

## 15 Naxalites arrested

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**DANTEWADA:** Fifteen Naxalites, seven of them women, were arrested following an IED blast in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, police said on Tuesday.

The Naxalites triggered the explosion when the security forces were on a search operation on Sunday, but no one was injured, they said. The Naxalites were appre-

hended near Gumalnar village under Geedam police station limits, where a joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Bastar Fighters, both units of state police, was out on a search operation on Sunday, Dantewada Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Unnati Thakur told reporters.

Most of the arrested cadres were active in frontal outfits of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), she said.

| NATURAL CALAMITY |

# Landslides wreak havoc: 22 killed

Several houses and worker camps caved in due to landslide.

Press Trust of India

**AIZAWL:** At least 22 people, including 13 in a collapsed stone quarry, were killed in Mizoram on Tuesday due to landslides and incessant rain in the aftermath of cyclone 'Remal', officials said.

In a massive landslide, at least 13 people, including two minors, were killed and eight others were missing as a stone quarry collapsed in Aizawl district, a report of the Mizoram State Disaster Management Authority (MSDMA) said.

The incident happened around 6 am in an area between Melthum and Hlimen on the southern outskirts of the Aizawl town, an official said. The report stated that several houses and worker camps caved in



Rescue work underway after a stone quarry collapsed.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Incident happened at 6 am in an area between Melthum and Hlimen on south of Aizawl town.



four-year-old boy and a six-year-old girl," a police officer said. Aizawl's Deputy Commissioner Nazuk Kumar told PTI that the search operations will continue till the entire site is cleared. Earlier in the day, Director General of Police Anil Shukla claimed that 17 bodies were recovered from the collapsed stone quarry.

"We suspect that 6-7 people are still trapped inside the debris," he

6-7 more people are still trapped under the rubble

Anil Shukla  
DGP Mizoram

due to the impact of the landslide, burying at least 21 people beneath the debris. "So far, 13 bodies have been recov-

ered and eight people are still missing. Among the deceased in the stone quarry collapse are a

told PTI, adding that heavy rain was affecting the rescue operations at the disaster site.

| AFTER POLL CAMPAIGN |

## PM Modi to meditate at Vivekananda's landmark

Press Trust of India

**PM will meditate from the evening of May 30 to the evening of June 1 at Dhyani Mandapam.**



**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meditate at Rock Memorial, a monument built in tribute to Swami Vivekananda, in Kanyakumari following the culmination of the Lok Sabha polls campaign on May 30, BJP leaders said on Tuesday. He will meditate from the evening of May 30

to the evening of June 1 at Dhyani Mandapam, the place where Vivekananda -- a spiritual icon admired by Modi -- is believed to have had a divine vision about 'Bharat Mata', they said. The prime minister had gone on a similar meditation exercise in a Kedarnath cave after

### FACTFILE

● Modi is giving a signal of national unity by going to Kanyakumari.

the 2019 poll campaign. Party functionaries said Modi's decision to pick the spot in Kanyakumari for his spiritual sojourn underscores his commitment to bringing to fruition Vivekananda's vision for the country. He has been sounding confident about returning to power for a third term after the votes are counted on June 4.

## Churu boils at 50.5°C

Press Trust of India

**JAIPUR:** Heat conditions intensified in Rajasthan, with Churu recording the highest temperature at 50.5 degrees Celsius, 7.5 degrees above normal and the highest of the season, the local weather office said on Tuesday. According to the Meteorological Cen-

tre, Jaipur, Churu saw its highest temperature at 50.8 degrees Celsius on June 1, 2019. The day temperature reached 49.4 degrees Celsius in Ganganagar, 49 degrees Celsius in Pilani (Jhunjhunu) and Phalodi, 48.3 degrees Celsius in Bikaner, 48.2 degrees Celsius in Kota, 48 degrees Celsius in Jaisalmer, it said.

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# Raipur



After the formation of BJP government, traders are being harassed

**Sushil Anand Shukla**  
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## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

#### Dewangan and Chief Minister Sai emphasize Industrial Safety

**RAIPUR:** Commerce, Industry, and Labor Minister Lakhman Lal Dewangan met Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai on Monday evening to discuss the recent industrial accident in Bemetara. The discussion focused on reinforcing safety measures in industries, with both leaders expressing serious concern over the incident. Minister Dewangan stressed that safety in the industrial system is paramount and any negligence will not be tolerated. He instructed the departmental secretary to enhance safety checks, particularly in industries that handle explosive and inflammable materials. The Minister emphasized the need for special safety inspections and regular reviews to prevent fatal accidents. Government officials will be empowered to conduct frequent inspections to ensure compliance with safety standards.

### RECOGNITION

#### CG Medical Colleges await recognition for academic session 24-25



**RAIPUR:** With the academic session 2024-25 looming, ten medical colleges in Chhattisgarh are eagerly awaiting recognition. Each year, the National Medical Commission (NMC) grants a Letter of Permission (LOP) to medical colleges, enabling them to admit students. As of now, seven government and three private medical colleges in the state are yet to receive LOP. Among these colleges, Jagdalpur and Kanker Medical Colleges anticipate 125 seats each, while Raigarh Medical College is poised with 100 MBBS seats.



CEO Reena Babasaheb Kangale addressing training program of counting observers.

# Counting Observers get to know intricacies of counting

56 officers of Chhattisgarh to play role of counting observers in various constituencies across the country.

### Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** Role of counting observer is very important during the counting of votes- the last stage of the entire election process and therefore everyone's eyes are focused on the process of counting of votes, Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale said while addressing the training program of counting observers organized at the New Circuit House here.

Kangale said that the officers playing the role of counting observers dur-

ing the counting should have detailed knowledge of all aspects of counting. In order for the counting process to be completed in a transparent manner at the counting center, the counting observer should be impartial and full of information related to all the processes, she said.

As many as 56 officers of Chhattisgarh have been assigned the responsibility of counting observers in various constituencies across the country by the Election Commission of India for the counting of votes to be held on June 4

### HIGHLIGHT

● CEO underlines role of counting observers in final stage of election process.

under the Lok Sabha General Election-2024. They include 20 officers of the Indian Administrative Service and 36 officers of the State Administrative Service.

During the training, Master Trainers US Agrawal, Vinay Agrawal and Rupesh Kumar Verma gave detailed information on all the points related to

the role of observers at the counting venue, counting of ETPBS and postal ballots and counting of votes through EVMS.

Master trainers discussed how many tables are to be installed in the counting hall, how the tables are to be installed, how many candidates, their authorized representatives and counting agents will be there and at which places they will sit, which table should be set for counting of VVPAT, details of postal ballots.

Information was also shared on many impor-

tant topics like where the counting should take place, what precautions need to be taken. For the practical training of the state officials appointed as counting observers by the Election Commission of India, Master Trainer Rupesh Kumar Verma also operated the EVM experimentally in front of the officials at the training site. Additional Chief Electoral Officer Nilesh Kumar Mahadev Kshirsagar and senior officials of the Chief Electoral Officer's office were present in the training program.

## Electricity rates set to rise in Chhattisgarh

**RAIPUR:** With the conclusion of the election code of conduct, Chhattisgarh is bracing for a significant increase in electricity rates across various sectors. Following a proposal and public hearing by the State Electricity Distribution Company, the State Electricity Regulatory Commission is expected to announce new rates next month. The state power distribution company has proposed a 20 percent tariff increase, citing a need for an additional income of ₹4,420 crore. Last year, new electricity rates were not implemented due to the election year, but this year preparations are underway to enforce the new rates. This change is anticipated to impact the industry and trade sectors the most.

The discussions focused on streamlining the integration process to ensure immediate assistance.

**RAIPUR:** In a significant move to bolster emergency assistance for children and women, the Child Helpline (CHL-1098) and Women Helpline (WHL-181) are being integrated with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), operated by the police department. This initiative aims to enhance the effectiveness and responsiveness of these critical services. Shammi Abidi, Secretary of the Women and Child



Shammi Abidi, Secretary of the Women and Child Development Department, chaired a joint meeting with officials.

### FACTFILE

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Development Department, BSNL, Railways, and the Women and Child Development Department. The discussions focused on streamlining the integration process to ensure immediate assistance to children and women in emergencies.

### QUENCHING THIRST |

## Initiative to ensure no one remains thirsty

### Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** Amid the scorching heat, everyone is struggling, be it humans or animals. While humans can voice their need for water, voiceless animals cannot, leading many to suffer and die from thirst. However, some compassionate individuals, understanding the plight of these animals,

are stepping up to help. The Neki Kar Foundation is one such organization. This year, they are distributing over 130 water containers, known as Sakoras, throughout Raipur to alleviate the suffering of animals in the extreme heat. The foundation's initiative aims to encourage Raipur residents to place these water-filled containers outside their



homes and maintain them regularly. By doing so, the foundation hopes no mute animal or cow will die of thirst in the city.

● We are doing this initiative from last four years with the motive to save the stray animals.

**Piyush Kothari**  
Incharge, The Neki Kar Foundation

Residents who wish to contribute to this noble cause can easily participate. To obtain a Sakora and provide water to the voiceless, individuals can contact Piyush Kothari at 9285569999. Through collective effort, the Neki Kar Foundation believes that the city can ensure that no living being remains thirsty during these harsh summer months.

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE |

# Integration of Child and Women Helplines with Police

## ITM University violating student rights NSUI submits memorandum to ITM University over student grievances



**RAIPUR:** NSUI Rural District President Prashant Goswami has submitted a memorandum to ITM University, pressing for urgent action on student grievances. Goswami alleges that ITM University has been violating student rights, particularly affecting the BCA (CTIS-MAIS) batch of 2022-25. According to complaints from these students, their fourth semester began online in February. The students requested a shift to offline classes for a better learning experience. The university administration initially assured them that offline classes would commence by the end of February or early March. However, despite this assurance, classes

continued online through the end of May, and with exams scheduled for May-June, students feel their rights have been disregarded.

The NSUI memorandum outlines four main demands - immediate transition to offline classes - students demand that their BCA (CTIS-MAIS) classes be conducted offline without further delay, semester fee reduction: a 50 percent reduction in the prescribed semester fees is sought to alleviate financial burdens, formation of a decision-making committee: The memorandum calls for the creation of a committee to address and decide on student demands.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF FAILED AND SUPPLEMENTARY STUDENTS IN STATE YEAR-WISE

Year	Failed and Supplementary Students
2024	82,922
2023	82,960
2022	93,823
2020	1,01,604
2019	1,23,487

Source: Agency

### VISION 2047

#### Second steering committee meeting held to expedite Vision 2047

**RAIPUR:** The second meeting of the steering committee for the Amritkal Chhattisgarh Vision 2047 document was convened at the State NITI Aayog under the chairmanship of Ajay Singh, Vice Chairman of State NITI Aayog, and co-chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain. The meeting focused on accelerating the preparation of the comprehensive vision document. Key officials, including Additional Chief Secretary of the Endowment Department Subrata Sahu, Home and Jail Secretary Manoj Pingua, Forest and Climate Change Secretary Richa Sharma, Chief Minister's Secretaries P. Dayanand and Basavaraju S., along with secretaries in-charge of various departments, heads of departments, and advisors of State NITI Aayog, were present. During the meeting, the officials were directed to expedite their efforts to finalize the vision document. Detailed discussions were held regarding the preparation and timely completion of the Chhattisgarh Vision 2047 document.

### GOLD MEDAL

#### Ghritesh Sahu wins gold in Muay Thai C'ship for Chh'garh



**RAIPUR:** Under the auspices of the United Muay Thai Association of India (UMAI), the All Assam Amateur Muay Thai Association (AAAMTA) is organizing the National Muay Thai Championship and Pro Fight Night from May 25 to 30, 2024, at the Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPIE) stadium in Tepesia, Sonapur, Guwahati, Assam. On the first day of the competition, May 25, registration of participants was done, and medical examination of players was conducted. On the second day, May 26, players were weighed, tie sheets were made, and an evening inauguration ceremony was held, with the chief guest being Seema Suraksha Bal Commandant "Jay Prakash Ranjan."

## Raipur News

## Speed up legacy waste remediation work: Municipal Commissioner

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** As per the orders of Raipur District Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh the Municipal Corporation Raipur Commissioner Abinash Mishra took note of the progress of the ongoing

legacy waste remediation work in Sarona. He also conducted site inspection of the work in presence of Zone 8 Commissioner Arun Dhruv, Executive Engineer Abhishek Gupta, Executive Engineer of Swachh Bharat Mission Radhu-



mani Pradhan, Assistant Engineer Yogesh Kadu, representative of Independent Engineer Vibhasha Solutions and the contractor. During the site inspection, Mishra gave instructions to speed up the work of legacy waste remediation in

Sarona immediately by increasing machinery and resources and to ensure that most of the work is completed expeditiously before the monsoon on priority basis.

The Municipal Commissioner directed to ensure that the entire

work of the project is completed on priority by the end of June under any circumstances.

The Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra also inspected the site of the vending zone and multi activity center under construction on

GE Road here under the Amanaka flyover. Mishra who is also the MD of smart city limited, took information from the officials regarding the project of new vending zone and multi activity center under construction under Amanaka flyover.

## Ch'garh in grip of severe heat wave

Central Chronicle News

**Heat wave alert in many areas of the state for next two days.**

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh is reeling under severe heat wave condition with mercury crossing 46 degree Celsius in capital Raipur, Bilaspur and Mahasamund and several other places. People do not seem to be getting any respite from the scorching heat due to severe heat. The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for two days regarding heat wave in 18 districts of the state. The Meteorological Department has predicted heat wave in these 18 districts from 11.30 am to 5.30 pm.

During this period the temperature in Raipur is likely to be 44 degrees. In such a situation, people have been advised to go out of the house only when necessary.

Mahasamund remained hottest place on Tuesday with maximum tem-

perature of 46.7 degree Celsius whereas Bilaspur recorded maximum temperature of 46.4 degree Celsius and Durg recorded maximum temperature of 44.6 degree Celsius.

Balod, Balodabazar, Bemetara, Dhamtari, Gariaband, GPM, Jajgir-Champa, Kabirdham, KCG, Korba, Mahasamund, Mohla Manpur Ambagarh Chowki, Mungeli, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Sakti, Sarangarh and all other places to experienced severe heat wave today. According to IMD's state forecast inference yesterday's trough from northeast Rajasthan to north Chhattisgarh now runs from cyclonic circulation over northwest Uttar Pradesh to north Chhattisgarh across East Madhya Pradesh at 0.9 km above mean sea level and the Depression (remnant of Cyclonic Storm "Remal") over east Bangladesh has moved away. The IMD has forecast rise in maximum temperature by 1 to 2 degrees for the next three days over Chhattisgarh and subsequent slight fall.

## Govt land worth crores freed from encroachment

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** Encroachment on about two and a half acres of government land worth crores of rupees was freed by a joint team of Revenue and Police Department in village Paragaon of Abhanpur.

The joint team of Revenue and Police Department took action and freed the encroachment. Before removing the encroachment, the Revenue Department completed the court process in Gobra Navapara tehsil. An eviction notice was also issued on May 17. Gobra Nawapara residents Mahesh Sonkar, Mongraj Sonkar, Mukund Meshram and Rakesh Sonkar had



encroached on the government grass land of Paragaon and built a boundary wall around it besides constructing rooms.

On Tuesday, Gobra Navapara Tehsildar Suraj Banchhor, Naib Tehsildar and TI Avadharam Sahu along with their staff reached the spot. The encroachment was freed by demolishing the boundary walls and rooms on the government land with the use of JCB.

## Summer camp by Children Islamic Organization concludes



Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** The 8-day summer camp organised by Children Islamic Organization (CiO) at Al Falah Tower in Baron Bazaar concluded recently at Vrindavan Hall Civil Lines here. Children along with their parents participated in closing ceremony which was presided over by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind State President Shafiq Ahmed Saheb. He congratulated the children for the success of the summer camp

and also gave important tips for what to do next in life. Children presented Tilawat-e-Quran, Hadith, Naat, CiO's Tarana, drama and many other activities which they learnt during the camp. Toppers in class 10th and 12th were encouraged with presentation of mementos. Syed Namra scored 91.4% in class 10th and Mehak Parveen scored 91.2% in class 12th. All the children who participated in the summer camp were given certificates and gifts.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2024				
FORM NL-1-B-RA REVENUE ACCOUNT				
S. No.	Particulars	Schedule Ref. Form No.	For the period ended March 2024 (₹ In Lakhs)	For the period ended March 2023 (₹ In Lakhs)
1	Premiums earned (Net)	NL-4	1079,76.43	938,72.22
2	Profit on Sale / Redemption of Investment		29,52.67	42,63.03
3	(Loss on Sale / Redemption of Investment)		-	-
4	Interest, Dividend & Rent - Gross		433,03.46	513,89.63
5	Others			
	- Fee		1,63.72	1,59.19
	- Miscellaneous Income		63.84	28.41
	- Profit on Sale of Asset		12.31	18.34
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>		<b>1544,72.43</b>	<b>1497,30.82</b>
6	Claims Incurred (Net)	NL-5	(974,47.47)	(702,92.04)
7	Commission	NL-6	19,05.47	(4,41.15)
8	Operating Expenses related to Insurance Business	NL-7	338,13.23	297,83.49
9	Premium Deficiency		-	(308,52.00)
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>(617,28.77)</b>	<b>(718,01.70)</b>
10	<b>Operating Profit/(Loss) from Miscellaneous C = (A-B)</b>		<b>2162,01.20</b>	<b>2215,32.52</b>
11	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
	Transfer to Shareholder's Account		2162,01.20	2215,32.52
	Transfer to Catastrophe Reserve		-	-
	Transfer to Other Reserves		-	-
	<b>TOTAL (C)</b>		<b>2162,01.20</b>	<b>2215,32.52</b>
FORM NL-2-B-PL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				
S. No.	Particulars	Schedule Ref. Form No.	For the period ended March 2024 (₹ In Lakhs)	For the period ended March 2023 (₹ In Lakhs)
1	OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	NL-1		
	(a) Fire Insurance		-	-
	(b) Marine Insurance		-	-
	(c) Miscellaneous Insurance		2162,01.20	2215,32.52
2	INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS			
	(a) Interest, Dividend & Rent - Gross		677,31.06	513,89.64
	(b) Profit on Sale of Investments		46,18.28	42,63.03
	(c) Loss on Sale of Investments		-	-
	(d) Amortization of Premium / Discount on Investment		-	-
3	OTHER INCOME			
	(a) Rent & Other receipts		21.30	19.97
	(b) Other Interest Income		1,29.49	1,24.19
	(c) Other Miscellaneous Income and Factoring Income		2,03.70	2,28.08
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>		<b>2889,05.03</b>	<b>2775,57.43</b>
4	PROVISIONS (Other than Taxation)			
	(a) For diminution in the value of investments		-	-
	(b) Provision for Doubtful Debts		0.24	0.06
5	OTHER EXPENSES			
	(a) Expenses other than those related to Insurance Business			
	(b) Expenses towards Corporate Social Responsibility		30,10.00	14,40.00
	(c) Others			
	- Miscellaneous Expenses		-	0.01
	- Factoring Expenses		0.01	-
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>30,10.25</b>	<b>14,40.07</b>
6	<b>Profit/(Loss) Before Tax (A - B)</b>		<b>2858,94.78</b>	<b>2761,17.36</b>
7	Less:			
	(a) Provision for Taxation			
	- Deferred Tax		51.61	(43.47)
	- Current Tax		700,00.00	598,00.00
	(b) Prior Period Adjustments		(32.03)	11.58
	(c) Tax Adjustments - Earlier years		(29.44)	(76.13)
8	<b>Profit/(Loss) after tax</b>		<b>2159,04.64</b>	<b>2164,25.38</b>
9	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
	(a) Interim Dividends paid during the year		-	-
	(b) Final Dividend Paid		-	-
	(c) Transfer to Reserve for Factoring Scheme		-	-
	(d) Transfer to General Reserve		1725,24.64	1730,45.38
	Balance of profit/loss brought forward from last year		-	-
	Balance carried forward to Balance Sheet		433,80.00	433,80.00
FORM NL-3-B-BB BALANCE SHEET				
Particulars	Schedule Ref. Form No.	as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (₹ In Lakhs)	as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 (₹ In Lakhs)	
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>				
Share Capital	NL-8	4338,00.00	4338,00.00	
Reserves and Surplus	NL-10	7503,88.52	5778,63.87	
Fair Value Change Account - Shareholders		940,29.63	343,51.87	
Fair Value Change Account - Policyholders		601,17.30	343,51.87	
Borrowings	NL-11	-	-	
<b>Total</b>		<b>13383,35.45</b>	<b>10803,67.61</b>	
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Investments - Shareholders	NL-12	10030,60.24	7323,80.88	
Investments - Policyholders	NL-12A	6413,00.81	7323,80.88	
Loans	NL-13	-	-	
Fixed Assets	NL-14	405,67.54	373,47.88	
Deferred Tax Assets (Net)		43,80.77	44,32.37	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Bank Balances	NL-15	1261,97.05	1623,64.39	
Advances and Other Assets	NL-16	1221,57.55	1195,38.48	
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>		<b>2483,54.60</b>	<b>2819,02.87</b>	
Deferred Tax Liability (Net)		-	-	
Current Liabilities	NL-17	5213,23.19	6392,40.47	
Provisions	NL-18	780,05.32	688,36.80	
<b>Sub Total (B)</b>		<b>5993,28.51</b>	<b>7080,77.27</b>	
<b>Net Current Assets (C) = (A-B)</b>		<b>(3509,73.91)</b>	<b>(4261,74.40)</b>	
Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written off or adjusted)	NL-19	-	-	
Debit Balance in Profit & Loss Account		-	-	
<b>Total</b>		<b>13383,35.45</b>	<b>10803,67.61</b>	
FORM NL-20-ANALYTICAL RATIOS SCHEDULE Analytical Ratios for Non-Life Companies				
S. No.	Particulars	For the period ended March 2024	For the period ended March 2023	
1	Gross Direct Premium Growth Rate	6.12%	8.22%	
2	Gross Direct Premium to Net Worth Ratio	0.11	0.12	
3	Growth Rate of Net Worth	17.05%	29.02%	
4	Net Retention Ratio	92.83%	81.64%	
5	Net Commission Ratio	1.62%	-0.45%	
6	Expense of Management to Gross Direct Premium Ratio	29.68%	27.90%	
7	Expense of Management to Net Written Premium Ratio	31.98%	34.18%	
8	Net Incurred Claims to Net Earned Premium	-90.25%	-74.88%	
9	Claims paid to claims provisions	7.59%	10.91%	
10	Combined Ratio	-59.31%	-43.80%	
11	Investment Income Ratio	7.42%	7.35%	
12	Technical Reserves to Net Premium Ratio	4.48	6.57	
13	Underwriting Balance Ratio	157.17%	176.49%	
14	Operating Profit Ratio	200.23%	235.99%	
15	Liquid Assets to Liabilities Ratio	0.47	0.38	
16	Net Earning Ratio	183.03%	221.37%	
17	Return on Net Worth Ratio	18.23%	21.39%	
18	Available Solvency Margin Ratio to Required Solvency Margin Ratio	47.87	47.93	
19	NPA Ratio			
	<b>Gross NPA Ratio</b>			
	Investment:	0.557%	0.649%	
	Factoring:	76.78%	82.18%	
	<b>Net NPA Ratio</b>	-	-	
20	Debt Equity Ratio	-	-	
21	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	-	-	
22	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	-	-	
23	Earnings per share	49.77	54.06	
24	Book value per share	272.98	233.21	
<b>Notes:</b>				
1. The public disclosure is made in accordance with the IRDAI circular No. IRDAI/F&A/CIR/MISC/256/09/2021 dated 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021.				
2. The above financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024.				
3. Previous year's figures have been readjusted/ regrouped wherever required.				
<b>For and on behalf of the Board</b>				
Sd/- (SRISTRARAJ AMBASTHA) Executive Director / CMD - Addl. Charge DIN: 10375617				
Place: Mumbai Date: 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024		<b>Insurance is the subject matter of solicitation</b>		

# Bhilai



“Like Nevta Bhoj in schools, Shishu Bhoj will be organised in the Anganwadi centers”  
**Richa Prakash Chaudhary**  
 (Collector, Durg)

## Proposals sent for flyover at Khursipar and Sirsa Gate

Collector gave instructions to rectify the black spots as soon as possible

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** On Tuesday, Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a review meeting of the District Level Road Safety Committee. She thoroughly reviewed the police station limit and road wise reports of accidents on the National Highway and other roads and directed to complete the corrective work on the identified black spots as soon as possible. Many important decisions were also taken to further strengthen the traffic safety on the roads. This includes removal of illegal encroachments from roads, installation of lights, signage, road marking and speed control boards etc. The Collector gave instructions to increase traffic awareness and ensure strict adherence to the traffic rules.



Review meeting of the District Level Road Safety Committee

The chances of accidents are high between 3 pm and 6 pm. The main reasons for accidents are negligence, intoxication and careless driving. Thakur said that efforts are being made to reduce black spots. In this series, arrangements of indicator board, speed limit board, cat eye, road marking, rumbler and lighting have been made at black spots between Rasmada Chowk to Rajwada Dhaba. Also, improvement work is in progress on the road leading to Rasmada Basti.

## Janpad CEOs asked to conduct traffic awareness events in rural areas

The Collector asked the Janpad CEOs to conduct awareness programmes at Panchayat level. If the cause of mishaps is any fault in road construction, it should be rectified as soon as possible. In urban areas, traffic is affected due to illegal construction by businessmen along major roads, unorganized parking and

### HIGHLIGHT

- Kosa Nullah toll plaza to get a new appearance
- Technical faults on service roads to be rectified

dumping of construction material on the roads. The Collector asked the

officials of the urban bodies to take concrete steps including removal of illegal constructions. Considering road safety as an important issue, the Collector called upon all the members to share their suggestions and ideas. The committee reviewed various decisions and proposed steps to promote safety.

## HYU: 15,000 answer sheets evaluated in five days

Central Chronicle News

Every day more than 50 expert professors are continuously evaluating the answer sheets of B Ed and M Ed

**BHILAI:** In the first phase of central evaluation of answer sheets of second and fourth semesters of BEd and M Ed exams going on at Hemchand Yadav University, 15 thousand copies have been evaluated in the last 05 days, informed in-charge of central evaluation of the University, Dr Dinesh Namdev and Deputy Registrar Rajendra Kumar Chauhan. The duo further informed that every day more than 50 expert professors in the university are continuously evaluating the answer sheets of B Ed and M Ed.

Co-evaluation center in-charge, Himanshu Shekhar Mandavi and Digvijay Kumar added that immediately after the evaluation, the marks are being uploaded on the computer so that the results of B Ed and M Ed can be declared soon. Vice Chancellor Dr Aruna Palta has given instructions to hold a meeting of the officials of the examination department and declare the results of B Ed and M Ed by June 10. Meanwhile, a total of 26

results of the annual examination of the university have been declared. On Tuesday the results of M Com previous and M Com final were declared by the University. In M Com previous, 53 percent students passed, while in M Com final, 88 percent students were declared passed.

Deputy Registrar of Examinations, Dr Rajmani

### FASTFACTS

- The results of B Ed and M Ed are likely to be declared by June 10
- A total of 26 results of the annual examination of the University have been declared

Patel said that the evaluation work of the annual examinations of the university is in the final stage and the university administration is making efforts to declare most of the examination results by June 10. The examination department is making efforts to first release the final year examination results of graduation level and post graduation level so that students can appear in competitive examination or take admission in other educational institutions without any hassle.

### HEALTHCARE

## MoU signed between SAIL-HLL for improving Medical Services



**BHILAI:** Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), and Hindustan Lifecare Ltd (HLL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), at New Delhi, on Tuesday. Leading Steel Producer of India SAIL, a Maharatna Company, signed this MoU with HLL, to bring about improvement in the Medical and Health Services (M&HS) facilities in its areas of operations. It is noteworthy that Hindustan Lifecare Ltd (HLL) is a leading healthcare company aimed at realizing the Indian Government's family planning program.

### CASUALTY

## MGNREGA worker dies of heatstroke

**BHILAI:** A 60-year-old MGNREGA worker died of heat stroke in village Aheri. She was working at the plant nursery located in the village under the rural employment guarantee. The deceased was Bhadra Bai (60), wife of Lakhna Thakur.

While working at the nursery, she fell down and became unconscious. Other labourers rushed her to a nearby health centre where she was declared dead. It is suspected that she died due to heat stroke.

Nandini Police reached the spot and after preparing an inquest, the body has been sent to Supela Hospital for autopsy.

### ACCOLADE

## SAIL adjudged Circularity Champion



**BHILAI:** Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been adjudged as the Circularity Champion, at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024, at Goa, on May 27, 2024. SAIL has been recognized for aligning Principles of Circularity across all its processes related to iron & steelmaking to improve the sustainability of the industry.

The prestigious Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit and Awards function was jointly organized by the Outlook Group and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Goa, to recognize the role of central Public Sector Undertakings in India (PSUs), in the country's transition to a Green Economy.

## BMC conducts campaign to prevent malaria

Central Chronicle News

BMC Commissioner has appealed to the common citizens to stay aware and make efforts for prevention of diseases.

**BHILAI:** With monsoon round the corner, Bhilai Municipal Corporation is cleaning all the big drains of the city. Spraying of insecticides is also being done continuously. On the instructions of the BMC Commissioner, the Health Department is advising people to drink boiled water to avoid waterborne / seasonal diseases such as diarrhea, vomiting, typhoid, jaundice. The people are being advised not to consume stale and contaminated food and beverages. Pamphlets are being distributed in this regard. For prevention / control of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue/malaria, a

joint team of the BMC's special squad and the District Malaria Department surveyed 2320 houses in various wards from April 1 to May 24. During the survey, 7942 (coolers, tanks, containers) were checked. Water stored in 363 coolers, 116 cement tanks, 150 drums / plastic containers was emptied. Mosquito larvae were found in 41 coolers, 7 cement tanks, 7 drums and 11 plastic containers.

The larvae were destroyed by putting Temephos. People were asked not to store water for long days. Temephos mixed with water was sprayed in 2056 coolers of the houses so that mosquito larvae do not breed. Malathion was sprayed in 2490 coolers to control adult mosquitoes. 742 pamphlets related to prevention from scorching heat and 1843 pamphlets related to prevention from dengue / malaria / jaundice were distributed.

## 901 ETPBS postal ballots received till May 27

**BHILAI:** Under the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), the service voters deployed in military and central armed services have got the opportunity to cast their votes for Durg Parliamentary Constituency in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. Through the postal ballot, Durg District had received 890 postal ballots till May 27, 2024.

According to the information received from the Nodal Officer Postal Ballot Branch, 11 postal ballot papers were received on May 17, 2024. A total of 901 postal ballots have been received so far. They are accepting only the ETPBS sent by the service voters.

Postal ballots will be received till 7.59 am on the day of counting i.e. June 04, 2024.

## Collector launches 'Red Dot Challenge' campaign

| BREAK THE SILENCE |

Central Chronicle News

On the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day, Red Dot Challenge was launched with the slogan "Break the silence"

**BHILAI:** With the joint efforts of the District Administration and UNICEF, Menstrual Hygiene Day was observed on Tuesday. 'Red Dot Challenge' awareness campaign was launched in the district to adopt good practices related to menstruation. Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary joined the "Red Dot Challenge" and launched the campaign in the district. Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated every year on May 28. The day aims to raise awareness on issues related to menstruation and educate women and adolescent girls about



Collector with the "Red Dot Challenge" mark

### FASTFACTS

- Events on menstrual hygiene organized at 1506 places
- Dist Panchayat, Education and other departments participate in campaign

proper menstrual hygiene. This day is celebrated to spread awareness to

remove of women. Not following proper hygiene during menstruation can increase the risk of infections and other health problems. That is why through this day people are educated and made aware through various programs, workshops, and campaigns.

CDPO Ajay Sharma said that various programs related to menstrual hygiene were organized in 1506 Anganwadi centers of the Women and Child Development Department at the center level, village level, sector level and project level. Pregnant, nursing mothers and teenage girls were given proper information related to menstruation and Red Dot Challenge.

In these events, departmental officials as well as the community took part enthusiastically and took oath to adopt good practices related to menstruation.

### PROMOTING SPORTS TALENTS |

## Sports gear and equipment distributed at Rajhara Mines

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** A large number of sports gear and equipment were distributed by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Iron Ore Complex (IOC) Rajhara. This CSR initiative is aimed at promoting the sports talents, sports organizations, and students of the BSP's Rajhara Iron Ore Captive Mines, and nearby areas. Chief Guest RB Gaharwar, CGM (Mines) IOC, Rajhara, distributed sports gear in a

function held at Rajhara Cricket Ground on May 27.

Chief Guest RB Gaharwar congratulated all the beneficiaries and stated that with the necessary facilities, dedication, and hard work, players can achieve all heights. International cricket player Harpreet Singh Bhatia and international Muay Thai boxing player Harivansh Kaur present among us, who after playing from Rajhara have reached the international level today,



BSP distributes sports gear and equipment at Rajhara Mines

are living examples of this. Judiciously utilize the sports gear and equipment, you players move

forward, we are always with you, said Gaharwar. Under this initiative, bowling machines and

roller machines were provided to the Rajhara Cricket Association, and sports materials were

“With the necessary facilities, dedication, and hard work, players can achieve all heights”

**RB Gaharwar,**  
CGM (Mines) IOC,  
Rajhara

distributed in various schools. The beneficiary

# Battle'24



"It is unfortunate that on one hand the election commission is motivating electorates to vote even from home, and on the other hand denying a senior candidate from casting vote through postal ballot."

Anand Sharma  
Congress Leader

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### POLICE ACTION

**SP MLA arrested, sent to 14-day judicial custody in 1995 case**

**Meerut** : Police on Monday arrested Samajwadi Party MLA from Meerut Rafiq Ansari for not appearing before the Allahabad High Court despite non-bailable warrants being issued against him in a 1995 case, officials said. Ansari was arrested from the Zaidpur area of Barabanki district and produced before an MP/MLA court here which sent him to 14-day judicial custody, they said. Superintendent of Police (City) Ayush Vikram Singh said Ansari had gone "missing" for the past few days and raids were being conducted to find him. Several non-bailable warrants were issued against him by the high court but he did not appear before the court, the SP said. The case against Ansari was registered under Section 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees) of the Indian Penal Code at Civil Lines police station here in 1995. **PTI**

### DISCUSSION

**Siddaramaiah discusses MLC poll candidates with senior Congress leaders**



**Bengaluru** : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah today arrived in New Delhi to discuss with the Congress high command the names of candidates for the biennial election to 11 seats of Legislative Council to be elected by the Members of Legislative Assembly on June 13. Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress President D K Shivakumar also joined him for the discussions. According to the Chief Minister's travel plan was finalised two days back. **PTI**

### Water supply

**Atishi says Haryana not releasing Delhi's share of water, warns of supply**



**New Delhi**: Water Minister Atishi on Tuesday accused Haryana of not releasing Delhi's share of water since May 1 and said the government will be implementing a slew of measures including rationalising supply of water in the national capital. Addressing a press conference, Atishi said many areas in Delhi are grappling with water shortage and appealed to people to use water judiciously. She also warned that if people do not heed this appeal, the government may have to impose challan for excess use of water in coming days. She said that the Delhi government is constantly talking to Haryana about the issue and if it is not resolved in the next couple of days, it may approach the Supreme Court over the matter. "Haryana has stopped release of Delhi's share of water. The water level at Wazirabad was 674.5 feet on May 1. This is the average level that should be main-

tained. Last year in April, May, and June, the minimum level was maintained at 674.5 feet," Atishi said. Sharing data, the minister said till May 8, the water level at Wazirabad came down to 672 feet and by May 20 it was at 671 feet and on Tuesday, it declined further to 669.8 feet. "The borewells that were earlier working six to seven hours have been functional for 14 hours. We have also increased the number of water tankers. Starting today, we are reducing water supply in those areas where it is supplied twice a day to once a day. The rationalised water will be supplied to areas grappling with water crisis," she added. Atishi also appealed to people not to wash vehicles with water pipes. "We may have to issue challans for excess use of water if people do not heed to this public appeal. Misuse of water is highly irresponsible," she said. **PTI**

### KEJRIWAL - BAIL

**CM seeks urgent listing of plea**

**New Delhi**: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday sought urgent listing in the Supreme Court of his plea seeking extension of his interim bail by seven days for undergoing certain medical tests. A vacation bench comprising Justices JK Maheshwari and KV Viswanathan took note of the submissions of senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi and said the decision on the listing of the interim plea can be taken by the "Honourable CJ" because the judgement has been reserved in the main matter. The bench asked Singhvi why the plea of Kejriwal was not mentioned for urgent listing last week when Justice Dipankar Datta, one of the judges of the main bench which had granted the interim bail to the chief minister, was sitting on the vacation bench. **PTI**

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

Notice is hereby given for sale of following Assets of Sunshine Infrabuild Corporation Limited (In Liquidation) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and regulations framed thereunder.

Date and Time of Auction	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Increment
3rd July 2024 from 11.00 a.m. to 02.00 p.m. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)	Rs. 144.00 Lakhs (Applicable taxes & charges extra)	Rs. 14.40 Lakhs	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs or multiples thereof

Office situated at Shop No. 315-316, 3rd Floor "National Corporate Park" Ward No. 15, Swami Amanand ward, Rajpur, Total Super Built-Up Area Of 2316 Sq. Ft. In The Name Of Sunshine Infrabuild Corporation Ltd.

**Note:**  
1. The EMD (refundable) can be deposited through demand draft/ pay order/ NEFT/RTGS Bank transfer.  
2. The bidders need to satisfy by visiting the office/property as the asset will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS".  
3. For detailed terms & conditions of E-auction sale, refer PROCESS INFORMATION DOCUMENT. The process information document can be collected by sending email to liquidator at ciprc@icai.com. The process document will be available on web portal: <https://www.eauctions.co.in>.  
4. E-auction will be conducted through approved service provider Linkstar Infobase Private Limited. -via website <https://www.eauctions.co.in>.  
5. The liquidator have right to accept or cancel or extend or modify, etc any terms and conditions of E-Auction or the liquidator can cancel E-auction without assigning any reason.  
6. Contact person for technical assistance: Mr. Vijay Pipliya/Mr. Ishak Ahmed at 987009713. E-mail: [admin@eauctions.co.in](mailto:admin@eauctions.co.in)  
7. After payment of the entire sale consideration, the sale certificate/agreement will be issued in the name of the successful bidder only and will not be issued in any other name. The sale shall be subject to provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and regulations made thereunder.

Date: 29/05/2024  
Place: New Delhi

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## Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Campaign for LS polls



Supporters during a public meeting addressed by Odisha CM and Biju Janata Dal Chief Naveen Patnaik for Lok Sabha elections, in Kendrapara on Monday. PTI

# In Patliputra, thrice unlucky Lalu family hopes to break jinx

NDA candidate Ram Kripal Yadav, confident of a hat-trick from Patliputra. He says "I am a son of the soil and people know that I am always available for them."

Press Trust Of India

**Patna**: The RJD seeks to break the jinx in Bihar's Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency, covering rural areas around the state capital, which the party's proverbial first family has been failing to win since the seat's inception.

The constituency came into being after delimitation of 2008 and in Lok Sabha polls a year later, RJD's founding president Lalu Prasad chose to enter the fray himself, only to suffer a shocking defeat at the hands of Ranjan Yadav, a former close aide who

had revolted and contested as a candidate of JD(U) headed by arch rival and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Yadav could not retain the seat five years later when it was the turn of yet another aide-turned-adversary Ram Kripal Yadav to inflict a defeat on the family of the RJD supremo. Ram Kripal Yadav joined the BJP ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls and rode the "Modi wave" to beat Misa Bharti, the eldest daughter of Prasad, who was making her debut. Bharti made another attempt to win the seat for her father's party in

### HIGHLIGHT

● Bharti seems to be taking the criticism in her stride and pinning her hopes on the incumbency factor.

● RJD's founding president Lalu Prasad had chosen to fight from Patliputra, but suffered a shocking defeat at the hands of Ranjan Yadav.

2019, but Ram Kripal Yadav romped home, riding the strong wave of nationalism that had swept the state in the aftermath of the Pulwama

terror attack. The family seems to have hardened its resolve following the three successive defeats, all with margins of about 40,000 votes or less.

Bharti, despite enjoying a second consecutive term in the Rajya Sabha, is out in the heat and dust of a direct election, like the fabled King Bruce who drew inspiration from a spider.

Ram Kripal Yadav, confident of a hat-trick, says "I am a son of the soil. Every voter will vouch for the fact that I am always available for them in their hour of need. Add to this the popularity of the

Modi government at the Centre and performance of the NDA in the state. Draw a contrast with the rivals whose candidate is seen only at the time of polls". Bharti's failure to remain in touch with the people of Patliputra, the name derived from the ancient seat of power, is, indeed, a thorn in the flesh for her party. Her mother Rabri Devi, a former Chief Minister who has been carrying out a door-to-door campaign, spends much of her time pacifying common folks' complaint that "Didi" comes only once every five years.

### MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

# HC seeks ED's reply in bail plea filed by Hemant Soren

Press Trust Of India

**JMM leader Hemant Soren was accused of being instrumental in tampering with land documents for a plot in Bargain in Ranchi.**

**Ranchi**: The Jharkhand High Court has directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to file a reply on the bail application moved by former chief minister Hemant Soren. Soren, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on January 31 in connection with a money-laundering case linked to an alleged land scam, filed the petition before the high court on Monday and requested an early hearing of the matter.



Hemant Soren waiting to get bail from the court. PTI photo

### FACTFILE

● In his petition, Soren pleaded before the court that his name does not figure in any of the documents about 8.5 acres of land in the Bargain circle.

Appearing on behalf of Soren before a bench of Justice Rongon Muk-

hopadhyay, senior advocate Kapil Sibal pleaded that the JMM leader was a victim of political conspiracy. The court directed the ED to file a response in the matter and set June 10 as the next date of the hearing.

In his petition, Soren pleaded before the court that his name does not figure in any of the documents about 8.5 acres of land in the Bargain circle and no offence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act is made out against him. He also claimed that the ED was relying only on statements of some people who had said that the land parcel belonged to him, but there was "no document to back such statements". Soren had resigned as the chief minister before his arrest on January 31 and is now lodged in the Birsamunda Jail at Hotwar in state capital Ranchi. He was accused of being instrumental in tampering with land documents for a plot in Bargain in Ranchi.

## Delhi HC asks ED to respond to former minister Jain's bail plea

**New Delhi**: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the Enforcement Directorate to respond to a plea by jailed former minister Satyendar Jain seeking default bail in a money laundering case. Justice Swarasa Kanta Sharma issued notice to the ED and asked it to file a status report on the matter. The court also called for the nominal roll of Jain from the jail and listed the matter for further hearing on July 9. Jain is accused of having laundered money through four companies allegedly linked to him. Jain has contended that the ED failed to complete the investigation in all respects within the statutory period and the prosecution complaint (charge sheet), which was incomplete, was filed in an attempt to deprive him of his right to default bail under the provisions of Section 167(2) of the CrPC.

### RAVI KISHAN CLAIMS

# 'Some oppn parties will perish on Jun 4'

Press Trust Of India

The Constitution will not be tampered with (if the BJP wins). The Congress definitely wants to do so, Ravi Kishan asserted.

**Gorakhpur** : Actor-politician and BJP candidate from Gorakhpur constituency Ravi Kishan has claimed that half a

dozen opposition parties will cease to exist and their candidate lose their deposits after the results of the Lok Sabha elections are declared. In an interview with PTI at his home here, Bhojpuri superstar Ravindra Shukla, better known as Ravi Kishan, claimed that if the opposition INDIA bloc comes to power, it would run the country based on Shariat.

**"You will see on June 4 that these 26 parties are going to face defeat. More than half a dozen of them will perish."**

Ravi Kishan  
BJP Leader



"You will see on June 4 that these 26 parties are going to face defeat. More than half a dozen

of them will cease to exist and the deposits of their candidates forfeited," Kishan, who is the current MP from Gorakhpur, said as he thumped the table to emphasise his point. "The opposition wants the country to run on the basis of Shariat but this cannot happen. The country will be run according to Baba Saheb Ambedkar's Constitution.

Information was obtained regarding the complete arrangement at the counting venue in Korba.

Ajit Vasant,  
Collector Korba



# Chhattisgarh



The shops and other establishment in Bastar remained closed till 2:00 pm.

## Effect of the Bastar bandh by SAS seen in 7 districts

The effect of the bandh has been seen in all the seven districts of Bastar division, Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur, Kanker and Kondagaon.

Central Chronicle News

**JAGDALPUR:** On Tuesday, Sarva Adivasi Samaj had called for a bandh in Bastar division in protest against the Pedia encounter in Bijapur district, terming it as fake. Bastar Chamber of Commerce had supported the bandh till 2 pm. Congress has also given its full support to this bandh. The effect of the bandh has been seen in all the seven districts of Bastar division, Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur, Kanker and Kondagaon. However, emergency services like medicine shops remained open. Regarding the Pedia encounter, the police

claims that 12 Naxalites have been killed in the encounter in Pedia village. Whereas social workers, Naxalite organizations, Sarv Adivasi Samaj, CPI and Congress have called it fake. Former cabinet minister and MLA Kawasi Lakhma has also described the encounter in Pedia as fake. He said that the police claims that 12 Naxalites have been killed in the encounter. But we have received information that villagers who had gone to pluck tendu leaves were picked up and killed. Kawasi Lakhma says that when Vishnu Sai became the tribal Chief Minister of BJP, we were

### HIGHLIGHT

● Sarva Adivasi Samaj had called for a bandh in Bastar division in protest against the Pedia encounter in Bijapur district.

● Social activist said that 19 people from Itawar village and 57 people from Pedia village were arrested by the police.

confident that he would work for the welfare of the tribals. But now there is a tribal Chief Minister in the state, still the tribals are not safe. Tribal people are being killed in fake encounters.

Social activist said that 19 people from Itawar village and 57 people from Pedia village were arrested by the police. Those who were killed by calling them Naxalites were villagers. Of them, 02 were people who were residents of another village. Came to my relative's house. When he went to pluck tendu leaves, he was killed.

Alleging an encounter between police and Naxalites in village Padiya of Bijapur district, a 58-member team of Sarv Adivasi Samaj reached Padiya village on 17 May. Where it was revealed that people who had gone to pluck tendu leaves in Pedia forest were killed. In protest

against this, Bastar division bandh was called for on Tuesday. It should also be known that on May 26, Naxalites had also announced a bandh in Bijapur, Dantewada and Sukma regarding the Pedia encounter. The effect of the bandh was not visible in Bijapur district headquarters.

It is noteworthy that Pedia area of Bijapur district is considered a stronghold of Naxalites. Here on May 10, there was an encounter between the police and the West Bastar Division Committee of Naxalites. Police have claimed that 12 Naxalites have been killed in the encounter.

## Woman from village files complaint with Collector

**SUKMA:** Addi Munni has accused Konta Tehsildar Yupendra Patre of Sukma district of demanding bribe of fifteen thousand rupees in the name of lease and registry of land.

Addi Munni, W/o Addi Somaru and belong to Mahar Scheduled Caste category. She had gone to Konta Tehsil to make land registry and lease and when she completed all the documents for land registry and submitted them in Konta Tehsil, during this time, Konta Tehsildar Yupendra Patre demanded Rs 15000 as bribe for land registry. On asking him to reduce the amount, the Tehsildar of Konta, Yupendra Patre, refused to take 5000 rupees and said that bring the full 15000 rupees from anywhere and then take the registry and lease.

## Minerals department seized 6 trucks transporting minerals

Central Chronicle News

District Mineral Officer Shikhar Cherpa informed that in all 06 vehicles carrying in illegal transportation-excitation of limestone

**JAGDALPUR:** On instruction of the Collector Vijay Dayaram K, the District Mineral investigation team conducted surprise inspection of Parpa, Kodanar and Kamanar areas under Bastar district was conducted. In which a case has been registered against 6 vehicles engaged in illegal transportation and excavation of mineral limestone and gravel and have been handed over to police custody.

District Mineral Officer Shikhar Cherpa informed



Six vehicles transporting illegal minerals seized

### FACTFILE

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● If similar acts are committed again, strict action will be taken

that in all 06 vehicles carrying in illegal transportation-excitation of limestone, the mineral

be taken under Rule 71 of Chhattisgarh Minor Mineral Rules 2015 and Section 21 of Mines and Mineral Development and Regulation Act 1957. Earlier too, mineral contractors, mineral excavators and transporters of the district were directed that excavation and transportation of minerals without valid transport pass and valid permission is a punishable offence. Despite this, the above mentioned acts are being carried out by illegal transporters and excavators. Now, if similar acts are committed again, strict action will be taken against the concerned. In this direction, a special investigation campaign will be continuously run by the Mineral Staff for effective control of illegal mining.

| ILLEGAL PLOTTING |

## Illegal plotting by land mafia, no action taken!

Central Chronicle News

**SIMGA:** As per information, the State's Revenue Minister Tank Ram Verma during review of the departmental works in combined District office of Balodabazar had directed the then Collector Chandan Kumar to put a check on all illegal construction works and encroachments being done and illegal plotting

work as well.

This was also issued to Asst. Director Town & Country Planning Balodabazar and he instead of stopping illegal plotting worked in nexus with the real estate agents and mediators under due protection of Revenue department, Dy. Registrar Simga, Nagar Panchayat Simga, got the registry of 8 plots at the rate of Rs

**Remove all illegal encroachments and illegal plotting done by land mafia.**

Residents  
Simga Area



700 per sq. mts. in front of the New Bus Stand near Raipur-Bilaspur National Highway (NH) working closely with land agents of Raipur, Tilda, Bhatapara and other places. Similarly he also got the registry, land diversion and of around 2 acre land with 30 plots at the rate of Rs 700 per sq. mt. near Bilaspur road at Khandawa road College area.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ILLEGAL STORAGE

#### Collector cracks down on illegal sand storage in Mingachal

**BIJAPUR:** Collector Anurag Pandey has taken strict action against the illegal storage of sand in Mingachal village of Bhairamgarh block. During a surprise inspection, he ordered the seizure of illegally stored sand and directed the Mining and Revenue departments to investigate and take appropriate legal action.

The Collector has also instructed both departments to keep continuous vigil on the illegal storage and transportation of sand and take prompt action.

It is evident that the administration will now crack down on such illegal activities. The Collector's move sends a clear message against unauthorized practices related to sand mining and storage in the district.

### SNAKE BITE

#### Seven year old girl died due to snake bite



**JAGDALPUR:** Seven-year-old girl Pallavi Rathore, resident of village Mohlai in Kondagaon, was bitten on the leg by a poisonous krait snake, after which the girl was taken to Kondagaon District Hospital for treatment, from where she was referred to the Medical College, Jagdalpur, in Mekaj. He died before he could get treatment. The body was handed over to the family members on Tuesday morning after post-mortem in Mekaj. It should be known that the Kairat snake found in Bastar division is considered to be the most poisonous, from whose bite the chances of anyone surviving are very less, despite this, life can be saved with timely proper treatment, in this case Kondagaon.

### Special initiative

#### Collector's special initiative revives stalled water supply project



**BIJAPUR:** Due to the special initiative of the Collector, the people of Bhairamgarh Nagar Panchayat will soon get clean drinking water supply at their homes under the Bhairamgarh Water Supply Scheme from the Indravati River. On Sunday, after reaching Bhairamgarh, Collector Mr. Anurag Pandey inspected the Bhairamgarh Water Supply Scheme in detail and instructed to complete this project within 6 weeks to ensure water supply to homes.

It is noteworthy that this project was stalled for 3-4 years, which has been restarted due to the Collector's special initiative. At a cost of Rs 15 crore, a turbine is being installed at

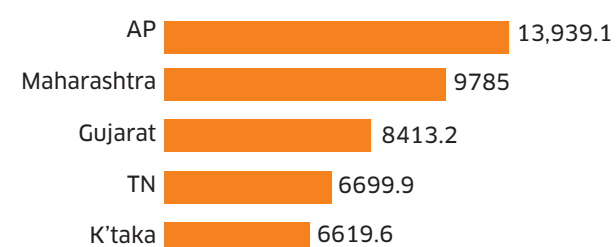
the intake well in the Indravati River at Manganar. The work of laying clear water pipelines and distribution lines is 95% complete. The remaining work at the treatment plant will be completed very soon. This information was given by the Executive Engineer Mr. S.R. Netam present on the spot. Three tanks with a capacity of 500 KL, 400 KL and 250 KL have been installed at different locations in the city to facilitate smooth water supply to all households.

Collector Mr. Pandey has given strict instructions to complete the work with quality within the time limit so that the water problem can be resolved.

### The Day's NUMBERS

AP holds the top place in terms of fruit production (in units to the country output)

### WHICH STATE IS THE LARGEST PRODUCER OF FRUIT IN INDIA ?



Source: Agency

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### ASSISTANCE

#### Financial assistance approved to the family of the deceased



**SUKMA:** Sukma District Collector Haris S. has approved financial assistance of 25 thousand rupees to the family of the deceased in a road accident. According to the information received from the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Konta, after the death of Late Madvi Hunga, father Madvi Deva, resident of Belpochcha, village of Konta Block, in a road accident that occurred in village Dhondra, financial assistance of 25 thousand rupees has been approved to Mrs. Madvi Sukdi, wife of Late Madvi Hunga, resident of Belpochcha.

# DEO Ajit Vasant oversees counting center preparations

From the strong room itself, the control unit of EVM machines will reach the counting room.

Central Chronicle News

**KORBA:** The sealed strong room established in the IT College to count the votes of the parliamentary constituency Korba for the Lok Sabha elections 2024 will be opened in the morning on June 4, the day of counting, in the presence of observers, returning officers and representatives of political parties.

From the strong room itself, the control unit of EVM machines will reach the counting room and the counting of votes will start from 8 o'clock.

Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant reached the counting center IT College Jhargarha located at the district headquarters here today and took stock of the preparations being made for the counting of votes to be held on June 4.

He gave guidelines while discussing one-to-one with the concerned nodal officers regarding the necessary arrangements to be made for counting of votes. Mr. Vasant obtained information regarding the complete arrangement at the counting venue, assembly wise rooms made for counting votes



Collector reached counting center and took stock of the preparations being for the counting of votes.

from EVMs, ETPBS, counting of postal ballots, tabulation etc. to complete the counting process and he provided adequate number of tents, barricading, furniture, media center setup, internet connectivity and telephone system, cleanliness, fire extinguishers, water tank arrangement, food arrangement, security arrangement, reserving space for parking and providing stationery forms, cameras to the concerned authorities.

## Instructions given to make the VVPAT counting booth in the hall

Collector Mr. Vasant inspected the assembly wise rooms marked for counting of votes in IT College. He instructed to install tables and chairs for counting of votes from the control unit at the designated place and to install chairs and mesh barricades for the candidates' agents to sit. He gave instructions to make the VVPAT

### HIGHLIGHT

• Necessary instructions were given to the nodal officers after one-to-one discussion on the spot.

• Collector made necessary arrangements for installing CCTV in the counting room and other necessary arrangements

counting booth at the designated place in the counting hall. The Collector also gave necessary instructions regarding meeting arrangements of Observers, Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers. The Collector made necessary arrangements for installing CCTV in the counting room, making necessary arrangements.

## HDFC branch manager arrested in alleged Rs 1.84 crore fraud

Central Chronicle News

The then Branch Manager HDFC Srikant Tenety was nabbed from Hyderabad on charges of illegal withdrawal of around Rs 1.84 cr from the account of account holders in HDFC.

**KURUD:** It was based upon constant coverage of embezzlement of funds worth crore from the accounts of HDFC bank Kurud and about the problems being faced by them in Central Chronicle that the Branch Manager HDFC filed complaint in Kurud thana and based upon which the then Branch Manager HDFC Srikant Tenety was nabbed from Hyderabad on charges of illegal withdrawal of around Rs 1.84 cr from the accounts of the Bank account holders. The other assistant of the accused Tajendra Sahu is still absconding in this case. A case under section 406, 409, 420, 467, 468 and 120 (B) of IPC has been filed against the two and the matter has been taken under investigation.

It is notable here that Central Chronicle has published news related to fraud and embezzlement of funds worth crore from HDFC Kurud branch since April 9 and apprised the local government and

administration about the problems being faced by them and demand for justice from those who lost the amount.

According to sources, apart from 23 persons who fall victim of this fraud, there are few more who are in the queue to file the complaint. It is notable here that based upon complaint by 23 persons with Kurud Police thana that funds have been illegally withdrawn from their account

### FASTFACTS

• Based upon complaint by 23 persons with Kurud Police thana that funds have been illegally withdrawn from their account through fraud that FIR was lodged.

• The accused accepted the crime of illegal withdrawal of around Rs 1.84 cr from accounts of the account holders through fund transfer and online transactions.

through fraud that FIR was filed and action was taken. It was based upon the technical assistance by the Cyber Cell officer and other officers and employees of Thana Kurud that police got information about location of Srikant Tenety being in Hyderabad.

### NEWSLINE

#### SUMMER CAMP

**Summer camp announced for students in Govt HS School**



**KHAIRAGARH:** A summer camp is being organized for the students in the Government Higher Secondary School of village Chandaini of the block, in which senior lecturer, Roopkumar Yadu and principal in-charge of the institution, Santram Janghel are continuously making their invaluable contributions. It should be noted that by coming to this camp which is very important for the interest of the students, the latter are taking full advantage of it and during this time, they are also getting detailed information about various fields due to which all the children coming to this camp are very excited.

### CRIME

**Aunt & uncle unmasked as nephew's killers**

**BAIKUNTHPUR:** Giving information after solving the mystery of blind murder that took place a month ago in Gram Panchayat Khond of Patna area, the police said that on 19 April 2024, at 08 am in the morning, information was received from the brother of the deceased in Patna police station that Sanu Panika alias Dhaneshwar aged 21 years, resident of Khod, Pandopara police station, Patna district, Korea, is lying dead near the well outside his aunt's house.

The police team and cyber cell reached the spot, conducted Panchnama and sent the body for post-mortem.

### TRAINING

**Training imparted to Asst. ROs, Counting Supervisors**



**KORBA:** Under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, on Monday, training was given to Assistant Returning Officers, Counting Supervisors and counting teams regarding the counting of Postal Ballot and ETPBS in the Collectorate Hall. Collector and District Election Officer Mr. Ajit Vasant instructed the employees appointed for the counting of postal ballot papers and ETPBS to carry out the counting work with care and vigilance. He instructed to attend the scheduled timetable and carry out other processes of counting of postal ballots carefully.

## AM/NS India organizes job fair under 'Proj Daksha'

Central Chronicle News

The job fair, held at the Skill Development Centre in Dantewada, witnessed participation from 15 reputed companies.

**DANTEWADA:** ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS) India, in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and AISECT, proudly announces a successful job fair under "Project Daksha" at the AM/NS India Skill Development Centre, Dantewada. This initiative aims to empower the youth with essential skills and provide them with job opportunities.

The job fair, held at the Skill Development Centre in Dantewada, witnessed participation from 15 reputed companies including Kotak Mahindra, Hero Showroom, Renault, and Yazaki

India Pvt. Ltd. The event brought together 250 job seekers trained in Data Entry Operations and IT Help Desk Attendant roles. A total of 110 candidates were shortlisted for further employment processes.

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited signed an MoU with NSDC to develop the skills of underprivileged youth to instill economic security and provide a source of livelihood. "Project Daksha" is part of AM/NS India's CSR efforts to develop the skills of underprivileged youth, ensuring economic security and livelihood. The initiative, running skill development centers in Raipur and Dantewada, has already trained 400 youths. Dr. Tej Prakash (CSR- AM/NS India), Abhishek Awasthi (Area Manager AISECT), and other key officials graced the event, contributing to its success.

## N. Ittyerah assumes charge as new GM of SECR

RAIPUR:

Neenu Ittyerah has taken charge as the General Manager of South East Central Railway. An officer of the 1988 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), Ms. Ittyerah was previously serving as the Chief Commercial Manager in Southern Railway, Chennai. She has also worked as the Chief Operations Manager in Southern Railway. Ms. Neenu Ittyerah has also made significant contributions as the Divisional Railway Manager of Madurai Division in Southern Railway. During Ms. Ittyerah's tenure, Southern Railway has achieved many significant milestones and reached new heights. There has been considerable progress in passenger amenities and services in Southern Railway during her tenure.



Central Chronicle News

Police force was called in large numbers to handle uncontrollable villagers. Hundreds of villagers had reached the collectorate from Bhadera village of the district.

**KHAIRAGARH:** Due to the negligence and administrative laxity of the Food Department, the ration of the poor is being looted with impunity in Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district. Since the creation of the district, cases of ration scams have increased in the district. On Monday, in a similar brazen case of ration scam, the angry villagers of Bhadera village situated in the remote forest area of the district surrounded the Collectorate and blocked the state highway. To control the unruly villagers, the administration had to call the police

| ROAD BLOCKADE |

## Villagers block road after months without ration



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force and then forcefully evict the villagers from the premises.

Three months without rations: Villagers frustrated.

### FASTFACTS

• The salesman black market rice, salt, sugar and other food items.

• Villagers allege that officials hoard their rations and do not distribute it properly.

trated, seek answers The villagers allege that

they have not received government ration for the last 3 months due to which they surrounded the Collectorate. Hundreds of villagers who reached the collectorate from village Bhadera told the media that the salesman of the government ration shop, Raju Nagvanshi, who is a resident of nearby village Magarkund, has not provided the villagers with their monthly supply of rice, salt, sugar and other food items. Salesman Raju, in collusion with the officials, keeps the rations with

himself. In this matter, the villagers also accused the food officials of collusion and said that last month also a complaint was made about not getting ration, but the food inspector had given a written assurance that the villagers would get the ration. It has been said that ration scam cases have already been registered against salesman Raju but somehow he escapes from them all. The food department officials extend full cooperation to ration shop operators in saving such salesmen.

| NBA ACCREDITATION |

## Chouksey Engg College's Civil branch receives NBA accreditation

Central Chronicle News

**BILASPUR:** National Board of Accreditation i.e. NBA has accredited the Civil branch of Chouksey Engineering College. In this way, Chouksey Engineering College is the first private engineering college in the division to get NBA Accreditation.

NBA : i.e. National Board of Accreditation is a department working under AICTE, which is responsible for providing

accreditation by examining all the standards of quality education in engineering and management course. The particular department of any college which gets NBA recognition, that has mentioned in the marksheet of the students studying there on this basis, students passing from NBA approved course can get benefit in higher education. It such students go abroad for higher education, they get preference everywhere from scholar-



ship to admission. Not only this, but also reputed companies will now also come for placement, the benefit of which will be available to every civil engineering

students. Various criteria have to be fulfilled for the recognition for NBA. This is the reason why does most of the engineering colleges across the country do not get this recognition. The recognition of NBA is a big achievement for Chouksey Engineering College, because the institute has got this success in the very first attempt. There are so many colleges which do not get NBA even after trying several times. Along with the students,

the college management will also get benefit from the accreditation.

Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, Managing Director of Chouksey Engineering College, said that getting the accreditation of NBA is the result of our hard work. He said that we are determined to provide quality education. NBA is just a milestone, there are many more such milestones to be achieved. Dr. Ashish Jaiswal has congratulated all the staff including the Civil depart-



**Getting the accreditation of NBA is the result of institute's hard work and we are determined to provide quality education.**

**Dr. Ashish Jaiswal,** Managing Director - Chouksey Engineering College,

ment of the institute of this achievement.

The recognition of NBA will benefit the students as well as the college.

Now Chouksey Engineering College will also get preference for government grants for research done in the field of engineering.

The meritorious students of the region had to go outside in search of such institutions, but now they will get this facility in their own city.



## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"We believe in the dignity of man as an individual, whatever his race, colour or creed, and his right to a better, fuller, and richer life."

[ Lal Bahadur Shastri ]

# Comment

## Embracing the elderly: A precious gift of god

## OUR VIEW |

### Constitution central in election campaign controversies

Although the ruling BJP and the opposition raised many issues in this election campaign, the one thing that was probably discussed the most was the Indian Constitution and reservation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the slogan of 'Chaar Hundred Paar' this time from the very beginning of the elections. Obviously, when Modi gave this slogan, his party and other components of the NDA alliance also started repeating it in their respective rallies. Senior Karnataka BJP leader Ananth Kumar Hegde had reportedly said in a statement, "if need be, changes in the Constitution can also be exercised. He went on to say further that the Congress has distorted the Constitution by forcing unnecessary things into it. So BJP should be given two-third majority, he had urged. The BJP think-tank, however, completely ignored this statement and even canceled his ticket for LS polls. Adding to the woes for the BJP, a controversial statement by Jyoti Mirdha, BJP candidate from Nagaur (Rajasthan) had gone viral. Mirdha was reported as saying, "Many tough decisions have to be taken in the interest of the country. For them changes in the constitution might also be needed." The senior BJP leaders soon reacted to this statement and said this was her personal remark and the party does not identify itself with this idea. The opposition, including the Congress leaders, started saying that BJP wants 400 seats only to alter the spirit of the Constitution. As a rearguard action, the senior BJP leaders quickly did the damage-control exercise and clarified repeatedly in public meetings that the saffron party is not going to change the Constitution as such. However the opposition leaders, including Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, RJD leaders Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Yadav, Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena (Uddhav faction) started saying that if Narendra Modi becomes Prime Minister for the third time, then the Constitution is likely to be altered. In the midst of allegations and counter-allegations, it is difficult to say whether this slogan to protect the Constitution has affected the minds of the voters, or not. But it is certain that this issue has been in the thick of things through the campaign from Phase-I to Phase-VI of the Lok Sabha elections.

Old age is a stage of life marked by physical, mental, and emotional challenges. While elderly individuals often need physical and mental support, emotional support becomes a significant boon during this phase. Unfortunately, societal attitudes towards aging can be negative. In American culture, billions are spent on products to maintain youthfulness, reflecting a pervasive ageism that diminishes the value of the elderly.

Research indicates that this desire to appear young has created a lucrative industry in the West. The growing elderly population poses national challenges, but factors like controlled population and high per capita income allow these countries to provide social and health security for their seniors. In contrast, countries like India, with larger populations, face more substantial challenges in ensuring such support.

According to the World Health Organization, as per the 2011 census, India has 104 million elderly people, comprising 8.6% of the population.

The United Nations Population Fund projects that by 2061, this number will rise to 425 million. Simultaneously, the working youth population is also increasing, with an expected rise of 390 million from 2001 to 2030. However, studies show a high percentage of poverty among the elderly, which is likely to grow.

India's government provides healthcare and social security for the elderly through policies like the National Older Persons Policy, the Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, and programs such as Ayushman Bharat. Yet, the decline of joint families and the breakdown of social structures push the elderly towards loneliness and neglect. Traditionally, the joint family system in Indian culture protected both the young and the elderly, but the shift towards nuclear families has eroded this support system.

In nuclear families, both children and the elderly suffer from loneliness and are increasingly vulnerable to crimes. Headlines frequently highlight incidents involving

elderly couples living alone in big cities. Younger family members often pursue luxurious lifestyles, relocating or moving abroad without ensuring the safety and health of their elderly parents. As a result, aged parents are left feeling abandoned, lacking the strength or rights to protest, and accept their situation as their destiny.

Elderly parents, who have sacrificed everything for their children's happiness, often only ask for time and emotional support in return. This support costs nothing but can significantly enhance their well-being, preventing loneliness and associated health issues. It requires the younger generation to take this responsibility seriously.

In nuclear families, hiring servants and maids for household and childcare tasks is common, despite the lack of emotional attachment. Meanwhile, elderly parents who offer unconditional support for free are often overlooked. This neglect contributes to an unsafe home environment and affects young children's development. Previously, elders held respected positions in families,

influencing major decisions. Today, their advice is frequently dismissed as outdated, leading to immature and often unsuccessful decisions.

As the elderly population in India continues to grow, it presents a significant challenge that requires proactive management. Social security for the elderly, particularly in a densely populated country like India, depends on reinforcing the social fabric. While government efforts have limits, family and societal cooperation are crucial. Bridging the generation gap and fostering social bonds can help. Youth can learn from the experience and wisdom of the elderly, while the elderly can benefit from the technological savvy of younger generations, enhancing their security and quality of life.

There is a need to build a society that values the elderly, recognizing them as a precious gift and valuable resource rather than a burden. Embracing their contributions and integrating their experience into modern life can create a more cohesive and supportive community for all ages.



Rajendra Kumar Sharma

Sr. Columnist, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

## Understanding and predicting landslides

Landslides, triggered by natural and human factors, pose significant challenges for prediction and mitigation, often resulting in devastating consequences | by Pierre Rognon



The landslide engulfs a village, illustrating the catastrophic impact of these natural disasters. | Photo AP

## GUEST VIEW |

### KKR cyclone sweeps rivals in IPL 2024 victory

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) dominated IPL 2024, culminating in a resounding victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final, claiming their third IPL crown in Chennai. With stellar performances from Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, and surprise stars like Vaibhav Arora and Ramandeep Singh, KKR's collective efforts were key. Despite a slow start, record buy Mitchell Starc found his form in the final games, proving his worth. Under the guidance of head coach Chandrakant Pandit, mentorship of Gautam Gambhir, and captaincy of Shreyas Iyer, KKR topped the league with 20 points and an NRR of +1.428. Celebrations peaked with Shah Rukh Khan joining his team on the field. Captain Iyer thanked SRH's Pat Cummins for a crucial toss win that favored KKR.



Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

The win secured KKR a prize of INR 20 crore, while SRH received Rs 12.5 crore. KKR's journey was marked by teamwork and determination, culminating in their well-deserved victory. Their success story is an inspiration, showcasing the power of unity and leadership. Kudos to KKR for their remarkable achievement!

A devastating landslide recently struck remote villages in the mountainous Enga province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), highlighting the destructive power of these events. Estimates place the death toll between 690 and 2,000 people, with thousands more missing. The search and rescue operations face significant challenges, including secondary slides and rock falls, lack of access to heavy machinery, and damaged roads. The difficulty in locating survivors further complicates rescue efforts, as landslides can unpredictably carry away buildings and their occupants.

Landslides occur when the pull of gravity exceeds the strength of the materials forming a slope, which can include rocks, sand, silt, and clay. When part of the slope starts sliding downhill, the volume of material involved can range from a few cubic meters to millions. Natural landslides are often triggered by earthquakes, rainfall, or a combination of both. Earthquakes weaken the ground over time, while rainwater can seep into the ground, adding weight and reducing stability. PNG is particularly

prone to landslides due to its location on an active fault and its heavy rainfall.

Water also contributes to landslides through erosion, which undercuts coastal slopes, and groundwater dissolution, which can weaken rock formations. Human activities such as deforestation and mining can also trigger landslides. Tree roots help reinforce the ground and drain water, so their removal destabilizes slopes. Mine blasts produce vibrations similar to small earthquakes,

which can destabilize nearby slopes.

Predicting and mitigating landslide risk is extremely challenging. The Enga landslide and countless others worldwide highlight the difficulty of accurately predicting these events. Even in relatively flat areas like Australia, home insurance policies often exclude landslide risk due to its unpredictability.

Effective warning systems for landslides require accurate predictions of earth-

quakes and rainfall, along with detailed knowledge of the geomaterial forming the slope. Geomaterials can include various types of rocks and particulate materials, such as sand, silt, and clay, whose strength can vary significantly. To assess slope stability accurately, a three-dimensional mapping of these materials is necessary. However, current sensors cannot provide this information comprehensively. Geologists and geotechnical engineers must

rely on partial data from selected locations, extrapolating it to the entire slope. This approach often misses critical weak points, such as fractures in rock masses, introducing significant uncertainty into predictions.

The runout distance of a landslide, which is the distance the material travels, is generally proportional to the volume of the slide. However, predicting the exact size of a landslide and, consequently, its runout distance is difficult, making it challenging to establish safe zones. The timing of a landslide is also uncertain. While mechanical analysis can estimate the vulnerability of a slope under specific conditions, predicting the occurrence of triggers like earthquakes or heavy rainfall is as challenging as predicting the weather or seismic activity.

In conclusion, while understanding the causes of landslides has advanced, predicting them with precision remains a formidable task. Continued research and improved technology are essential to enhance our ability to forecast these devastating events and implement effective mitigation strategies.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Need to develop scientific temper

All "revelations" of Ganesha and Karna representing "plastic surgery" / "test tube baby" technology or that radar turn "ineffective" during cloud cover simply pale when compared to the self-proclamation of the "God's emissary (directly sent to the Earth to surely "uplift" the "wretched" India where "Nothing happened in 67 years"). What a non-biological "logic" been dishd to the "disciples" of this secular nation where Article 51 (A) of the Constitution encourages all to develop the scientific temper and the spirit of inquiry.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

## Security measures be improved

Recently a mishap took place in Borsi village of Bemetara district, where a blast in an Explosives factory shook the entire region. So far the debris is being removed, to ascertain as to how many people, including the labourers lost their lives. Unfortunately whenever such incident occurs, only the labourers become the soft target. And they are the ones, who have to pay the price. However, from now on, the government must take preventive measures so avert such mishaps any further.

Navjot Sharma, Raipur.

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# Business



Aster DM Healthcare announces Rs. 250 cr expansion plans.

**Dr. Azad Moopen**  
Founder Chairman, Aster DM Healthcare

## Petrobras confirmed Chambriard as its new president



Brazilian oil and gas company Petrobras President Magda Chambriard gestures during a press conference in Rio de Janeiro.

## 'Nifty expected to reach 24,500 level by Dec 2024'

Investors advised to have a multi-cap approach with equal proposition in large-caps and mid-caps to take advantage of broad-based growth in Indian equity markets.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** With an expected earnings growth of 15 per cent, benchmark index Nifty 50 may hit 24,500 level by December 2024 and move further to surpass the level of 26,500 by December 2025, Emkay Investment Managers said on Tuesday. The 50-share Nifty settled at 22,888.15 on Tuesday. In the previous day, it hit

a new lifetime peak of 23,110.80. In the immediate near term, markets are going to focus on Lok Sabha poll results, which are due on June 4.

An expected return of the NDA regime with a base case scenario of 330 seats will result in policy continuity along with major reforms on land, labour, and judiciary would support positive sentiment in the Indian markets, Emkay Invest-

NUMBER

15%

● Benchmark index Nifty 50 may hit 24,500 level by December 2024.

● Investment-related themes will come into play with power capex building up in the next 3-5 years.

ment Managers Ltd, the portfolio management services arm of Emkay Global Financial Services, mentioned in a webinar on the market outlook for FY25 and FY26. Over the long term, geopolitical developments and elections in the US and UK will be watched out for along with the US Fed rate cuts in the third or fourth quarter of FY25, it added. Emkay Investment Managers Chief

Investment Officer Manish Sonthalia advised investors to have a multi-cap approach with equal proposition in large-caps and mid-caps to take advantage of broad-based growth in Indian equity markets.

On the sectors, Sonthalia said Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI), Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and industrials are expected to do well.

## NMDC hikes iron ore lump rate by Rs 250 per tonne

**NEW DELHI:** State-owned NMDC on Tuesday increased the prices of lump ore by Rs 250 a tonne and fines by Rs 350 per tonne with immediate effect. In a regulatory filing, the miner said it has revised the cost of lump ore to Rs 6,450/a tonne and fines to Rs 5,610 per tonne. Lump ore or high-grade iron ore contains 65.5 per cent Fe (iron), while fines are inferior grade ore with 64 per cent and less Fe content. The prices are effective from May 28 and include royalty and contributions towards district mineral fund (DMF), National Mineral Exploration Trust (DMET). It is excluding cess, forest permit fee and other taxes, the company said. The announcement has come a day after the company announced its quarterly results.

## LIC may enter into health insurances, says Mohanty

Press Trust Of India

LIC is not an expert in general insurance like fire and engineering but it can do health insurance.

**NEW DELHI:** LIC chairman Siddhartha Mohanty has said that the insurer would enter into the health insurance segment and can explore inorganic options if such an opportunity arises.

There are expectations that composite licences may be permitted by amending the Insurance Act. As per the Insurance Act, 1938, and the regulations of the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI), composite licensing for an insurer to undertake life, general, or health insurance under one entity is not allowed. LIC is not an



Siddhartha Mohanty, Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation Of India.

FACTFILE

● It can also offer customers more choice and value, such as a single policy that covers life, health, and savings.

expert in general insurance like fire and engineering but it can do health insurance, he said while

The panel headed by BJP leader Jayant Sinha had suggested the government to introduce a provision of composite licensing for insurance companies and make the related amendment in legislation at the earliest. Observing that allowing composite licensing could provide further impetus to the insurance sector, owing to its various benefits, the report had said it can cut costs and compliance hassles for insurers, as they can run different insurance lines under one roof. It can also offer customers more choice and value, such as a single policy that covers life, health, and savings, the report tabled in Parliament had said. It can boost insurance reach and awareness in India, as customers can get one insurance from one provider, with lower premiums and easier claims.

sharing financial numbers for FY24. "Internal work is going on, we will explore inorganic growth in health insurance," he said. In February, a parliamentary panel suggested the introduction of a composite licence for an insurer to undertake life, general, or health insurance under one entity to increase the penetration of insurance in the country.

TDS DEDUCTION |

## I-T dept asks taxpayers to link PAN with Aadhaar

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The income tax department on Tuesday asked taxpayers to link PAN with Aadhaar by May 31 to avoid tax deduction at a higher rate. As per income tax rules, if a Permanent Account Number (PAN) is not linked with biometric Aadhaar, TDS is required to be deducted at dou-

ble the applicable rate. Last month, the income tax department issued a circular stating that no action will be taken for short deduction of TDS in case the assessee links his/her PAN with Aadhaar by May 31, 2024, if you haven't already, in order to avoid tax deduction at a higher rate,"



the department posted on X. In a separate post, the I-T department asked reporting entities, including banks, forex dealers, to file SFT by May 31 to avoid penalties.

"The deadline to file SFT (Statement of Specified Financial Transactions) is May 31, 2024. Avoid penalties by filing accurately and on time," the department said.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q4 RESULTS

### LIC Q4 net profit rises 2 pc to Rs 13,763 crore in March

**NEW DELHI:** Insurance behemoth LIC on Monday posted a marginal 2 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 13,763 crore in the fourth quarter ended March 2024 as the corporation made provisions for wage hike. The insurer had earned a profit of Rs 13,428 crore in the corresponding quarter a year earlier. The total income of the insurer during the reporting quarter rose to Rs 2,50,923 crore from Rs 2,00,185 crore in the same period of the preceding fiscal, LIC said in a regulatory filing. LIC's income from first-year premium also improved to Rs 13,810 crore in the latest January-March quarter against Rs 12,811 crore in the same period of preceding fiscal. The income from renewal premiums in the reporting period rose to Rs 77,368 crore compared to Rs 76,009 crore a year ago. During the entire financial year ended March 2024, the insurer earned a profit of Rs 40,676 crore as compared to Rs 36,397 crore in the previous fiscal. **PTI**

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	75,170	-0.29
Nifty	22,888	-0.19
Nifty, MidCap	52,294	-0.89
Nifty SmallCap	16,875	-0.85
Nifty Bank	49,142	-0.28

Closing rates as on May 29, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.18	↗
Euro	90.35	↗
Chinese Yuan	11.48	↗
UAE Dirham	22.65	↗
Pakistan Rupee	0.29	↘
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27	↘

On May 29, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	38,930	-0.36
FTSE 100 Index	8,274	-0.51
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,855	-0.11
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,609	-0.73

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, May 29, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

### Stock markets fall for 3rd day ahead of poll results; Sensex drops 220 points



**MUMBAI:** Extending the falling streak to the third day in a row, benchmark BSE Sensex declined by 220 points in volatile trade on Tuesday due to profit-taking in power, oil and capital goods shares ahead of results of Lok Sabha polls. After gyrating between gains and losses during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 220.05 points or 0.29 per cent lower at 75,170.45. During the day, it hit a high of 75,585.40 and a low of 75,083.22. The NSE Nifty dropped 44.30 points or 0.19 per cent to settle at 22,888.15 despite beginning the day on a positive note. Analysts said that stock markets

are witnessing 'buying on dips and sell on rallies' amid uncertainty ahead of the general poll results. Sensex and Nifty scaled lifetime highs on Monday but closed lower due to heavy profit taking at the fag-end. "The Indian market exhibited mild consolidation post the recent sharp surge.

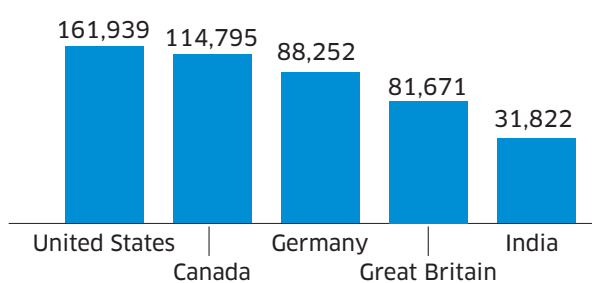
**MAJOR GAINERS:** Asian Paints, Wipro, JSW Steel, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finserv and M&M.

**MAJOR LOSERS:** Power Grid, NTPC, Tech Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Tata Motors, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Maruti. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

Outbound tourism expenditure of travelers from the following countries (in million U.S. dollars) in 2022

### WORLD'S BIGGEST TOURISM SPENDERS



Source: Statista

KIDS' COLLECTION

### Shopsy ventures into the Kids' segment, embraces growing trend

**BENGALURU:** Shopsy by Flipkart, India's fastest-growing hyper-value e-commerce platform, has unveiled an exciting collection for Kids, adding to the excitement of the upcoming summer break. With an extensive array of products ranging from fashion to entertainment, utility items, and beyond, Shopsy encompasses everything from fashion wearables to toys alongside 100+ verticals including toys, school essentials, and party decorations. Top categories include learning toys starting at Rs.49/-, kids dresses from Rs. 150/-, kids ethnic wear from Rs. 129/-, soft toys from Rs. 85/-, school essentials from Rs. 25/- and much more to meet every need of the consumer. Commenting on the introduction of this category, Kapil Thirani, Head of Shopsy, said, "At Shopsy, we are constantly exploring new avenues to connect with our diverse customers, and our recent expansion into the kids category is a testament to this."

BULLION MARKET

### Silver surges Rs 3,100 to Rs 95,950 per kg

**NEW DELHI:** Silver rallied strongly by Rs 3,100 to Rs 95,950 per kg in the national capital on Tuesday, while gold went up Rs 130, in line with strong global trends. According to HDFC Securities, rising for the second straight session, silver prices surged Rs 3,100 to nearly a two-week high of Rs 95,950 per kg. It had closed at Rs 92,850 per kg on Monday. Meanwhile, the yellow metal prices climbed Rs 130 to Rs 72,950 per 10 grams. It had finished at Rs 72,820 per 10 grams in the previous session. **PTI**





Cong won't get main opposition status after June 4.

Pankaj Chaudhary  
Union minister

## Varanasi wear deserted look on a hot day



Boats docked at a Ganga ghat amid low footfall of devotees due to the hot weather, in Varanasi, Tuesday.

# Truth in complaint against Rahul of defaming Savarkar

As per the complaint, Rahul claimed in his speech that Savarkar had written in a book that he and five to six of his friends once beat up a Muslim man and he felt happy.

Press Trust Of India

**PUNE:** The Pune Police on Monday submitted its enquiry report in a court stating there is prima facie truth in the complaint filed against Rahul Gandhi by V D Savarkar's grand nephew who had accused the Congress leader of defaming the Hindutva ideologue in a speech made in London in 2023.

The report was submitted in the court of judicial magistrate (first class) Akshi Jain, said advocate Sangram Kolhatkar, who represents Satyaki Ashok Savarkar, the complainant. Kolhatkar said the

court may issue a notice to Rahul Gandhi seeking his appearance.

Satyaki Savarkar had said his lawyers moved the city court with a complaint under sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code last April.

The court had asked the Vishrambaug police to verify the proof submitted by Satyaki and submit a report by May 27. "Vishrambaug police stated that Satyaki Savarkar had filed a complaint in the court last April accusing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of making false claims about the late revolutionary (V D Savarkar) in a speech made in London in March 2023,"

### HIGHLIGHT

● The court may issue a notice to Rahul Gandhi seeking his appearance.

● Court asked Vishrambaug police to verify the proof submitted and submit a report by May 27.

said Kolhatkar.

As per the complaint, Rahul Gandhi claimed in his speech that V D Savarkar had written in a book that he and five to six of his friends once beat up a Muslim man and he (Savarkar) felt happy.

Satyaki Savarkar had

said that no such incident had ever taken place, and V D Savarkar never wrote any such thing anywhere, the complaint stated, terming Rahul Gandhi's allegation as fictitious, false and malicious.

"The Vishrambaug police submitted a report today before the court and told the court that in their probe, it has been revealed that V D Savarkar had not written about such incident in any of his books but despite that Gandhi made that kind of remarks during his speech in London in March 2023 and defamed Savarkar," said Kolhatkar.

Police stated that prima facie there is a

truth in the complaint filed by Satyaki Savarkar that Rahul Gandhi had defamed V D Savarkar in his speech.

When contacted Tukaram Nimbalkar, assistant police inspector, confirmed that the report had been submitted in the court.

Notably, a metropolitan court in Surat last March convicted Rahul Gandhi of criminal defamation for his 2019 remark, "How come all thieves have Modi as the common surname?", and sentenced him to two years in jail.

Subsequently, the sessions court granted him bail on April 3.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### PREPARATIONS

#### Guidelines issued by district administration for polling day

**JAGATSIINGHPUR:** Votes will be accepted for general election 2024 in Jagatsinghpur district on June 1. For this, the preparation of the district administration has reached the final stage. To facilitate polling on poll day, the district administration has issued some regulations as per the voter guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. Which includes, voters are required to bring any one of the 13 approved documents to the booth on polling day. They are Voter Identity Card, Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, PWD Identity Card, Employment Sector ID with Photo Attachment, Bank or Post Officer Pass Book with Photo Attachment, Health Insurance Smart Card, Driving License, Passport, Smart Card issued by RGI, Pension book, Government Identity Card issued to MP, MLA, MLC, MGNREGA Job Card. **PTI**

### APPOINTMENT

#### Parmeshwar Funkwal takes charge as new General Manager at ECoR

**BHUBANESWAR:** Parmeshwar Funkwal, IRSE, has assumed the position of General Manager at East Coast Railway. He is an alumnus of IIT Kanpur and an officer of the 1988 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE). With a remarkable career spanning decades, he has held several important portfolios such as DRM/Rajkot, ADRM/Ahmedabad, Chairman/RRB, and Executive Director/RDSO. Prior to his appointment at East Coast Railway, he served as Principal Chief Engineer in Western Railway, Mumbai. He played an instrumental role in introducing innovative technologies. **PTI**



### Strict Norms

#### Over 650 pilgrims return without Badrinath darshan, authorities stress mandatory registration



**GOPESHWAR:** More than 650 pilgrims travelling to Badrinath were forced to return without paying obeisance at the temple as they did not fulfil the mandatory registration norm, officials said on Tuesday.

Adequate steps are being taken to regulate the rush of pilgrims to Char Dham and avoid the chaos that occurred at the Himalayan temples during the initial days of the yatra, they said.

Strict adherence to mandatory registration prior to visiting the temples is being ensured so that the devotees are not inconvenienced, they added.

Over 650 pilgrims bound for Badri-

nath had to return from Gauchar checkpost without paying obeisance at the temple as they did not do the mandatory prior registration, the SSP office in Chamoli informed.

As many as 120 vehicles in which the unregistered pilgrims had been brought were also sent back, it said.

Action has also been taken against five vehicle operators who carried unregistered pilgrims to Badrinath, the SSP office said.

On an average 20,000 pilgrims visit the temple every day for darshan. Since its gates were opened for this year on May 12, 22 pilgrims have died so far due to cardiac problems. **PTI**

## 66 nursing colleges closed in MP

**BHOPAL:** The Madhya Pradesh government has ordered the closure of 66 nursing colleges across 31 districts in accordance with the High Court order in the alleged nursing college scam being probed by the CBI.

The scam pertains to gross irregularities in the functioning of several nursing colleges which lacked infrastructure while some existed only on paper.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has directed the closure of 66 nursing colleges across 31 districts in accordance with the High Court order, as per the CMO.

Yadav has directed officials to ensure that no student of these nursing colleges is affected and arrangements be made for them to appear for examination.

## NIA conducts multi-state raids, arrests five men

Press Trust Of India

The accused were luring Indian youths to foreign countries on false promises of employment.

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted multi-state raids and arrested five persons allegedly involved in international human trafficking and cyber fraud syndicate.

The accused were luring Indian youths to foreign countries on false promises of employment, an official statement said.

The youths were being forced to work in fake call centres at Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Laos and



NIA personnel carrying out raids.

### FACTFILE

● The NIA carried out a coordinated operation with state police and central intelligence across all the locations.

Cambodia, among other places, as part of the racket, controlled and operated mainly by foreign nationals, it said.

They were coerced into undertaking illegal activities online, such as credit card fraud, invest-

ments in cryptocurrency using fake applications, honey trapping, etc., the probe agency said.

Manish Hingu of Vadodra, Pahlad Singh of Gopalganj, Nabialam Ray Balwant Kataria and Sar-taj Singh were arrested.

### UNIVERSITY RESEARCH |

## Longer, intense heatwaves cause premature births

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** A new research has linked an increase in premature births during hot weather conditions to intense and prolonged heatwaves.

A team of researchers, including those at the University of Nevada, estimated changes in the rate of preterm and early-term birth in response

to heatwaves.

A heatwave is a period of extremely high temperatures relative to what is normally expected over a region.

The researchers analysed 5.3 crore births across the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the US over a 25-year period (1993-2017) in terms of daily counts of preterm and early-term births.

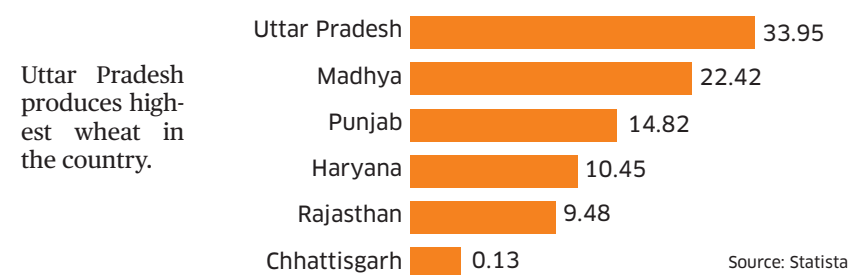
**Over 25-year period, preterm births increased by 2%, while early-term births increased by 1%.**

Team of Researchers  
University of Nevada



While a full-term pregnancy lasts for about 40 weeks, babies born before 37 weeks are preterm births and those delivered between 37 and 39 weeks of the pregnancy are early-term births. The researchers found that over the 25-year period, preterm births increased by 2 per cent, while early-term births increased by 1%.

### The Day's NUMBERS



### ACCUSED

#### One more partner of Rajkot-based TRP game zone arrested



**AHMEDABAD:** The Gujarat police have arrested one more partner of the Rajkot-based TRP game zone where a devastating fire last week killed 27 persons, an official said on Tuesday. Dhaval Thakkar, the proprietor of Dhaval Corporation, which ran the TRP game zone along with five partners of Raceway Enterprises, was arrested from Abu Road in neighbouring Rajasthan, Banaskantha Superintendent of Police Akshayraj Makwana said. With this, four persons have so far been arrested in connection with the fire incident at the game zone on Saturday. **PTI**

### ILLEGAL

#### Nagpur cops go undercover to survey pubs, bars for violations

**NAGPUR:** In the wake of the Pune car crash, the senior police officers in Maha's Nagpur went undercover to survey pubs and bars in the city to look for violations, an official said on Tuesday. A team of the Nagpur police visited pubs, bars, and clubs on Sunday night and uncovered several violations of the Mahara- Prohibition Act. **PTI**

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# Heat waves are deadly for older adults; millions are at risk

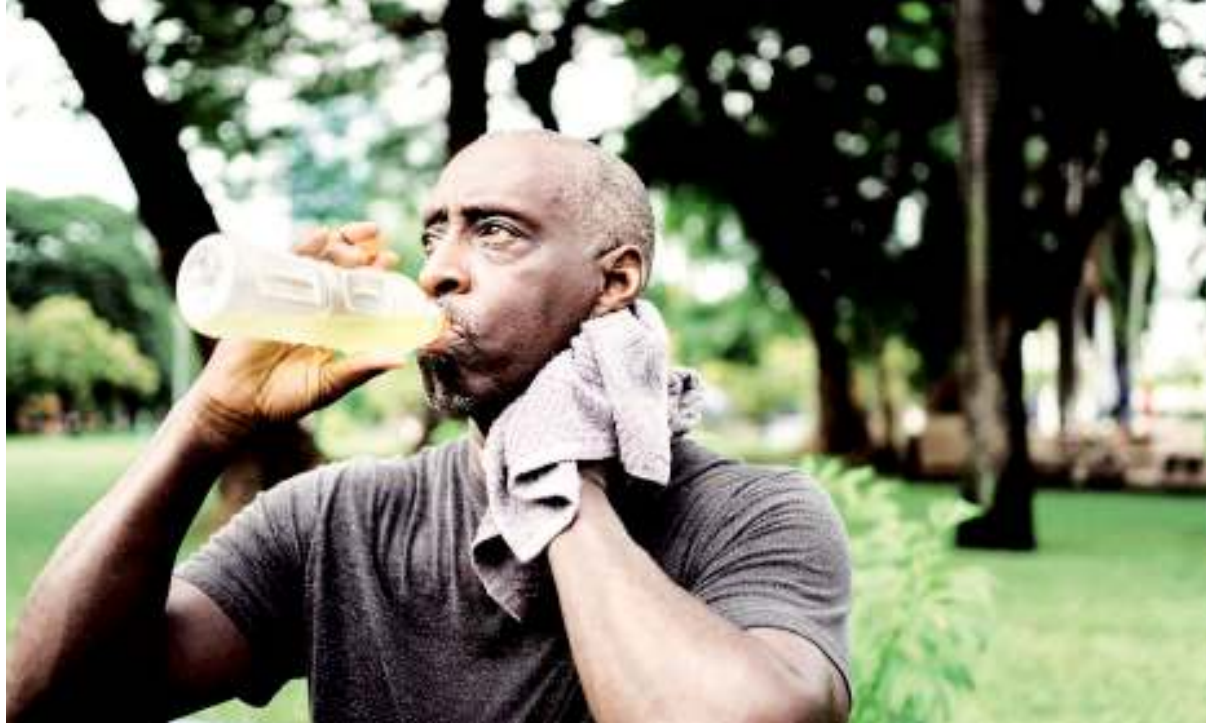
Japan to as far south as the Philippines, the relentless heat wreaked havoc on everyday life.

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**NEW DELHI:** A deadly heat wave gripped large regions of Asia for weeks in April and May 2024. As temperatures climbed past 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43.3 Celsius) in India on May 7, campaigning politicians, local news announcers and voters waiting in long lines passed out from the oppressive heat.

From as far north as Japan to as far south as the Philippines, the relentless heat wreaked havoc on everyday life. Students and teachers in Cambodia were sent home from school, as their hand-held fans provided little protection against the stifling heat and humidity in their poorly ventilated classrooms. Farmers in Thailand saw their crops wither and mourned the loss of livestock that perished under the punishing sun. Hundreds of people died from the heat.

Most of the planet has suffered the dire effects of extreme heat in recent years. A weeklong heat wave in the southwestern United States in 2023 was described as "hell on earth" in Phoenix, where temperatures hit 110 F (43.3 C) or higher for 31 straight days.



An older adult trying to beat heat wave.

At the same time, Europe saw unprecedented high temperatures that killed hundreds and contributed to devastating wildfires in Greece. Regardless of where or when a heat wave strikes, one pattern is a constant: Older adults are the most likely to die from extreme heat, and this crisis will worsen in the coming years. We study climate change and population aging. Our research documents two global trends that together portend a dire future.

## Aging global population, rising temperatures is cause of concern

More older adults will be at risk of heat stress. First, temperatures are hotter than ever. The nine-year period from 2015 and 2023 had the highest average temperatures since global records began in 1880. Second, the population is aging worldwide. By 2050, the number of people ages 60 and older will double to nearly 2.1 billion, making up 21 per cent of the

### HIGHLIGHT

- By 2050, the number of people ages 60 and older will be nearly 2.1 billion.
- 250 million additional older adults will be exposed to dangerously high temps.

global population. That proportion is 13 per cent today. These combined forces mean that ever-rising numbers of vulnerable older adults will be exposed to intensifying heat. To understand the risks ahead, we developed population projections for different age groups and combined them with climate change scenarios for the coming decades.

## Book by mathematician takes closer look at Hindu astrology

Press Trust Of India

**Jyotisha concerns itself with the study and prediction of the movements of celestial bodies.**

**NEW DELHI:** A new book analyses various models for the origin, development and functioning of astrology and also raises questions about the role of the supernatural and synchronicity.

In "Hindu Astrology: Myths, Symbols, and Realities", Oxford mathematician Anthony Philip Stone, who taught at various Indian universities and became intrigued with astrology, deals with topics that, he says, have been selected with an eye on astrologers as well as the general reader.

Originally published in 1981 in hardback, the book has been out of print for decades and is being published in paperback by Pippa Rann Books & Media and distributed in India by Penguin Random House.

Hindu astrology or Jyotisha represents the fifth of the six Vedangas (additional sciences to be studied along with the Vedas).

Jyotisha concerns itself with the study and prediction of the movements of celestial bodies, in an effort to indicate the best and most auspicious time for rituals, ceremonies,

and - by extension - all human actions, whether war, marriage, moving home, business deals, setting off from your home, returning to your home, and indeed when or what to eat or drink.

Stone says astrology is not a newcomer whose way of life can easily be moulded.

Over the centuries, astrology has become set in its ways, and we can now see what these ways are: methods of divina-

### FASTFACTS

- Hindu astrology or Jyotisha represents the fifth of the six Vedangas.
- Question of how astrology works is much more difficult to tackle.

tion, he says. The author also asserts that he does not see any chance of astrology becoming something different from what it already is.

But if astrologers were to choose to start approaching their rules in the same way as scientists approach new theories, astrologers would then be doing science, not divination, he says.

In this scenario, he says the entire structure of the practice of astrology would be affected.

### NEWSLINE

PATNA

## INDIA bloc want to bring Taliban rule



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday lashed out at the Congress for promising freedom of personal laws in its poll manifesto and claimed that it was tantamount to supporting "Taliban rule" in the country.

The firebrand BJP leader made the remark at Fatuha, on the outskirts of the capital of Bihar, where he addressed an election rally in support of Patna Sahib MP Ravi Shankar Prasad.

"The Congress and the INDIA bloc speak of personal law. They want to undo what Ravi Shankar Prasad had achieved (as the then Union law minister) by scrapping triple talaq", alleged Yogi.

He claimed that the opposition alliance wanted to promote "Talibani shasan" in which "women will not have the freedom to go to schools, colleges and offices and will be forced to always wear the burqa".

# HC acquits Dera chief Ram Rahim in murder case

Press Trust Of India

He is also serving a 20-year jail term for raping two of his disciples, is currently in Sunaria jail in Rohtak.

**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday acquitted Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh and four others in the murder case of the sect's former manager Ranjit Singh in 2002.

The Sirsa-headquartered sect chief, who is also serving a 20-year jail term for raping two of his disciples, is currently lodged in Sunaria jail in Rohtak, Haryana.

"The high court has acquitted him and four others in the Ranjit Singh murder case," Dera chief's lawyer Jitender



Dera chief Ram Rahim addresses to devotees.

### FASTFACTS

- Ram Rahim was also convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist.
- He had been held guilty of hatching a criminal conspiracy with his co-accused.

Khurana said. He said the arguments in the case had got over earlier and the matter came up for pronouncement of verdict before the high court on Tuesday. Khurana said a division bench of Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Lalit Batra pronounced the decision on the appeals filed by Ram

Rahim and four others who had been convicted by a special CBI court in Panchkula, Haryana, in October 2021. The court had sentenced them to life imprisonment in the nearly 20-year-old murder case of Ranjit Singh. He had been held guilty of hatching a criminal conspiracy with his co-accused.

## Healthcare and offshore betting ads violate safety norms

Press Trust Of India

Online safety continues to be a concern, with 85% of objectionable ads coming from digital media.

**MUMBAI:** The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) published its Annual Complaints Report, which offers a comprehensive analysis of advertisements that were considered objectionable in the fiscal year 2023-24. ASCI examined 10,093 complaints and investigated 8299 advertisements. The majority of violations were on account of misleading claims at 81%, followed by ads that promoted harmful situations or products at 34% (the same ad can be processed for multiple objections). Digital ads accounted for 85% of ads processed, and had

a lower compliance rate of 75%, compared to 97% for print and TV. This raises serious questions about the online safety of consumers, as was highlighted last year as well. 94% of the ads that were processed were picked up suo moto by ASCI.

49% of the advertisements picked up by ASCI were not contested by the advertisers. A total of 98% of cases eventually required modification as they violated the ASCI Code. This year, healthcare emerged as the most violative sector, contributing to 19% of cases, followed by illegal offshore betting (17%), personal care (13%), conventional education (12%), food and beverage (10%), and realty (7%). Baby care emerged as a new contender in the top violators category, with influencer promotions contributing to 81% of baby care cases.

## DU new academic session

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi University will provide single girl child quota across its programmes from the academic session 2024-2025, varsity officials announced on Tuesday as it began the admission process for the undergraduate courses.

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## BRS loses several civic body posts

**HYDERABAD:** In a further setback to the BRS, the opposition party has lost about 15 municipal chairperson posts and around half a dozen posts of municipal vice-chairperson to ruling Congress due to no-confidence motions moved against them and resignations since the national party came to power six months ago, official sources said on Tuesday.

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01	Vivekanand Nagar Branch Raipur 9752410761	Mrs. Suman Dewangan and Mr. Tulesh Kumar Dewangan, H No. - 46, Ward No. - 31, Trimurti Nagar, Birgaon, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-493221.	Rs. 15,96,797.80 + Unapplied interest + other charges	EM of land and building - PH No. - 105/59, Kh. No. - 166/81, Area - 800 Sq ft., Dr. Khutchand Baghel Ward, Ward No. - 67, Changorabhata, Tehsil & Distt. - Raipur, C.G. - 492001 in the name of Mrs. Suman Dewangan W/o Mr. Tulesh Kumar Dewangan. Boundaries: North - House of Sameer Pandey & Dhanmati Pandey, South - Road, East - Road, West - House of Ruby Mishra & Priyanka Mishra

Date: 29.05.2024, Place: Raipur, Chhattisgarh  
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda



Spanish Cabinet will recognise a Palestinian state.  
**Pedro Sánchez**  
Prime Minister, Spain

## Rishi Sunak at a Tory party rally



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak speaks at a Tory party rally at the Amersham and Chiltern Rugby club in Amersham, England, Monday

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### SCANDAL

#### Malta's ex-leader, other officials face court in hospital fraud scandal

**VALLETTA (MALTA):** Malta's former prime minister, Joseph Muscat, and other top officials are to appear in court Tuesday to face charges in a hospital corruption scandal that is roiling the Mediterranean island nation as it prepares for European Parliament elections.

In 2015, a deal was struck in which the management of three of the country's hospitals was handed over to a private company. The concessionaire changed in 2018. In February 2023, a court annulled the concession, citing fraud, in a case filed by a former opposition leader. The Court of Appeal confirmed the decision last October, ruling that there was evidence of collusion between the parties in the concession. The ruling had an immediate impact on the governing Labour Party's popular support, which dropped sharply. **PTI**

### IRAN SPEAKER

#### Hard-liner Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf re-elected as speaker



**DUBAI:** Iran's parliament re-elected hard-liner Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf on Tuesday as its speaker, reaffirming its hard-right makeup in wake of a helicopter crash that killed country's president and foreign minister. Of 287 lawmakers voting, 198 backed Qalibaf to retain position he first took in 2021. He initially became speaker following a string of failed presidential bids and 12 years as leader of Iran's capital city, in which he built onto Tehran's subway. **PTI**

# Education, social safety nets vital for Asia to grow rich: UN report

Growth in productivity has slowed, hurting incomes and undermining the purchasing power of 2 billion workers

Press Trust Of India

**TOKYO:** As economies in Asia and the Pacific slow and grow older, countries need to do more to ensure that workers get the education, training and social safety nets needed to raise incomes and ensure social equity, a United Nations report said Tuesday.

The report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) said that growth in productivity has slowed, hurting incomes and undermining the purchasing power of the region's 2 billion workers. By improving productivity, governments can boost incomes

and better prepare for the aging of their work forces, the report said.

Two in three workers in the region were in informal employment in 2023, such as day labour, lacking the kinds of protections that come from formal jobs.

"The lack of job opportunities that meet decent work criteria, including good incomes, not only jeopardises social justice in the region, but it also presents a risk factor for the labour market outlook," the report said.

Showing the potential for improvement, labour productivity grew at an average annual rate of 4.3 per cent in 2004-2021,

### HIGHLIGHT

- Increasing use of artificial intelligence and other automation technology will cause some people to lose their jobs

- Trade disputes and political turmoil threaten to disrupt jobs in some industries.

helping to raise incomes per worker in terms of purchasing power parity, which compares standards of living in different countries using a common currency, to USD 15,700 from USD 7,700. But it has slowed in the past decade, the report

said, hindering progress toward greater affluence.

It highlighted various challenges, especially unemployment among young people not in school, which is more than triple the adult rate, at 13.7 per cent.

Increasing use of artificial intelligence and other automation technology will cause some people to lose their jobs, it said, with women engaged in clerical and information technology work most likely to be affected as companies roll back their reliance on offshore call centers that have provided good quality jobs in countries like the Philippines and India.

Other factors such as trade disputes and political turmoil threaten to disrupt jobs in some industries, but aging poses an even bigger challenge as countries grow old before they become affluent. The ratio of people in Asia aged older than 65 to those 15-64 years old is projected to double to nearly a third by 2050 from about 15 per cent in 2023, the ILO report says. In places like Japan, short-handed employers have moved to alleviate work loads by using robots and computerized ordering in restaurants, cutting hours and installing self-check-out machines.

## Israeli minister lashes out at Spain over Palestine

**JERUSALEM:** Israel's foreign minister accused Spain of "being complicit in inciting genocide against Jews and war crimes" on Tuesday, after the country moved to formally recognise a Palestinian state. Ireland and Norway were set to follow suit the same day in a coordinated effort by the three western European nations. The diplomatic move has no immediate impact on the war in Gaza, but adds to international pressure on Israel to soften its devastating response to October's Hamas-led attack.

Over the weekend, an Israeli airstrike hit a tent camp in a western part of Rafah, causing a large fire and killing at least 45 people, according to health officials.

# Israeli strikes kill 16 in Rafah amid heavy fighting

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**Israeli strikes on Rafah have killed at least 16 Palestinians, first responders said Tuesday, as residents reported an escalation of fighting in the southern Gaza city.**

**CAIRO:** An Israeli incursion launched in early May has caused nearly 1 million to flee from Rafah, most of whom have already been displaced in the war between Israel and Hamas, and who are now seeking refuge in squalid tent camps and war-ravaged areas. The latest strikes occurred in the same area where Israel targeted what it said was a Hamas compound on Sunday night. That strike ignited a fire in



Israeli Apache helicopter fires a missile towards the Gaza Strip.

### FACTFILE

- Netanyahu says Israel must destroy what he says are Hamas' last remaining battalions in Rafah.

a camp for displaced Palestinians and killed at least 45 people, according to local health officials, sparking worldwide outrage.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said there was a "tragic mishap" on Sunday and the

military said it was investigating. Strikes overnight killed a total of 16 people in the Tel al-Sultan neighbourhood in north-west Rafah, according to the Palestinian Civil Defence and the Palestinian Red Crescent.

# Typhoon leaves at least 7 dead, thousands displaced

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**MANILA:** A typhoon has finally moved away from the Philippines, leaving at least seven people dead, mostly due to floods or toppled trees, and forcing the closures of several seaports, stranding thousands of passengers, officials said Tuesday.

Typhoon Ewinar crept by country's eastern coast late Friday night and lingered over Philippine islands for several days, before shifting northeastward away from archipelago. All storm warnings were lifted Tuesday.

The typhoon's shift in direction spared the densely populated capital, Manila, from a potentially damaging hit. Ewinar, locally known as Aghon, was last tracked



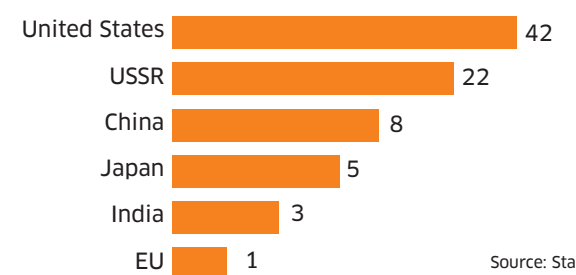
Tuesday about 450 km (280 miles) east of the northern town of Basco in Batanes province with sustained winds of 130 kph and gusts of up to 160 kph.

At least six villagers drowned in floodwaters or died after being hit by falling trees during the sudden deluge in the hard-hit province of Quezon, provincial police said.

## The Day's NUMBERS

Countries which have landed on, orbited or flown by the moon, by number of successful/semi-successful missions

## WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN TO THE MOON?



## ARRESTS

### Hong Kong police arrest 6 people accused of violating security law

**HONG KONG:** Hong Kong police on Tuesday arrested six people accused of publishing seditious social media posts, in what are the first publicly known arrests under the city's new national security law.

Police said in a statement that a woman in custody, with the help of five others, had used a social media page to anonymously publish the posts starting in April. "(They) provoke hatred against the central government, the Hong Kong government and the city's judicial institutions, and aim to incite netizens to organize or participate in illegal activities during a later period," the police statement said. The statement did not include other details on the social media page or the content of the posts, and it did not identify the six people, aged between 37 and 65, who were arrested. The new law, known locally as "Article 23," has expanded the government's power to deal with future challenges. **PTI**

## VETERINARY SERVICES

### Indian peacekeepers provide free veterinary services in South Sudan



**DUBAI:** Indian veterinarians serving with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have provided free veterinary services for livestock owners in the country's Kodok, Upper Nile area.

According to a mission statement on Monday, the doctors have treated around 1,494 animals for numerous infections, including parasitic infestations, diarrhoea, anaemia, pneumonia, and tick infestations. In South Sudan, livestock plays a pivotal role for communities, enabling them to be economically empowered. **PTI**

"I really hope some of these brands/companies that spend hundreds of dollars sending people who have nothing to do with films."

Huma Qureshi  
Actress



# Bella



weight loss yoga: try these easy Asanas at home to lose belly fat

YOGA ASANAS FOR BELLY FAT LOSS

## Yoga for a Flatter Stomach: 5 poses to sculpt your core

Effective yoga asanas to lose weight and burn the tough belly fat for women.

Yoga is a powerful tool for weight loss, seamlessly blending physical fitness with mental serenity. An effective weight loss plan integrates a nutritious diet, regular exercise, and healthy lifestyle choices. Yoga, an ancient practice, stands out by offering holistic benefits that enhance your overall well-being. By incorporating specific yoga asanas into your routine, you can target various body areas, strengthening muscles and reducing fat, particularly around the belly and thighs. Begin with Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutation), a dynamic sequence of 12 poses that deliver a comprehensive workout, increasing heart



rate, enhancing flexibility, and boosting metabolism. This full-body exercise engages major muscle groups and burns calories efficiently. Move on to Chaturanga Dandasana (Plank Pose) to fortify your core, arms, and legs. A strong core is essential for improved posture and effective movement, crucial for burning belly fat.

**HIGHLIGHT**

● **Weight loss yoga can be relaxing and calming to lose those extra unhealthy inches. Incorporate these easy-to-do and effective asana at home.**



Virabhadrasana (Warrior Pose) focuses on the legs, glutes, and back, elevating heart rate and calorie burn while fostering mental discipline. Although Balasana (Child's Pose) is not a calorie-burner, it excels in reducing stress and promoting relaxation, helping to prevent weight gain linked to high cortisol levels.



Finally, Paschimottasana (Forward Fold Pose) engages abdominal muscles and stimulates digestion, boosting your metabolic rate. Integrate these asanas into your regular exercise regimen for a blend of muscle toning, cardio, and stress management.

## Kaju Power: Why cashews deserve superfood status



Cashews, aka kaju in India, are more than just a snack; they're a nutrient powerhouse. Packed with heart-healthy fats, bone-strengthening minerals like calcium and magnesium, and immunity-boosting zinc, they're a must-have for overall health. Loaded with antioxidants for eye health and fiber for weight management, cashews defy the nut stereotype. Whether munching raw, roasted, or blended into creamy sauces, they're a versatile addition to any diet. So, why not embrace the kaju craze for a healthier lifestyle? Incorporate these crunchy delights into your meals, snacks, and even desserts for a burst of flavor and nutrition!

### Myth or Truth: Castor oil and Hair loss: Myth or reality?

In the realm of hair care trends, castor oil's reputation as a cure-all for hair fall stands out. However, the truth lies somewhere in between myth and reality. While it's not the worst mistake, castor oil isn't a miracle worker either. It can nourish the scalp, promote hair growth, and prevent breakage, but it may

not address underlying causes of hair loss. Caution is warranted due to potential allergic reactions and greasiness with excessive use. Patch testing and moderation are key. Remember, while castor oil has benefits, consulting a dermatologist for personalized advice remains essential in your hair care journey.

| FASHION |

## Summer staple: Rocking the white kurta with celebrity flair

Central Chronicle News

A white kurta effortlessly blends timeless elegance with modern flair, making it a must-have staple in every fashion-forward woman's wardrobe. Drawing inspiration from celebrities, explore innovative ways to elevate your summer style with this versatile piece. Embrace Karisma Kapoor's understated sophistication by pairing your kurta with vibrant yellow juttis and a bold red lip. Alternatively, take cues from Kiara Advani and experiment with textured fabrics and unique necklines for a modern twist. Sara Ali Khan demonstrates the



transformative power of a vibrant, patterned dupatta, adding a playful touch to your ensemble. Complete the look with handmade cloth bangles and subtle

makeup for an effortlessly chic appearance.

For a touch of glamour, follow Kareena Kapoor Khan's lead and adorn your kurta with a dazzling



sequined jacket and statement earrings. Opt for a sleek hairstyle and subtle makeup to let your outfit shine. Enhance your summer fashion with these

**HIGHLIGHT**

Do you need some inspiration to style your white kurta this summer? From a statement pair of earrings to smoky eye makeup, you can make the classic look your own with these tips.

tips and reinvent your white kurta for a fresh and stylish look this season. Whether you're attending a casual gathering or a festive occasion, the versatility of the white kurta allows you to express your unique style while staying cool and comfortable in the summer heat.

## DivuDazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

### Janhvi Kapoor channels cricket chic in Chandigarh

Janhvi Kapoor brings Punjab's charm alive in a vibrant Patiala suit, adorned with cricket-themed elements from her film, Mr. & Mrs. Mahi. Her yellow ensemble, embellished with silver embroidery and personalized tassels bearing her character's name, Mahima, exudes both tradition and modernity. Paired with a pink Patiala salwar and dyed dupatta featuring bold pink lettering, Janhvi's look is a fusion of culture and cinema. Accessories like colorful bangles, silver earrings, and Punjabi juttis enhance the ensemble, while a pink paranda adds a playful touch to her braided hairstyle. With radiant makeup highlighting her features, Janhvi captivates with her blend of elegance and tradition.

Achiever

### From YouTube fame to Cannes: Nancy Tyagi's stunning third look!

From humble beginnings on YouTube to the Cannes red carpet, Nancy Tyagi's journey is nothing short of extraordinary. With her third look at Cannes 2024, she's achieved yet another milestone, captivating audiences worldwide. Her self-made black skirt, corset, and scarf ensemble have sent shockwaves through the fashion world, garnering praise even when compared to Aishwarya Rai. It's a testament to Nancy's talent and determination, proving that dreams do come true with hard work and dedication. From small screens to the grand stage of Cannes, Nancy Tyagi has shown that anything is possible with passion and perseverance.

The Inspirors

### Historic win! Anasuya Sengupta makes Cannes her stage



Anasuya Sengupta made history at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival, clinching the Best Actress award in the Un Certain Regard category for her role in "The Shameless". Hailing from Kolkata, she is the first Indian to secure this prestigious honor, dedicating her win to marginalized communities worldwide. Sengupta's portrayal of Renuka in the film, which premiered on May

17, delves into the grim realities of exploitation and resilience. Celebrating her triumph on Instagram, she expressed gratitude to her supporters and shared moments with festival luminaries. The Un Certain Regard jury, chaired by Xavier Dolan, recognized outstanding talent from across the globe, with Sengupta's win marking a historic milestone for Indian cinema.

Wellness

### Climate Concerns: How heatwaves and cold snaps increase stroke risk

New research sends shivers down the spine and not just from cold snaps! Brace yourself as Harvard's latest study unveils a startling link between extreme temperatures and stroke risk. Picture this: scorching summers and icy winters aren't just weather quirks; they're silent assailants, especially in low-income nations where the danger hits hardest. Imagine, for every 1,000 stroke deaths, a staggering 11 are tied to extreme temps! But wait, there's more: hot nights are equally sinister, raising stroke risk by a scorching 7%, especially for the elderly and women. Fast forward to Europe, where nighttime heatwaves are turning up the heat on stroke danger.



## Divas on Insta

@imouniroy

### Mouni Roy

Actress Mouni Roy shares snapshots from her Bali getaway, teasing fans with glimpses of the picturesque beach as she gears up for her upcoming movie, 'The Virgin Tree'.



@aliabhatter

### Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt's daughter Raha cherishes bedtime stories from her parents, evident from Alia's Instagram post featuring her reading to Raha with the book "Baby Be Kind."



# Sports



Couldn't go to the airport because I was nervous about facing people in a wheelchair.

**Rishabh Pant**  
wicketkeeper-batter

## 'Plan was to stay close to US to earn Olympic qualification'



Indian men's 4x400m relay team members Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Amoj Jacob.

The Indian quartet finished with a collective timing of 3 minutes and 3.23 with USA (2:59.95) expectedly topping the heat.

**Press Trust Of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** Determined to improve its time and qualify for the Paris Olympics, the Indian men's 4x400m relay squad had planned to shadow the formidable USA team at the World Athletics Relays, sprinter Amoj Jacob had revealed. "We knew that we had the US in our Heats and

they mostly run below 3 minutes. So, our plan was to stay close to them in the race, which will not only improve our time but also help us qualify for Paris Games," Jacob told SAI Media. "Our target was to register a time between 3:00 and 3:10 so that our confidence is high going into the Paris Olympics," he added. The Indian team

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● The Indian men's squad comprising Yahiya, Ajmal, Rajiv and Jacob qualified for the Paris Games after finishing second in their heat at the World Athletics Relays.

was in third position when anchor-leg runner

Jacob took the baton from Arokia. The Delhi boy ran a fantastic race to overtake his Mexican opponent and finish second. India had failed to finish in the first-round qualifying heat after second leg runner Rajesh Ramesh pulled out midway due to cramps. Rajiv took the place of Ramesh in the team and he ran the third leg after Anas and Ajmal.

Asked how the team dealt with Ramesh's absence Jacob, said "It was easy because we were practicing together. And we had trained the baton exchange with different combinations. The only concern was to ensure that no one else got injured." "In fact, it is easier than 100 meters relay where better coordination is required.

## Olympic champ Carapaz misses out on Paris spot

**QUITO:** Richard Carapaz will not be at the Paris Olympics to defend his road cycling title. Ecuador's only representative at the Olympics in the road cycling race and individual time trial will be Jhonatan Narváez, the national cycling federation said in a statement on Monday. Carapaz said on his social media he wished "the best of luck to Jhonatan," and added he will keep reaching for new goals. The two cyclists had a tough battle for Ecuador's spot in Paris. Carapaz was the first Ecuadorian to win a grand tour, the 2019 Giro d'Italia. He also made the podium at the Tour de France and Spanish Vuelta, but hasn't finished any grand tour since 2022.

**Press Trust Of India**  
**The Indian is clinical in his approach and carved out a fine victory in the end-game.**

**STAVANGER:** Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa got off to a flier and defeated Firouzja Alireza of France in the first round of Norway Chess tournament here on Tuesday. After an easy draw under normal time control, Praggnanandhaa got 10 minutes as white compared to Alireza's seven but with the condition that he had to win as a draw would have given



R Praggnanandhaa

**FACTFILE**  
● After the end of the first round, Praggnanandhaa, Carlsen and Nakamura share the lead on 1.5 points apiece while Alireza, Liren and

black extra points. The day saw all the games under classical time control ending in draws in both men and women's section and as many as six Armageddon happened to decide the winner in this unique

### NORWAY CHESS

## Praggnanandhaa beats Alireza in Armageddon

format. World number one Magnus Carlsen played out a 14-move draw in classical and then a 68-move marathon draw with reigning world champion Ding Liren to seal the day in his favour while Hikaru Nakamura proved stronger than American compatriot Fabiano Caruana in the Armageddon. After the end of the first round, Praggnanandhaa, Carlsen and Nakamura share the lead on 1.5 points apiece while Alireza, Liren and Caruana follow them a half point behind. Each win under classical time control here is worth three points while the winner takes 1.5 home in the Armageddon with one point for the one on the receiving end.

### SHOOTERS

## Gun-tampering allegations against rifles coach

**By Ajai Masand**  
**NEW DELHI:** A reputed national coach has been accused of tampering with rifles of some shooters by their parents, a charge that has been vehemently denied by the national federation, which has urged the aggrieved individuals to file a complaint. One of the parents of the allegedly affected

shooters, who declined to be named, told PTI on Tuesday that he had to purchase a new equipment for his ward after the original rifle was "spoilt" by the coach. They also refused to reveal the coach's identity. "Yes, my ward's gun was spoilt by the coach. We had to buy a new one because of that. How can the coach just come and do all these

**I have no idea, nobody has approached us. We have not received anything. I don't think so.**  
**Rajiv Bhatia**  
NRAI secretary



setting changes (alter the settings) without the approval of the shooter just one day before a world Cup," the father of the shooter said. "It happened during the ISSF World Cup in Bhopal last year. Not only this, every other match also, the coach does it, whenever the coach goes abroad, all these things are done."

## Sports Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Underdogs with bite: Albania eyes Euros with focus on spirit**

**TIRANA:** Albania is under no pressure heading to the European Championship although coach Sylvinho stressed on Monday his team will show its fighting character. The Albanians qualified for their second Euros by topping a group including the Czech Republic and Poland. They are in Group B with Italy, Spain and Croatia. Albania starts its campaign in Germany against defending champion Italy on June 15, followed by two-time quarterfinalist Croatia on June 19 then three-time champion Spain on June 24. Sylvinho was appointed in January 2023 to get Albania to Euro 2024, after which his contract ends. The Brazilian declined to answer a question on Monday about whether he wanted to continue as coach, saying only that his focus and energy were on preparing the team for the Euros. **PTI**

**FRENCH OPEN**  
**Sumit Nagal's fightback falls short against Russian Khachanov**



**PARIS:** Sumit Nagal's late resistance was not enough as his French Open debut ended with a defeat against big-hitting Russian Karen Khachanov, who overpowered the Indian in straight sets. The top Indian singles player struggled to match the power and range of his fancied rival, losing 2-6, 0-6, 6-7(5) in the opening round. Nagal had shocked Alexander Bublik at the Australian Open but could not repeat his braveheart act on red clay. **PTI**

## India squad Vikramaditya to captain India in World Racketlon Championship



**NEW DELHI:** Vikramaditya Chaufla was on Tuesday named captain of the six-member India squad for the World Racketlon Championship in Rotterdam from July 31 to August 4.

Racketlon is a combination sport in which the competitors are required to play four racket sports: table tennis, badminton, tennis and squash. Chaufla, a former badminton player, was a member of the India racketlon squad in the previous two World Championship. He had won a silver medal in the individual category in the 2022 edition also held in Rotterdam.

Also part of the squad are Nihit

Kumar Singh, Karan Taneja, Prashant Sen Nikhil Mansukhani and sole female player in Nayna Taneja. The Racketlon India Sports Association announced the squad on Tuesday.

"It is a great honour for me to lead the team in my third appearance at World Championship. Racketlon is a sport that is growing fast in India and a good performance in the World Championship will only increase the awareness around the game. The aim is to win a medal for the country," said Chaufla, who hails from Udaipur.

K K Cheema, who is the president of Racketlon India Sports Association, will be the team manager. **PTI**

## The Day's NUMBERS

### LIST OF FRENCH OPEN MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONS

Rafael Nadal	14
Max Decugis	8
Bjorn Borg	6
Henri Cochet	5
Andre Vacherot	4

Source: Wikipedia

## Soccer Bochum stages epic comeback to survive relegation playoff

**DUSSELDORF:** Bochum clinched Bundesliga survival by coming from three goals down and winning a penalty shootout 6-5 to thwart Fortuna Düsseldorf's promotion bid on Monday.

Second division club Düsseldorf was 3-0 up from the first leg of their playoff on Thursday, but Philipp Hofmann scored twice and Kevin Stöger converted a penalty for Bochum to win the second leg 3-0.

It left the teams level at 3-3 on aggregate. Düsseldorf came closest to scoring in extra time and Bochum held on thanks to a number of goal-line clearances.

Veteran goalkeeper Andreas Luthe saved Andre Hoffmann's first effort for Düsseldorf in the shootout, and counterpart Florian Kastenmeier also made a save for the home team. It left the pressure on Düsseldorf's Takashi Uchino. The young Japanese defender sent his spot kick high over the goal along with his team's hopes. **PTI**

## Cricket Ganguly urges Saha for 'One Last Match' in Bengal colours



**KOLKATA:** Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has asked aggrieved veteran stumper Wriddhiman Saha to play "one last match" for his home state Bengal before calling it quits, Tripura Cricket Association joint secretary Jayanta Dey said on Monday. The 39-year-old, who joined Tripura after a rift with some Cricket Association of Bengal officials in 2022, met Ganguly here. It remains to be seen if Saha may turn up for Siliguri Strikers in the Bengal Pro T20 franchise league beginning on June 11, even as the players draft for the teams are over. **PTI**

# Sports News



Qinwen Zheng celebrates after winning her first round match against France's Alize Cornet.



Elena Rybakina celebrates after winning her first round match against Belgium's Greet Minnen.

## Zheng ousts Cornet; Rybakina advances

**Agencies**  
Zheng stepped up her game further to build a 5-1 lead before finishing the match off in style.

**PARIS:** Seventh seed Zheng Qinwen powered past Alize Cornet 6-2, 6-1 and into the second round of the French Open on Tuesday, sending the Frenchwoman into retirement with a heavy defeat at

her home Grand Slam, where she has featured for 20 straight years. The 34-year-old Cornet, holder of the Open era women's record for consecutive major main draw appearances, had previously announced that she would bring the curtain down on her career after the tournament. Cornet will still compete in the women's doubles and mixed doubles events before she walks away from the

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● Rybakina is the only player to beat Iga Swiatek on clay this year, defeating the world number one on her way to the Stuttgart title in April.

sport after almost 20 years as a professional. She gave it her all under the Court Philippe Chatrier roof on a rainy day in Paris but was no match for the Australian Open runner-up as she

surrendered the opening set tamely and found herself a break down early in the next. Zheng, who arrived at Roland Garros on the back of a run to the Rome quarter-finals and is bidding to claim her maiden major title, stepped up her game further to build a 5-1 lead before finishing the match off in style. She hugged Cornet at the net as a small crowd at the main stadium rose to its feet and cheered

for the local player. Zheng will next face either American Ashlyn Krueger or Germany's Tamara Korpatsch. Earlier, the top seed Iga Swiatek cruised past qualifier Leolia Jeanjean 6-1, 6-2 to successfully launch her title defence at the French Open where she seeks a fourth title on the Paris clay. A superb forehand down the line put Swiatek 4-1 up before running away with the first set in half an hour.

### Elena Rybakina eases past Minnen

World number four Elena Rybakina recovered from a rocky start to comfortably beat Belgian Greet Minnen 6-2, 6-3 in the first round, showing a full recovery from her recent illness. Rybakina was unable to defend her Italian Open title and after losing serve in the opening game at Roland Garros and going 2-0 down, it looked like the Kazakh could be in trou-

ble. Rybakina withdrew from the French Open last year before her third-round match. "Last year I missed this tournament and it was really hard but really happy to be back and compete here," Rybakina said. "I'm really happy, thank you so much for coming guys, it's been an amazing atmosphere." After Minnen's fast start, fourth seed Rybakina settled down to take

the next six games and win the first set and the Kazakh began the second in the same fashion as she cruised into a 4-0 lead. Minnen rallied and broke serve, and when Rybakina broke for a third time in the second set and served for the match, the Belgian broke again. But it only delayed the inevitable as the Kazakh held her next service game to win the match.

**CRICKET**

## Want Hardik to come good in T20 WC: Harbhajan

**Kushan Sarkar & Himank Negi**  
Harbhajan expects the tide to turn in the Americas during the T20 showpiece.

**CHENNAI:** Former India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh has nothing but empathy for Hardik Pandya as he navigates a challenging phase in his career and is hopeful that the all-rounder, who "hasn't been a free man in the last two months", will become one during next month's T20 World Cup. "When he wears that blue jersey, he will be a different Hardik Pandya because we know he can score those runs and take those wickets. I want Hardik to come good as he has gone through a lot and I wish him all the very best to have a very good tournament for India," Harbhajan told PTI in an exclusive interview.



Harbhajan poses for photographs.

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● There was speculation throughout the season that MI's dressing room was a divided house due to the change of guard. Rohit will now captain the national side with Pandya as his deputy in the World Cup starting June 1.

"If he has a good tournament, obviously India will have a great chance to go forward," he said. "Yes, his form is a bit of a concern...and lot of other stuff was going on

around him, his shifting from Gujarat to Mumbai, was a big change and the team (MI) didn't react too well to Hardik coming back and that too as captain," the 43-year-old added. Harbhajan, a multi format World Cup-winner, urged the team management to bring Pandya and Rohit on "same page". "...it looked like they (MI) were not playing together as a team. So there was a lot going on. Hardik wasn't a free man in the last two months. I believe both of them and many others who have played in different teams will have to come together to do something special for the nation..." he said. "Winning a World Cup is a bigger achievement than winning an IPL trophy, so I would urge the management to bring everyone together, have them on one page and make sure they play like one.

### Nishant outclasses Otgonbaatar in 2 minutes

**BANGKOK:** Nishant Dev out-punched his Mongolian opponent in just over two minutes to progress to the 71kg pre quarterfinals while Abhinash Jamwal ran out of luck as he was knocked out of the second Boxing World Olympic Qualifiers here on Tuesday. Dev, who had narrowly missed out an Olympic berth at the previous qualifiers, began with a flurry of punches against Mongolia's Otgonbaatar Byamba-Erdeneto to force a standing count in the very first minute. A combination of a jab and cross hook led to another standing count and the Referee Stopped the Contest (RSC) with 58 seconds still left to play in Round 1. Earlier, Jamwal fought back with gumption after losing a close first round against Colombia's Jose Manuel Viazara Fory in the 63.5kg bout. He clearly dominated the third and final round forcing a tie on points from all five judges. However as per the rules, the judges were asked to weigh the performance again and decide on the winner after the scores were level.

**SINGAPORE OPEN**

## Satwik-Chirag suffer shock defeat in opening round

**Press Trust of India**  
**SINGAPORE:** World No. 1 Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty crashed out of the Singapore Open after suffering a shock defeat against Denmark's world number 34 Daniel Lundgaard and Mads Vestergaard in the opening round, here Tuesday. One of the favourites to win a gold medal at Paris Olympics, Satwik and Chirag, who had claimed the Thailand Open super 500 early this month, lost 20-22 18-21 to Daniel and Mads in a 47-minute clash of the Super 750 badminton tournament.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty.

It turned out to be a dismal day for India as Aakarshu Kashyap and Priyanshu Rajawat also failed to cross the opening hurdle in singles competition. While world no. 41 Kashyap lost 7-21 15-21 to Thailand's Pornpicha

Choeikeewong, ranked 42nd, Rajawat fought hard before going down 21-23 19-21 to Hong Kong's Lee Cheuk Yiu. Women's doubles pair of Rutuparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda also played their heart out before losing 12-21

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● Satwik and Chirag lost 20-22 18-21 to Daniel and Mads in a 47-minute clash of the Super 750 badminton tournament.

21-12 13-21 to Chinese Taipei's Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun. Ashith Surya and Amrutha Pramuthesh also lost 8-21 17-21 to Hong Kong's Lee CHun Hei Reginald and Ng Tsz Yau in mixed doubles. Top Indian shuttlers such as PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy will begin their campaign on Wednesday.

**T20 WC**

## 'India is the strongest side even with injuries'

**Press Trust of India**  
**LONDON:** India's remarkable reservoir of talent and formidable depth within their squad makes them strong contenders to win the upcoming T20 World Cup, feels former England skipper Eoin Morgan. India have gone with almost the same squad as they had in the last edition of the T20 World Cup while adding the likes of young Yashasvi



Jaiswal, Yuzvendra Chahal and Sanju Samson. "The strongest side even with injuries throughout

**The strongest side even with injuries throughout the tournament is India.**  
Eoin Morgan Former England skipper the tournament is India. Their strength and depth is absolutely incredible," Morgan said on Sky Sports. "And it's almost probably, we're talking

about who the players that were missed out in their squad of 15 because of the quality that they possess. "They are favourites for me, the quality they have on paper, if they produce it I think they can beat anybody quite well in the tournament," he added. India were spoilt for choice as they were forced to leave the likes of Shubman Gill and KL Rahul.

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"There was a phase in my life where I held this grudge against one, and now, I want to call it quits and leave that grudge behind and that's Honey Singh."

**Badshah**  
Singer



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## OIT Watch



### Fractured City: A Bionic nightmare

Set in 2035, Bionic on Netflix, follows sisters Maria and Sofia, long-jump rivals entangled in crime amid a dystopian society dominated by advanced bionic prosthetics. Directed by Afonso Poyart, the film explores ambition, rivalry, and ethical dilemmas.



### Unyielding spirit: Standing tall for a piece of home

Dedh Bigha Zameen stars Pratik Gandhi and Khushalii Kumar in lead roles. The film revolves around a middle-class man trying to raise money for his sister's dowry. It will be released on May 31 on Jio Cinema.



### The First Omen unveiled: Darkness rises

Starring Nell Tiger Free, The First Omen follows an American woman sent to work in a Roman church, uncovering a sinister plot to birth the Antichrist. Coming to Disney+Hotstar on May 3.



### Comic book dreams, runaway reality: A Geek Girl's unexpected life

Based on Holly Smale's novel, Geek Girl delves into the life of a neurodivergent teenager thrust into the fashion spotlight. As she grapples with newfound fame, she must navigate the complexities of high school and personal relationships.



### Unraveling the truth: Watch EILEEN, a JioCinema mystery

Directed by William Oldroyd, EILEEN is a thrilling mystery following a young secretary at a prison whose life takes a dark turn when her friendship with a glamorous counselor becomes sinister. Starring Thomasin McKenzie, Anne Hathaway, and Shea Whigham.

CLOSE UP

## Huma Qureshi calls for Cannes cash shift: Support Indie films!

Huma urges brands that spend money to send people to Cannes support small films instead.

Central Chronicle News

Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi has championed the cause of Indie films and has sparked a debate requesting Cannes to support more independent filmmakers rather than bringing non-film people to walk the red carpet.

The 77th Cannes Film Festival celebrated Indian cinema with numerous films gracing the silver screen and Indian luminaries walking the red carpet. Huma Qureshi, a veteran of Bollywood and Cannes since her 2012 debut with "Gangs of Wasseypur," recently voiced her disappointment over the presence of non-film individuals sponsored by brands. Qureshi's impassioned plea on social media emphasized the festival's essence as a celebration of cinematic art and urged brands to support small, independent films. Her passionate call to action aligns with a broader industry movement for authentic representation, highlighting the importance of diverse voices at prestigious events like Cannes. Qureshi's stance underscores the need for brands to uphold the festival's values and foster an environment where emerging filmmakers can thrive alongside established industry figures.



Huma Qureshi criticises brands for inviting unnecessary people to Cannes



### Huma Qureshi: A voice for Indie cinema at Cannes

Huma advocating for authentic representation, she called for support for small, independent films, sparking crucial dialogue about inclusivity in the cinematic landscape. Her support underscores the importance of aligning brand involvement

with Cannes' core values, creating an environment conducive to the flourishing of emerging filmmakers and diverse narratives. Her message resonates across the industry, inspiring stakeholders to prioritize authenticity and diversity in their engagement with prestigious film festivals like Cannes.

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## The Bold and the Beautiful: Brace yourselves for an emotional storm!

Central Chronicle News

In the upcoming episode of The Bold and the Beautiful, Steffy Forrester finds herself in the midst of a tempest of emotions as her fiancé, Finn, unexpectedly becomes embroiled in Sheila and Deacon's wedding festivities. Struggling to contain her mounting frustration and suspicions, she teeters on the brink of a confrontation that could irreversibly alter the course of her relationship. As she grapples with conflicting feelings of betrayal and mistrust, the tension in her internal struggle mirrors the storm of emotions brew-



ing within her. Doubts about Finn's loyalty clash with her apprehension towards Sheila's manipulative nature, creating a volatile mix that threatens to explode at any moment. Meanwhile, against the backdrop of Steffy's emotional turmoil, Bill Spencer seizes the opportunity to make a grand romantic gesture to Poppy Nozawa, proposing a significant step forward in their relationship. As Steffy wrestles with her demons, Bill's heartfelt declaration adds another layer of intrigue

Upcoming twist and turns in upcoming episode of The Bold and the Beautiful.

### HIGHLIGHT

• The Bold and the Beautiful, spoilers tease that Steffy learns why it took so long for Finn to come home with that pizza. She discovers that Sheila hijacked Finn at Il Giardino.

and tension to the unfolding drama. As the episode hurtles towards its climax, viewers are left on the edge of their seats, eagerly anticipating the explosive confrontation between Steffy and Finn, as well as the outcome of Bill's proposal.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Dhadak sequel incoming? KJo teases new project on Instagram

Bollywood maestro Karan Johar has stirred excitement with the announcement of 'Dhadak 2', showcasing Siddhant Chaturvedi and Triptii Dimri as leads. After initial denials, Johar shared a teaser on Instagram, hinting at a narrative confronting caste-based prejudices. Directed by Shazia Iqbal, the film promises to echo Ambedkarite ideals, portraying a love story transcending societal barriers. Chaturvedi and Dimri embody characters from disparate backgrounds, echoing the struggles against caste discrimination. As a sequel to the original 'Dhadak', which adapted the Marathi hit 'Sairat', this installment is poised to continue the franchise's legacy.

Web Series

### Vengeance is served cold: Exclusive look at Disney+Hotstar's 'Gunaah'

Disney+ Hotstar has dropped the tantalizing teaser of their upcoming drama series, 'Gunaah', starring Gashmeer Mahajani and Surbhi Jyoti. Mahajani portrays Abhimayu, a complex character driven by vengeance, blurring moral lines. Creator Anirudh Pathak promises an enthralling narrative, set to captivate audiences upon its June 3 release. Mahajani expresses excitement for his unique role, while producers from Bodhi Tree Multimedia Ltd ensure a compelling saga. Directed by Anil Senior, 'Gunaah' immerses viewers in a world of betrayal and mystery, promising an unforgettable journey on mobile screens.

### The Bollywood hot pair

### A night out with Akki & Twinkle: Decoding their style preferences



Akshay Kumar, in a recent interview, shared insights into his style choices influenced by wife Twinkle Khanna. The Bollywood star disclosed how Twinkle critiques his attire, disapproving of tracks on outings, and preferring a classic white shirt with denim. Emphasizing the importance of spousal input, Kumar

highlighted Twinkle's role in shaping his wardrobe for events. Additionally, he revealed his go-to outfit for romantic dinners, guided by Twinkle's preference for simplicity over extravagance. Kumar's admiration for his wife's taste underscores their harmonious relationship both on and off-screen.

## Trending on Insta



@janhvikapoor\_hottest

### Following mom's footsteps: Janhvi visits Sridevi's favourite Chennai temple

Ahead of the release of 'Mr. & Mrs. Mahi', actress Janhvi Kapoor visited the Muppathamman temple, her late mother Sridevi's favorite place in Chennai, and shared pictures on Instagram.

@raashiikhanna

### Denim inspiration: Get ideas from Raashii Khanna's Instagram look

Actress Raashii Khanna treated fans to fresh snaps on Monday via Instagram, looking effortlessly chic in a sleeveless denim top and matching skirt with a high-high slit.



Fashion

### Slay like Sanon: Kriti rocks a sassy lace-up midi dress

Kriti Sanon, a fashion maven, once again dazzles with her summer style, donning a Chloé Lace-up cotton-piqué midi dress worth Rs. 64,790. The sleeveless ensemble boasts a corset-inspired lace-up bodice, exuding romantic vibes. Crafted from delicate cotton-piqué, its versatile design transitions seamlessly from sunny days paired with sandals to chic evenings with statement heels.



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