

After being run out for 0 in the first innings, Williamson was caught by Steve Smith at leg slip from a ball that bounced more than he expected. Smith moved to first slip and caught Will Young (15) off Head as New Zealand's hopes of winning began to melt away. Ravindra revived those hopes a little before stumps with his first half century in his first match against Australia. The only previous time he passed 50 in his test career, he made 240. A New Zealand win remained unlikely and of the three possible results still in play an Australia win is most probable. A draw also looms as a possibility as rain is forecast for most of the fourth day.

Indian boxers renew quest for Paris Olympic quotas in Italy

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI):

The seasoned Shiva Thapa, Deepak Bhorla and Nishant Dev will be among nine Indian boxers fighting it out for Paris Olympic berths at the 1st World Qualification Tournament, starting in Busto Arsizio, Italy on Sunday.

Seven men and two women from India will be aiming to secure Olympic berths at the qualifiers being conducted by the Paris 2024 Boxing Unit (PBU), an ad-hoc body created by the International Olympic Committee Executive Board.

The tournament has 49 quota places on offer and a boxer will be assured of a Paris ticket after reaching



the semifinals.

In the women's 60kg category, however, there will be a box-off between the losing semifinalists to decide the Olympic berths as only three spots are available.

While several boxers have already obtained quota places via their respective continental events,

there are many world-class pugilists including Colombia's Yuberjen Martinez and Tomoya Tsuboi of Japan in the men's 51kg, reigning 57kg world champion Makhmud Sabyrkhan of Kazakhstan and Olympic silver medalist Yoel Finol of Venezuela, who will be keen to seal the

deal in Italy this month. India's hopes will be spearheaded by the trio of 2023 world championship medallists - Bhorla (51kg), Mohammed Hussamudin (57kg) and Dev (71kg).

Bhorla and Dev have emerged as strong contenders in their respective weight classes over the last year. Two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Hussamudin will be back in the ring for the first time since last year's world championships, having undergone a surgery on his left knee. Expectations will be high from the six-time Asian Championship medallist Thapa (63.5kg) as well as former Asian champion Sanjeet (92kg).

I'll remain with NDA forever, Nitish Kumar assures PM

Aurangabad, Mar 02 (PTI)

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday assured Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he would remain with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) forever.

Speaking on the occasion of the unveiling function of the projects worth Rs 21,400 crore in Aurangabad district by Modi, Kumar also said that he is confident that the NDA will win more than 400 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

"You (Modi) had come to Bihar earlier as well but I disappeared (from NDA) for some time. Now I am again with you and assure you that I will remain with the NDA forever," Kumar,



PM Modi and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar being garlanded during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various development projects, in Aurangabad, Saturday.

also the JD(U) president, said. Kumar dumped the R J D - l e d Mahagathbandhan and re-

turned to his old ally BJP last month. "We welcome you (the PM) in Bihar. Lots of developments are taking place in Bihar. I am confident that now things will move faster and Bihar will reach new heights of development. People of Bihar will now feel economically more empowered," Kumar said.

Deputy Chief Minister and state BJP president Samrat Chaudhary claimed that the Narendra Modi government is the first administration at the Centre which fulfilled all promises it made to the people between 2014 and 2019.

"No other government at the Centre achieved this in the last 75 years. This is the guarantee of PM Modi," Chaudhary said.

ROSE FESTIVAL



Visitors at the New Delhi Municipal Council's (NDMC) Rose Festival at the India-Africa Friendship Rose Garden on Shanti Path at Chanakyapuri, in New Delhi, Saturday.

'Over 1,000 Amrit Bharat trains to be made in coming years'

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI)

India will manufacture at least 1,000 new-generation Amrit Bharat trains in the coming years while work is also underway to make trains that can run at 250 kmph, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday.

In an exclusive interview to PTI-Videos, he also said the Railways has already started working on the export of Vande Bharat trains and the first export is expected within the next five years.

While speaking on the transformational initiatives taken by the Railways in the last 10 years of the Narendra Modi government, he said the world's highest railway bridge (Chenab bridge) and the first under-river water tunnel (for the Kolkata metro) are some of the significant technological advancements that happened in the rail sector.

Vaishnaw also spoke on the beginning of the construction of India's first under-sea tunnel between

Mumbai and Thane as part of the ongoing Bullet train project and said there are about only five countries in the world that have such technologies.

The 21-km-long proposed tunnel between Mumbai and Thane will have a 9.7-km passing through the sea, 54 metres below its surface.

Vaishnaw also delved into Railways' fare structure and its service to the general public. "We carry about 700 crore people every day, 2.5 crore practically every day. The fare structure is such that if the cost of carrying a person is Rs 100, we charge Rs 45. So we give 55 per cent discount to every person who travels by the railways on an average," Vaishnaw said.

Talking about affordability, the minister said, "We have designed Amrit Bharat which is a world-class train. It provides 1,000 km of travel at a price of only Rs 454. That is the kind of affordability that has been provided."

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coming years and the work to make trains that can run at a speed of 250 kmph was on, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday.

Vaishnaw provided a break-up of the total annual expenditures of the Railways and said that expenditure on pensions, salaries, energy bill and lease-interest payments are Rs 55,000 crore, 97,000 crore, 40,000 crore and Rs 32,000 crore respectively.

Another Rs 12,000 crore goes on maintenance and all get combined to become about Rs 2.40 lakh-crore. "We have been able to meet all these expenses because the team has been working very hard under the prime

minister's guidance," Vaishnaw said.

"Today, railway stations are very different from what they were 10 years back. Stations and trains are cleaner and every train has a bio-toilet," he said.

According to the railway minister, introduction of new technology has made trains like Vande Bharat highly popular among youths.

"Practically, every week one Vande Bharat train is getting inducted in the fleet. We will be manufacturing at least 400 to 500 of these trains in the coming few years itself," Vaishnaw said.

On track capacity expansion, he said, "Last year, we added 5,200 kms of new track. This year, we will add 5500 kms of new track. It is like adding Switzerland to the country every year. That's the pace at which work is being done."

Outlining passengers' safety initiatives, Vaishnaw said that in the last 10 years, more than Rs 1.27 lakh-crore have been invested on passengers' safety and close to 7000 kms of worn out

tracks have been replaced every year.

He highlighted the features of Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system Kavach, being implemented across the rail network in India, and said that all countries started implementing ATP around the 1980s but our governments of that time didn't focus on this important passenger safety feature.

Vaishnaw also blamed the previous government in Maharashtra for the delay in the implementation of the bullet train project.

"The construction on the Gujarat section from Vapi to Ahmedabad was going on a torrid pace but we couldn't start the section from Mumbai to Vapi because Mr Thackrey's government never permitted us. We got all the permits after the government changed."

He dismissed suggestions that the Railways is turning to cater more to the affluent class. "Our focus is on non-air conditioned coaches because our premier customer is low-income families.

'Rameshwaram cafe blast to be probed by Central Crime Branch'

Bengaluru, Mar 02 (PTI)

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda on Saturday

said that the investigation of the Rameshwaram cafe blast in which 10 people were injured has been handed over to Central Crime Branch and that no arrest has been made in connection with the incident. In a post on 'X', he said, "Investigation of the case has been handed over to the Central Crime Branch (CCB). All the injured are recovering. No arrest (have been) made."

Earlier in the day, police sources said that four persons have been detained for questioning in connection with yesterday's low-intensity bomb blast at a Bengaluru eatery. They



B Dayananda

were picked up from Dharwad, Hubballi and Bengaluru.

Dayananda said that the investigation into the incident, caused by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), is in full swing.

"Several teams are working on different leads obtained so far," he said. "Keeping in mind the

sensitivity of the case and the security concerns, we appeal to the media to not indulge in speculation and cooperate," Dayananda said. Meanwhile, security has been tightened across Bengaluru, especially at Kempegowda International Airport, M Chinnaswamy cricket stadium, bus stands, railway stations and other areas which witness a higher footfall, following the incident in Brookefield in one of the IT corridors of the city.

The Bengaluru Police has registered a case under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosives Substances Act in connection with the explosion at the popular quick-service eatery.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



Children, dressed as the 'Devi' participate in the 'Chikkara Kottikkal' festival, at Kanichukulangara Devi temple near Kochi, Saturday.

SKM calls for unity among farmers

New Delhi, Mar 02 (PTI):

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Saturday said it has handed over a resolution to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), appealing for issue-based unity among all farmer platforms and organisations. In a statement issued on Saturday, the SKM said an eight-point resolution adopted by a six-member committee that was formed at a general body meeting of the farmers' body on February 22, 2022 in Chandigarh was handed over to the representatives of the SKM (Non-Political) and KMM on March 1.

Sunetra Pawar met Thohte, a former Maharashtra minister, at his home in Bor on Friday, said his son and local Congress MLA Sangram Thohte.

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Sunetra Pawar meets Anantrao Thohte, Sharad Pawar's old rival

Mumbai, Mar 02 (PTI)

Political circles were abuzz after Sunetra Pawar, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's wife and the NCP's probable candidate from the Baramati Lok Sabha constituency, met Congress veteran and Sharad Pawar's old rival Anantrao Thohte.

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NCP leader Ajit Pawar with wife Sunetra Pawar at Vidhan Bhavan, in Mumbai.

led Nationalist Congress Party would field Sunetra against incumbent MP Supriya Sule in Baramati, turning it into a high-stakes battle between Sule's father Sharad Pawar and his estranged nephew, as well as that between the ruling NDA and opposition MVA.

Anantrao Thohte who represented Bhor in the assembly six times before a shock defeat in 1999, was known as one of Sharad Pawar's rivals within the Congress when the latter was with the Grand Old Party.

Sangram Thohte, however, denied that the meeting had any political significance.

"Sunetra Pawar was in Bhor for her party programme related to women's Self Help Groups yesterday, and she visited our house to

inquire about my father's health. No politics should be linked to personal visits," he told PTI.

Supriya Sule too called on his father recently, he said.

Asked about his role in the campaign in Baramati, Thohte said he would work for the Maha Vikas Aghadi of the Congress, Sharad Pawar-led NCP and Shiv Sena (UBT).

Sangram was reportedly upset when he did not get a ministerial berth or the Speaker's post in the previous MVA government.

"The issue of being upset is over as far as I am concerned," he said to a question.

Modi attacks TMC over corruption

● Sets target for Bengal BJP to win all 42 LS seats

Krishnanagar (WB), Mar 02 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday stepped up the attack against the Mamata Banerjee government, labelling it as being synonymous with "oppression, dynasty politics, and betrayal" and claimed that the TMC has achieved a "mastery" in turning schemes into scams.

Speaking at a rally in Krishnanagar in Nadia district, Modi outlined an ambitious target for the BJP to win all the 42 Lok Sabha seats in the state, emphasising the correlation between

West Bengal's progress and that of the nation.

In the 2019 general elections, the saffron party had bagged 18 seats in the state. Modi rallied supporters to "ensure the proliferation of the lotus", the electoral symbol of the BJP, in every Lok Sabha constituency in the state.

Referring to the incidents in Sandeshkhali, where women have levelled charges of sexual abuse against TMC leaders, Modi accused the state government of abandoning the aggrieved women and instead siding with the accused. "People of West Bengal are disappointed by the way the state government is functioning. They have repeatedly given such

huge mandates to the TMC with great expectations, but the party has become another name for tyranny, dynasty politics and betrayal. The TMC's priority is corruption and nepotism, not development of the state," he said.

Taking a dig, Modi articulated an acronym for the TMC, asserting it now epitomises 'Tu, Main, aur Corruption hi Corruption' (you, me, and corruption).

He lambasted the party for appropriating central schemes, branding those as their own, and fostering a culture of "graft and favouritism".

"The TMC has tainted the image of West Bengal. It has achieved mastery in turning every scheme into a scam. They put a sticker

on central schemes and call it theirs. They don't hesitate in snatching from the poor and depriving them," he said.

Modi claimed that 'to-labaj' (extortionists) of the TMC "call the shots" in West Bengal and "wield undue influence in the state, obstructing the implementation of central schemes".

"In the coming years, the BJP will create innumerable opportunities for investments and employment in the country and the state. To ensure this, you must mark your contribution in the Lok Sabha elections by ensuring the victory of the BJP. The lotus must bloom in all the 42 seats of West Bengal," he said.

EC for strong action against officials indulging in favouritism

LS POLLS

Lucknow, Mar 02 (PTI)

The Election Commission of India on Saturday directed all the district magistrates and superintendents of police to take strong action against those officials indulging in favouritism.

"Ensure impartiality with junior officials working at cutting-edge level for level playing field. All the DEOs (District Election Officers) have been asked to immediately act on the complaint lodged by the political parties," Kumar told reporters in Lucknow.

"At present, no complaint is pending and all the problems have been satisfactorily redressed," he said. Kumar, who was accompanied by Election

Commissioner Arun Goel, also asked the officials to check cases of impersonation.

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