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CGBSE CLASS 10, 12 RESULTS |

Girls outshine boys, notch top ranks

Class 12 overall pass percentage was 80.74 per cent, 75.61 % for Class 10.

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RAIPUR: The results of Class 12 and Class 10 examinations conducted by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) were declared on Thursday, with girls securing top ranks, dominating the merit lists and also outshining boys in overall pass percentage.

As per the results announced by CGBSE chairman Renu G Pilley here, the Class 12 overall pass percentage was 80.74 per cent, while it was 75.61 per cent for Class 10.

Girls recorded a pass percentage of 83.72 per cent and boys 76.91 per cent in Class 12 exams,



CGBSE chairman Renu G Pilley(R) releasing results. | Photo: CGBSE



Best wishes to all who passed the exams

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister

while the figure was 79.35 per cent for girls and 71.12 per cent for boys in the Class 10 exams, the official said. "While 20 students made it to the merit

- CLASS X TOPPERS**
1. SIMRAN SHABBA JASHPUR
 2. HONISHA GARIABAND
 3. SHREYANSH YADAV JASHPUR
- CLASS XII TOPPERS**
1. MAHEK AGRAWAL MAHASAMUND
 2. KOPAL AMBAST BALODABAZAR
 3. PREETI BALODABAZAR & AYUSHI GUPTA JASHPUR

list (top ten) in Class 12, a total of 59 students are in the merit list of Class 10. The number of girls in the merit list in Class 12 and 10 stands at 15 and 44, respectively," the official said.

In the Class 12 exams, Mahek Agrawal of EVAS Woodland English Medium HS School Sarai-pali, Mahasamund district secured top position with 97.40 per cent.

"In the Class 10 exams, Simran Shabba of Swami Atmanand Govt Utkrisht English Medium School, Jasipur, topped with a 99.50 per cent. Honisha of Saraswati Shishu Mandir HS School, Kopra in Gariaband district stood second with 98.83 per cent," Pilley said.

Shreyansh Kumar Yadav of Swami Atmanand Govt Utkrisht English Medium School, Jasipur bagged third position with 98.33 per cent, he added.

Padma awards presented

NEW DELHI: Veteran actors Vyjayanthimala Bala and Konidela Chiranjeevi were bestowed the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian honour awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, on Thursday. President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards.

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Hindu population falls by 7.8 %, Muslims up 43.15 % : EAC-PM paper

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Data indicates that there is a conducive environment to foster diversity in the society.

NEW DELHI: The share of the Hindu population decreased by 7.82 per cent between 1950 and 2015 in India, while that of Muslims increased by 43.15 per cent, suggesting

that there is a conducive environment in the country to foster diversity, said a recent working paper by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).

The paper titled 'Share of Religious Minorities: A Cross-Country Analysis (1950-2015)' further said the share of Jains in the population of India decreased from 0.45 per cent in 1950 to 0.36 per cent in 2015. "...

The share of the majority Hindu population decreased by 7.82 per cent between 1950 and 2015 (from 84.68 per cent to 78.06 per cent).

The share of Muslim population in 1950 was 9.84 per cent and increased to 14.09 per cent in 2015 -- a 43.15 per cent increase in their share," said the paper prepared by a team led by Shamika Ravi, member, EAC-PM.

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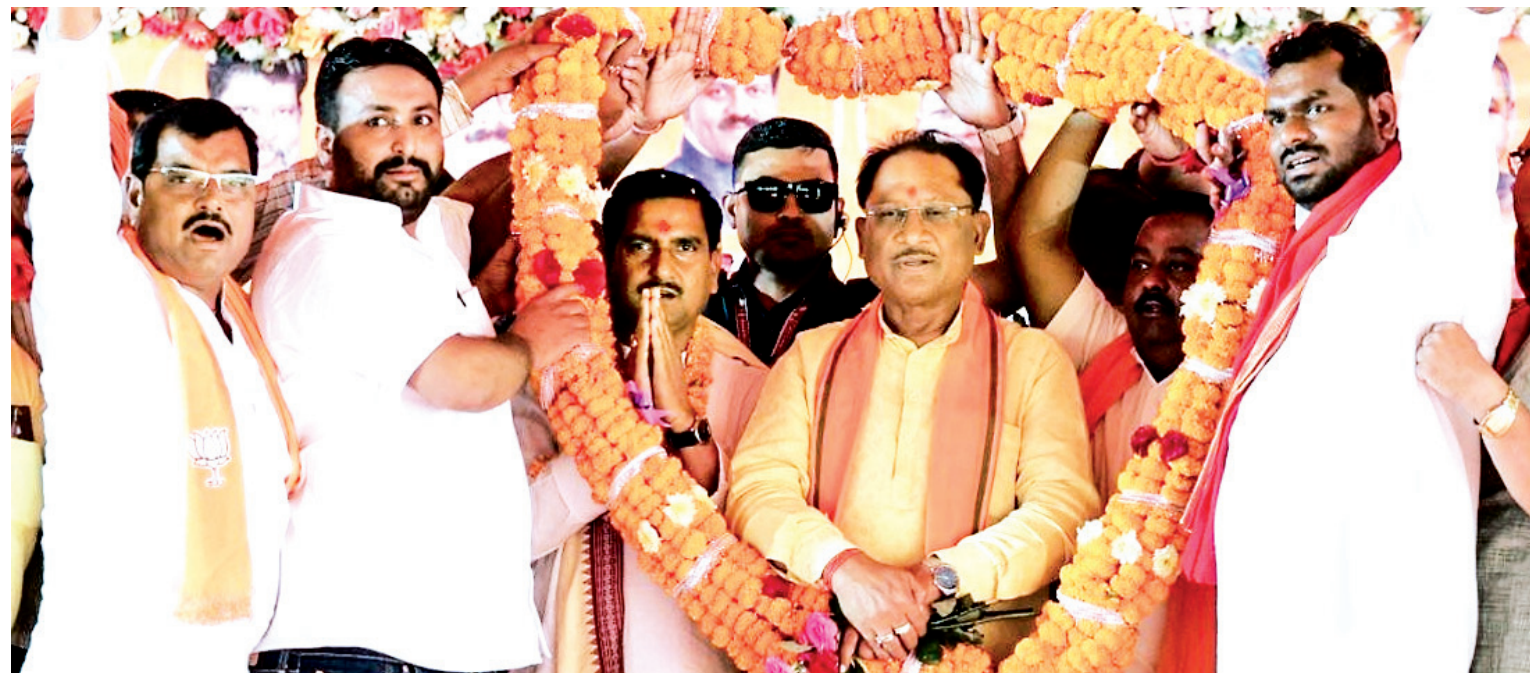
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CM Vishnu Deo Sai addressed three public meetings in Shankargarh, Malkharouda and Mungeli.

'Congress seeing its defeat is resorting to bundle of lies'

Taking his bundle of lies, Bhupesh Baghel could not even found huge gathering of supporters to attend his public meeting in Kunkuri VS area

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SHANKARGARH: Seeing clear-cut defeat of Congress, now Bhupesh Baghel has caught hold of boat of lies and is trying to spread all sorts of false rumour against BJP government.

Then be it the lie of closing of the constitution if PM Modi is elected or be it the closure of Mahatari Vandan Yojana after the elections or that of closure of purchase of paddy on MSP and the closure of PDS rice are only to name a few, he added.

CM Sai made it clear that in presence of Modi and BJP, nobody can

even touch the Constitution. It is the very Congress which had carried out more than 80 amendments into the Constitution and the very allegation against BJP that if PM Modi is re-elected as PM, the constitution will be closed.

CM Sai said that the third installment of the Mahatari Vandan Yojana has been released yesterday and this scheme would continue till the people of state continue to shower their blessings to the BJP government.

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HIGHLIGHT

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Speaking further CM Sai charged that taking his bundle of lies, Bhupesh Baghel could not even found army

of supporters to attend his public meeting in Kunkuri VS area and there were hardly a thousand persons present. With a very thin presence of crowd in any public meeting of ex-CM shows a mirror of outcome of his works.

Seeing likely defeat of Congress, Bhupesh Baghel has started resorting to lies, but it is the people who know start realities and would come under his influence and would give him befitting reply.

Gheraoing Congress, CM Sai charged that Congress has not even spared Modi's government 'Jal Jeevan Mission'

(JJM) and made rampant corruption in it and due to which the very objective of taking water to every door could not be fulfilled.

Now the BJP government has come to power and we would now ensure that water reaches every house and the target would be completed to its full.

On this occasion CM Sai sought votes in favour of LS candidate from Surguja Chintamani Maharaj, Kamlesh Jangde from Janjgir-Champa and Tokhan Sahu from Bilaspur LS seat and ensure their victory with record votes.

Fire broke out in Ashiana Apartment of Kabir Nagar

RAIPUR: A massive fire broke out in an apartment in Raipur. It is being told that there is a fire in the house on the third floor of C Block of Ashiana Apartment. There was chaos in the area due to the fire. Two fire brigade vehicles reached the spot and extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire is being said to be short circuit. The incident took place in Kabir Nagar police station area. A sudden fire broke out in the house number C Block 302 of the third floor of Ashiana Building. The house was locked when the fire broke out, all the family members had gone to Mumbai. On receiving information about the fire, two fire brigade vehicles arrived and extinguished the fire.

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New refreshing Beverage promises delicious Taste and Health benefits at an affordable price point

RAIPUR: The atmosphere in Raipur was electrifying on Thursday as Vachan brand unveiled its highly anticipated Vachan Active V-based energy drink. Priced at an MRP of Rs.10, this refreshing beverage is poised to delight consumers with its delicious flavor and health-conscious formulation.

Vachan Active V is more than just a drink—it's a powerhouse of benefits. Offering faster electrolyte recovery, superior hydration, and bolstered



Raipurians enjoying newly launched Vachan's energy drink.

FACTFILE

● Vachan Active V is more than just a drink—it's a powerhouse of benefits

immunity, it stands as a beacon of wellness for health enthusiasts across

all age groups. Its versatility ensures that it caters to a wide demographic, promoting a holistic approach to health and well-being.

The consumer response has been overwhelmingly positive, with individuals expressing eagerness for the drink to

be available in a variety of flavors. This enthusiastic reception underscores Active V's potential to emerge as the preferred choice among health-conscious consumers, offering a delightful and nutritious alternative to traditional beverages.

| VOTER SUPPORT |

Munat drives Auto Rickshaw, encourages support

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RAIPUR: In a distinctive campaign maneuver, former cabinet minister and BJP MLA Rajesh Munat spearheaded efforts to bolster support for BJP candidate Brijmohan Agarwal in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Munat, serving as the Raipur Lok Sabha Cluster in-charge and Raipur

West MLA, embarked on a grassroots outreach campaign, engaging with constituents through initiatives like "Yuva Chaulpal" and "Tea Pe Charcha Abhiyaan." Undeterred by the sweltering summer heat, Munat ventured out early morning to Anupam Garden, where he interacted with individuals participating in yoga sessions and morning walks.

BJP's resolve to ensure a substantial lead of one lakh votes for Brijmohan.

Rajesh Munat
MLA, Raipur West



Leveraging the opportunity, he appealed to voters to rally behind the

BJP and elect Agarwal as their representative. In a symbolic gesture of connection with the masses, Munat was observed driving an auto-rickshaw as he traversed various localities including Danganiya Bazaar and Amanaka. Amidst the campaign trail, he engaged in discussions over morning tea, fostering dialogue on key issues and BJP's policies.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

RESEARCH ENDEAVORS

CM Vishnudeo Sai praises research efforts at Khairagarh Gaushala

RAIPUR: In a recent meeting between Manohar Gaushala Khairagarh trustee Padma Dakalia (Akhil Jain) and Chhattisgarh's Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, and Vijay Sharma, all three ministers lauded the commendable work being conducted at the Gaushala. During the meeting, which lasted 40 minutes, Chief Minister Sai expressed keen interest in the research endeavors and Kamdhenu Mata initiatives at the Gaushala, meticulously examining a book related to cowshed operations. Padma Dakalia briefed the Chief Minister about various research projects, including crop nectar and cow extract utilization, and the resultant products. Chief Minister Sai assured a visit to Khairagarh with his family post Lok Sabha elections to personally witness the ongoing research and visit the cow shed.

LABOUR DAY

Punjabi Mahila Mandal distributes buttermilk and birdseed feeder



RAIPUR: Marine Drive, Telibandha witnessed a heartwarming display of community spirit as the Punjabi Mahila Mandal distributed sakora for buttermilk and birdseed feeder on Labour Day, underscoring the significance of solidarity and support for labourers. In a touching tribute to the dedication and hard work of laborers, the Punjabi Mahila Mandal, led by President Renu Gupta, Secretary Meena Bajaj, and Vice President Vijay Lakshmi Bajaj, organized an event at Marine Drive, Raipur.

Bullion Market visit

Students gain practical insight into Gem and Jewellery Industry at Bullion Market visit



RAIPUR: In a bid to provide students with practical exposure to the gem and jewelry industry, scholars enrolled in the Gem and Jewellery course at Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University embarked on a field trip to Sadarbazar's bullion market on Thursday. This visit was organized as part of the Gem and Jewellery Study and Internship Programme. During their visit, students had the privilege of exploring various gem and Jewellery showrooms, including the Gemstone Jewellery Establishment, Jewar owned by Harakh Maloo, former President of Raipur Sarafa Association. Maloo, a pivotal figure in facilitating the uni-

versity's gem and Jewellery course, engaged the students in discussions regarding the future prospects of the gemstone industry in Chhattisgarh, emphasizing the demand for skilled professionals and opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship. Maloo shared his expertise on a range of topics, including hallmark Jewellery, consumer protection, quality control, traditional Chhattisgarhi Jewellery, evolving trends in gemstone Jewellery, and manufacturing processes such as handcrafted and casted Jewellery. Moreover, he addressed broader issues such as the geopolitical landscape's impact on the industry.

The Day's NUMBERS

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES CONTESTING IN BILASPUR CONSTITUENCY YEAR-WISE

Year	Number of Candidates
2009	28
2014	26
2019	25
2024	37

Lok Sabha Elections

Source: Agencies

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Raipur MLA Brijmohan Agarwal seeks public support for elections

RAIPUR: Raipur South MLA Brijmohan Agarwal, celebrated for his historic electoral triumphs, orchestrated a spirited roadshow in his constituency on his birthday, urging constituents to recreate history in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. As the BJP candidate from Raipur Lok Sabha, Agarwal traversed through various areas receiving an enthusiastic reception marked by flower showers, garland adornments, and fireworks. On this special occasion, the local populace's jubilation was palpable, magnifying the significance of the event. Agarwal, affectionately called 'Jannayak', reciprocated the warmth of his constituents by addressing them at multiple junctures during the roadshow. Expressing gratitude for the unwavering support of Raipur South residents, Agarwal emphasized that his political journey, spanning eight consecutive terms as MLA and five ministerial positions, owes entirely to their enduring faith.

POSTAL VOTING

Postal voting underway for third phase of elections in Chhattisgarh



RAIPUR: The electoral process for the third phase of voting across seven Lok Sabha seats in Chhattisgarh has commenced with the initiation of postal voting. As of now, a total of 18,311 postal ballot papers have been received, encompassing ballots from employees aged above 85 and those on election duty. According to officials, the preparation and commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines have been completed in Surguja and Raigarh.

CGBSE declares results of Class 10th and 12th exams

Chairperson CGBSE President Renu Pillay declared results here on Thursday.

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RAIPUR: 75.61 percent candidates passed class 10th examination and 80.74 percent passed class 12th examination in board examinations conducted by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education. A total of 59 students featured in the top-10 of class 10th board exam and 20 students in the top-10 of the merit list of class 12th board exam. In the merit list of class 10th board examination, Simran Shabba of Swami Atmanand Government Excellent English Medium School, Jashpur stood first with 99.50 percent marks, while Honisha of Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School Kopra District Gariaband stood second with 98.83 percent marks.

Similarly, in the merit list of class 12th board examination, Mahek Agrawal of Evas Woodland English Medium Higher Secondary School, Saraipali district stood first by securing 97.40 percent marks, while Kopal Ambasht of Guru Ghasidas Government English Medium School, Baloda-Bazar district stood second with 97 percent.

According to the declaration of results by the



Renu Pillay announcing the Board results.

Chhattisgarh Government School Education Department, a total of 2239 students including 1108 in High School Examination 2024 and 1131 in Higher Secondary 2024 have been given bonus marks in extra-curricular activities. As per the decision taken by the Board, it has been decided not to add marks of non-academic activities in the merit list. Therefore, this year a temporary merit list has been prepared excluding bonus marks.

Mahek wants to pursue banking, Shabba wants to go in for UPSC

Mahek Agrawal of Evas Woodland English Medium Higher Secondary School, Saraipali, class 12th expressed elation over her topping the board examinations. She also stated that before the announcement of results, she was quite nervous as to what would happen. But, after seeing the news, she was quite happy. She thanked her

HIGHLIGHT

- 59 students made it to the top-10 of class 10 with Simran Shabba of Jashpur got the first position.
- 20 students included in the top 10 list of class 12th with Mahek Agrawal of Saraipali stood first.

parents and teachers for blessing her and motivating her along the way. When asked what she wants to do next, Mahek stated that she wants to go into the banking sector. Meanwhile, Simran Shabba of Swami Atmanand Government Excellent English Medium School, Jashpur scored the highest in class 10th examinations.

EOW conducts raids at more than 30 places in six cities

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RAIPUR: EOW teams is conducting raids at the residence and offices of accused involved in Liquor scam since early morning hours today and the cities where the raids were conducted against bullion traders and policemen include Raipur, Durg, Bhilai, Suhela, Kanker and Rajnandgaon. The EOW officials were present in each of these places with sufficient security forces. It is notable here that few days back by taking the accused of Mahadev Satta App into custody, interrogation was done and during this the names which came forward, EOW conducted raids either in their residence or that of their relatives today.

In Durg the EOW and ACB team raided the residence and shops of Sarafa trader including Directors of Saheli Jewellers and Alankar Jewellers. The team reached in the morning is holding interrogation with them. It is notable here that the IT and ED team had already conducted raids

at the residence and shop of the Director Alankar Jewellers -Prakash Sankhala.

EOW's team also reached residence of suspended ASI Chandrabhusan Verma's residence in Santoshi Nagar and they are also reported to have raided the house of police constable Kanker Vijay Pandey as well and Pandey was not present. On this EOW and ACB team sealed Pandey's

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house. It is notable here that in Mahadev Satta App case, the suspended ASI Chandrabhusan Verma, Satish Chandrakar and 'hawala' trader Sunil Dammani have been sent to jail. Amit Agrawal has been handed over to EOW on remand till May 14.

Govt to establish camps to corner naxals in Bastar

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The exercise would not only strengthen the security arrangement but would also ensure development in the region.



RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Government would be establishing more police camps in the other naxal-infested district apart from Bastar to corner them. Talking to media persons at BJP office situated at Ekattma Parishar here, the Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma who is holding the Home portfolio, said that the above exercise would not only strengthen the security arrangement but would also ensure development in the region.

Regarding the questions raised by the former Chief Minister and Congress Legislator Bhupesh Baghel over killing of 29 naxalites in police

encounter in Kanker, the Home Minister said that while the naxalites have themselves confirmed the killing by issuing list of the casualties, the Congress leader had been questioning the encounter. Regarding the recent controversy over the Congress manifesto committee member Sam Pitroda's statement, the Home Minister condemned the racist remark and added that the political think tank of Congress Sam Pitroda should be expelled from the Congress for lifelong. He termed the statement of Pitroda to be anti-national as his words have hurt the sentiments of the people.

Couple, 2-yr-old daughter found dead

KORBA: A couple and their 2-year-old daughter were on Thursday found dead with injuries inflicted by sharp weapons in Chhattisgarh's Korba district, police said. It was yet to be ascertained whether it was a case of murder, they said. The incident took place in Kukricholi village under Uрга police station limits and some locals informed police about it in the morning, Korba Superintendent of Police Siddharth Tiwari said. "As of now we haven't reached any conclusion and whether it is a case of murder will be known after the investigation," he said. A police team and forensic personnel was sent to the spot, he said. While bodies of the woman and the child were lying on the bed, the man was found dead on the floor of their house. The deceased had injuries inflicted by sharp-edged weapons, the official said.

Nursing officers donated 60 units of blood in AIIMS-R

INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY

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The camp was jointly organized by the Nursing Officers Association and the Department of Transfusion Medicine.

RAIPUR: All India Institute of Medical Sciences organized the 4th blood donation camp on International Nurses' Day on Thursday. A total of 60 units were donated by nursing staff during the camp.

Executive Director Lt Gen Ashok Jindal inaugurated the camp and motivated nursing staff to come forward for the benefit of society and patients at large. 'Nursing staff is the backbone of health institutions. Patients interact with them more frequently than medicos. Nursing



Executive Director Lt Gen Ashok Jindal with the nursing staff during the blood donation camp in AIIMS-R.

FASTFACTS

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Officers must come forward to provide every possible service to the patients. Such initiatives will definitely be helpful for patients who need blood for their treatment, he said.

The camp was jointly organized by the Nursing Officers Association and the Department of Transfusion Medicine. Nursing staff including

Association President Banti Kumar, Vishok N, Chidamber Kulkarni, Shrinivas Kulkarni, Omraj, Ajay Singh, Bhanvar Parihar, Mahendra Sharma, Arpit Sharma, Narendra Vishnoi, Ashok Saini, Nitish Singh, Rashmi Jain, Vidhyashri, Ravichandran, Ravi Kiran, Anamika Das, Kanakraj also present on the occasion.

PRADHAN MANTRI POSHAN SHAKTI NIRMAN YOJANA

'Nyota Bhojan' scheme will become more effective from the new session

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RAIPUR: District Education Officers (DEOs) have been instructed to prepare an annual calendar to make the "Nyota Bhojan" scheme more effective from the upcoming academic session so that children in all schools can get the benefit of invitation food at least twice a month. Through this scheme, along with providing nutritious food to the children, the partic-

ipation of the local community in the scheme will also increase.

It is notable that Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai celebrated his birthday on 21 February 2024 among the children in the Bal Ashram in his native village Bagia in Jashpur district and started the "Nyota Bhojan" by eating with the children. After the launch of the scheme, many public representatives, officials, social organizations in the state



File Photo

are organizing invitation meals in the schools of the state. So far, more than 17 thousand invitation meals have been organized in the state in which more than 11 lakh children have benefited.

This scheme is based on community participation, Indian tradition of providing food to a large number of people on various festivals or occasions like anniversary, birthday, marriage and national festival etc. In

Nyota Bhojan is not a substitute for the food provided in the school, but it only supplements the food provided in the school.

District Education Officers Govt of Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh, inviting for food is called "Nyota". On this basis, Tithi Bhojan has been implemented in the name of "Nyota Bhojan". Nyota Bhojan is not a substitute for the food provided in the school, but it only supplements the food provided in the school. Community members can also provide kitchen items like cooking utensils, children's plates, thali, glasses and gas cylinder and stove for the kitchen.

NEWSLINE

TENNIS

Isha wins AITA All India Champion Series



RAIPUR: Isha Sharma from Chhattisgarh defeated Pratishtha Ray from West Bengal with the score of 6-2,6-4 in the final match to win the Apisem Tennis AITA CSTA All India Champion Series U-18 tournament here on Thursday. In the Boys double Under 18 final match, the pair of Arij Khann and Arnav Choudhary from Chhattisgarh had to face defeat as the opponents Dhruv Hegde and Arman Patil won the championship title with the score of 6-0,7-5. In the Men's semi-final match, Ramanuj Talukdar defeated Dharya Vimal with the score of 5-7,7-5, 7-5 to enter into the final of the tournament. Final match would be played on Friday during which the CSTA General Secretary GS Hora would be presenting award to the winners.

EDUCATION

Minister congratulates successful CGBSE Board students

RAIPUR: Minister for School Education Brijmohan Agrawal on Thursday congratulated the successful students of Class X and XII of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) after the results were declared here. In a statement issued here, the School Education Minister also asked the unsuccessful students to continue making efforts for better performances.

He further said that success is achieved through hard work in real life which also helps to increase the capacity building.

CRICKET

North and Central Zone win matches of One Day Challengers



RAIPUR: Shradha Vaishnav claimed six wickets including a hat-trick to help her team North Zone register a 9-wicket win against East Zone in the Women' Senior/ Under 23 One Day Challengers Trophy match being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) at Naya Raipur-based International Cricket Stadium here on Thursday.

Electing to bat first, the East Zone scored just 86 runs with Sanjana Paradhi scoring maximum 26 runs for the team.



“Voters of the state enthusiastically exercised their franchise and participated in the democratic system”

Reena Babasaheb Kangale,
Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh

Five students of Durg secure positions in CGBSE merit list

76.86 percent students cleared the High School exam while 83.40 percent students in HSc

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BHILAI: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education declared the results of Higher Secondary Examination and High School Exam on Thursday. The result of the High School exam in the district was 76.86 percent and the result of the Higher Secondary exam was 83.40 percent. In the High School Examination, four students of Durg district were successful in making a place in the merit list of Chhattisgarh while in the Higher Secondary Examination; one student of the district was successful in securing a position in the merit list of Chhattisgarh. Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary congratulated and extended best wishes to the successful students in the High School and Higher Secondary School Examinations. District Education Officer Arvind Mishra informed that in the Higher Secondary examination results, Bhavana Sahu of Government Higher Secondary School Jewra Sira Durg has secured 10th position in the merit list with 475 marks (95.00 percent) in



Administrative officers greeting the meritorious students.

class 12th. On the other hand, in the High School Examination results, Durga Rani Verma of Government High School Mahakakala stood 8th in the merit list with 585 marks (97.50 percent), Arya Kashyap of Government Prayas Residential School, Durg stood 8th in the merit list with 584 marks (97.33 percent); Yashwant Kumar Parkar of Khalsa Public High School, Durg got 9th place in the merit list with 584 marks (97.33 percent).

Free counselling provided for students to remain stress free

Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education has declared the result of High School and Higher Secondary Main Examination 2024 on Thursday. Many students were facing mental stress due to examination results. As per the instructions of Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary, the team of District Mental Health Programme of the District Hospital

HIGHLIGHT

• Four students in High School and one in Higher Secondary merit list

• Collector extends best wishes to the successful students

is working at the district level as well as the CHO

and ANM are working at rural and urban areas for the development of positive behaviour among the students. Counseling is being provided to the concerned teachers and parents. Through counselling, efforts will be made to provide psychological help to the students and to solve their problems so that the mental stress of the students can be reduced.

Collector reconstitutes Flying Squad Teams for all assemblies

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The team will conduct monitoring on the basis of received information in each assembly constituency.

BHILAI: Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Choudhary has superseded all the orders issued earlier for election expenditure monitoring and compliance of Model Code of Conduct till the vote counting day (June 04) in the district.

Under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, assembly wise Flying Squad teams have been formed. According to the information received from the District Election Office, the flying squad formed for assembly constituency number 62 Patan will be led by Nayab Tehsildar Bhupendra Kumar Singh and would include Patwari Tularam Sahu, police officer/personnel and videographer.

Similarly, the team formed for assembly constituency number 63 Durg Rural includes Additional Tehsildar Pawan Thakur, Patwari (Tehsil Durg) Pramod Kumar Srivastava, police officer/personnel and videographer. The team formed

for Assembly 64 Durg city includes Nayab Tehsildar Chandrashekhar Chandrakar, Patwari (Tehsil Durg) Vimal Kumar Gajpal, police officer/personnel and videographer. The team formed for assembly constituency number 65 Bhilai Nagar includes Additional Tehsildar Gurudutt Panchbhai, Rural Agriculture University Superinten-

FASTFACTS

• For election expenditure monitoring and compliance of Model Code of Conduct

• All illegal activities related to elections will be monitored till the day of counting

dent Toshan Lal Verma, police officer/personnel and videographer.

The team formed for Assembly 66 Vaishali Nagar includes Tehsildar Radheshyam Verma, Patwari (Tehsil Durg) Tekram Sahu, police officer/personnel and videographer.

The team formed for Assembly 67 Ahiwara includes Naib Tehsildar Kundan Lal Verma, Patwari (Tehsil Bhilai-03) Mukesh Sari, police officer/personnel and videographer.

RESULT

Bhilai Vidyalaya student Vinay scores 94.37% marks in Class-X



BHILAI: In the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) High School Certificate Examination (HSCE) class 10th result on May 09, Vinay Kumar Baghel, a student of BSP-Bhilai Vidyalaya, Sector-2, secured 94.37% marks. He scored 99 in Social Studies, 96 each in Hindi and Sanskrit, 90 each in Maths, and Science, and 95 in English. Vinay Kumar said that she was hopeful to score more than 90 percent marks. “Listening to music and playing mobile games in my leisure time was my stress buster. I have decided to pursue Physics, Chemistry, Maths (PCM), and become a successful Engineer,” said Vinay.

CRIME

Man murdered at liquor shop in Potiyakala

BHILAI: Following a petty dispute, a man was murdered at the liquor shop in Potiyakala area of Pulgaon Police Station limits. The incident occurred late evening on Wednesday. Some portion of the dispute was recorded in CCTV. Police have rounded up the suspect seen in the footage. According to information, the deceased was Pramod Sahu (48) son of Pusau Ram Sahu a resident of Atal Awasi Colony, Potiyakala, Durg. Around 21:00 hrs on Wednesday, Pramod with his relatives went to the liquor shop. Other relatives were waiting outside while Pramod went inside the liquor shop campus to purchase liquor. Meanwhile, he entered into an altercation with an unknown youth.

ARREST

Chain snatcher flees custody; arrested again

BHILAI: A chain snatcher, who has escaped from police custody, has been arrested again within a couple of days. The accused had looted a gold chain from a jewellery shop owner. While escaping, the locals managed to catch the accused and handed him over to police. Later the accused fled from the police station. Police launched an intensive search operation and managed to trap him again from Gondia. According to information, the accused is identified as Raju Soni. On May 07, the accused visited the jewellery shop of Tarachand Jain in Durg as a customer. He started interacting with the shop owner and suddenly tried to touch his feet. Suddenly, he snatched a gold chain from the neck of Tarachand Jain and tried to escape. Other shopkeepers responded immediately and managed to overpower the absconding accused.

St Thomas College organises awareness programme

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To educate students about the importance of prevention, early detection, and treatment of thalassaemia on World Thalassaemia Day.

BHILAI: The PG Department of Psychology St Thomas College, Bhilai organised an online Guest Lecture on the occasion of World Thalassaemia Day. The session's guest speaker was Dr Meenu Bajpai Professor and Faculty in charge of the Department of Transfusion and Medicine at ILBS, Delhi. Administrator Dr Joshi Varghese and Principal Dr MG Royon, faculties, and PG students of St Thomas College were present. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, HOD, PG Department of Psychology, welcomed the guests and participants of the session.

The Guest Speaker Dr Meenu Bajpai started the session by a detailed discussion on the awareness of thalassaemia, a genetic blood disorder characterized by abnormal hemoglobin production. This occasion aimed to educate students about the importance of prevention, early detection, and treatment of thalassaemia. She also explained the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by this condition and promoted efforts towards better management and support for thalassaemia patients. The session was very interactive and the queries of the participants were addressed by the resource person. Dr Sumita Singh, faculty of the College coordinated the programme and Dr Ankita Deshmukh faculty of the Department proposed vote of thanks. The session was very fruitful for faculties and students.

Man commits suicide

BHILAI: A man allegedly committed suicide by hanging self on Thursday morning. According to information, the deceased was Sumit Kumar Giri a resident of Jagriti Chowk, Camp-2, Chhawani.

Police have recovered a seven-page suicide note from his room. Sumit Kumar has mentioned about his matrimonial dispute in the suicide note and stated that he is committing suicide after being harassed by his wife.

Sumit Giri was married in the year 2019 and is a father of two children. As his wife was not comfortable in the joint family, they had started living in a separate house.

Later, she separated and started living in another house. Their matrimonial dispute is under trial before the court and Sumit was to attend a hearing on Thursday. Police have launched an investigation over the case.

Surya Namaskar Park: Stress-free centre for Yoga

Central Chronicle News

Introduction of Surya Namaskar as a stress management tool in the SPs speaks volumes about the growing recognition of holistic approaches to employee well-being in industrial settings.

BHILAI: In the bustling industrial environment of the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, where the machinery and production dominate the landscape, finding moments of tranquillity and stress relief can seem like a daunting task. However, amidst the Sinter production, the Surya Namaskar Park in the SP-III, Sinter Mc-II area is a serene and restful spot, where executives and non-executives alike gather daily



Sinter Plant employees practicing Surya Namaskar.

FASTFACTS

• Amidst Sinter production, the Surya Namaskar Park in the SP-III, Sinter Mc-II area is a serene and restful spot

• On a typical day, 20 to 30 executives and non-executives gather at the yoga park

to practice Surya Namaskar, an ancient yoga sequence renowned for its stress-relieving properties.

The conception, conceptualization, and creation of the Surya Namaskar Park at SP-III was envisaged during a major housekeeping drive taken up under the stalling leadership of Anup Kumar Dutta, CGM

(SPs), and MRK Sharif, GM I/c (SP-III). With a deep passion for yoga and unwavering commitment to employee welfare, a team of young managers namely MU Rao, DGM, RK Randive, AGM, Vipin, Manager, and Dinesh Manikpuri coupled together, were instrumental in garnering support and resources for the endeavour.

SOCIAL AND MEDICAL

Blood donation camp marks World Red Cross, World Thalassaemia Day

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BHILAI: As per the instructions of Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary, Durg District Blood observed World Red Cross and World Thalassaemia Day on May 08. Blood donation camp was organized with the aim of ensuring that the patient suffering from Thalassaemia does not face shortage of blood during treatment. The thalassaemia patients need

regular blood transfusion due to lack of haemoglobin. Collector Choudhary congratulated the blood donors on World Red Cross Day. She appreciated the organisers for holding the blood donation camp. According to the information received from Nodal Officer Blood Bank, District Hospital, the blood donors from ICICI Foundation Bhilai, Navdrishti Foundation, Agarwal Samaj Durg, Dr Rajneesh Malhotra,



The team with one of the blood donors.

Dr Roy Kiran, Pianshu Singh, Deepak Bansal and others donated a total of 30 units of blood. In the camp, a blood donor Pianshu Singh donated

the first “A” positive blood of his life. Blood Bank Durg regularly provides free blood to Thalassaemia patients. 317 units in the year 2020, 267 units in

the year 2021, 293 units in the year 2022, 498 units in the year 2023 and 154 units of blood were made available to patients suffering from thalassaemia from January 2024 to April 2024.

Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr JP Meshram, Civil Surgeon cum Chief Hospital Superintendent Dr Hemant Sahu, RMO Dr Akhilesh Yadav, Managing Member Red Cross and Jeevandeep Samiti members Dilip

“In the blood donation camp organised, 30 units of blood was collected for Thalassaemia patients”

Nodal Officer Blood Bank District Hospital

Thakur and Prashant Dongaonkar, Blood Bank

Nodal Officer Dr Praveen Kumar Agrawal, Blood Bank Incharge Officer Dr Neha Nalvaya, Hospital Consultant Dr Vishwanath Panigrahi, OP Verma, Ankita Singh, Tripesh Sharma, Dheeraj Rao Ingle, Roshan Singh Senior Lab Technician, Rupesh Sharpe, Sati Gupta, Mahendra Chandrakar, Dinesh, Madhusudan Devagnan, Kaushal, Himanshu and all the blood bank employees were present.

Battle'24



“Rahul Gandhi’s guru Sam Pitroda has tried to divide Indians on the basis of skin. It is very unfortunate.”

Dr. Mohan Yadav
Chief Minister, M.P.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra campaigns in UP



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra being welcomed by party leaders and workers during her election campaign for the Lok Sabha polls, in Rae Bareilly. Photo: PTI

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AMETHI ELECTION

My win in Amethi will be Gandhi’s victory: Cong’s Kishori Lal Sharma

AMETHI: Congress’ Amethi candidate Kishori Lal Sharma on Thursday said the BJP’s claim that his party had accepted defeat in this constituency smacks of “arrogance” and asserted that his win in the Lok Sabha polls would be a victory of the Gandhi family. In an interview with PTI here, Sharma cited the past instance of Congress leader Satish Sharma, who contested from Amethi in the 1990s, making way for Sonia Gandhi to contest from the constituency, and said he would do the same in favour of a Gandhi family member if such a situation arises in the future. Sharma had won the Amethi seat in 1991 and 1996 but lost in 1998 and moved to Rae Bareilly in 1999 with Sonia Gandhi contesting and winning Amethi.

ACTION

Five persons detained for showing black flags to Fadnavis’ convoy



MUMBAI: Five people were detained by police in north Maharashtra’s Dhule district after they showed black flags to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis’ convoy on Wednesday afternoon and released later, a police official said here. The incident took place at Karvand Naka in Shirpur, he said. Fadnavis was on his way to Jalgaon to campaign after finishing a rally in Shirpur when the protesters came on the road, the official said.

YSRCP Govt. in Andhra Pradesh will be thing of past after Jun 4: PM Modi

Due to its strong link with Congress culture, YSRCP has only furthered corruption, cronyism and Mafia Raj, says PM.

Press Trust Of India

VIJAYAWADA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the YSRCP government in Andhra Pradesh will be a thing of the past after June 4 as people are fed up with “corruption, cronyism and mafia raj”. Modi said this after a roadshow here. “Due to its strong link with Congress culture, YSRCP has only furthered corruption, cronyism and Mafia Raj. Andhra Pradesh is totally fed up of the YSRCP. Come 4th June, their government will be a thing of the past,” he said in a post on ‘X’. The prime minister said that after travel-



ling across the southern state recently, he was convinced that people were voting for the NDA alliance of the TDP, BJP and the Janasena in large numbers. Women and young voters are propelling this surge of support, he said, calling the roadshow memorable. Modi said the BJP and the TDP have worked together in the past and their alliance was committed to futuristic development, while

HIGHLIGHT

● The prime minister said that after travelling across the southern state recently, he was convinced that people were voting for the NDA alliance of the TDP.

● PM Modi vowed that the NDA would leverage the coastline of Andhra Pradesh for its progress, working towards a port-led

the active support of the Janasena has further fortified the coalition. He noted that the people of Andhra Pradesh view the NDA alliance as one

that is capable of fulfilling aspirations.

“We want to improve agricultural productivity, boost industrial growth and ensure AP (Andhra Pradesh) makes a mark in the services sector too. We want to give wings to the entrepreneurial energy the people of this state are blessed with,” Modi said. The prime minister vowed that the NDA would leverage the coastline of Andhra Pradesh for its progress, working towards a port-led development of the state and encouraging the fisheries sector. He said that emphasis on next-generation infrastructure would continue while much

work needs to be done on road, rail and air connectivity. Modi added that they also want to build a strong digital infrastructure. Earlier, Modi held a roadshow here to canvass for the NDA partners for the elections. Following a public meeting at Kalikiri in Annamayya district in the afternoon, the prime minister commenced his roadshow in the evening from the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium on Bandar Road in Vijayawada, NTR district. Tight security measures were enforced in the city, especially on Bandar Road where most commercial establishments were shut.

Pitroda Controversy

MP CM Yadav seeks apology from Congress, Rahul over Pitroda’s remarks



BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Wednesday sought an apology from the Congress and its MP Rahul Gandhi over party leader Sam Pitroda’s controversial remarks made while describing physical appearance of Indians.

Pitroda resigned as the Indian Overseas Congress chairman hours after making the remarks during a podcast. Yadav denounced the Congress leader’s objectionable comments and dubbed them as “humiliating” to Indians. “India is a country full of diversities. (Congress MP) Rahul Gandhi’s guru Sam Pitroda has tried to divide Indians on the basis

of skin. It is very unfortunate to make such statements during elections. The Congress is bent on humiliating Indians. Comparing South Indians with Africans and bringing such expressions is condemnable,” Yadav said in a statement here. “The Congress party and Rahul Gandhi should apologise for this to the entire country,” said the BJP leader. Pitroda stoked a major controversy with his remarks during a podcast where he cited ethnic and racial identities like Chinese, Africans, Arabs and Whites to describe the physical appearance of Indians from different parts of the country.

Repolling at polling station in Rajasthan’s Barmer

JAIPUR : Re-polling is underway at the Dudhwa Khurd polling station in Rajasthan’s Barmer Lok Sabha constituency on Wednesday. Repolling is being done after complaints of breach of confidentiality of votes were made after some videos showing bogus voting and the voters being denied their right to franchise went viral on social media. The Barmer District Election Officer has suspended four members of the polling team which had conducted the voting at the booth. Voting was held in this Lok Sabha constituency in the second phase on April 26. Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said repolling will be held from 7 am to 5 pm at polling centre number 50, Government Higher Secondary School, Dudhwa Khurd booth of Chauhtan assembly constituency.

INDIA bloc leaders meet EC over voter turnout, other issues

Press Trust Of India

Amid the opposition’s allegations, the poll body had asserted that booth-wise data of the “actual number of votes polled” is available to the candidates soon after the voting ends.

NEW DELHI: Leaders of the opposition INDIA bloc will meet the Election Commission on Friday over their demand to promptly release the absolute voter turnout figures in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls after each phase, sources said. While the sources had earlier said that the meeting was scheduled for Thursday, it was later changed to Friday. The



FACTFILE

● In a statement issued last week, the EC also said it attaches “due importance” to the timely release of voter turnout figures after each phase of the poll

opposition leaders will also raise the issue of alleged “use of religious symbols” by the BJP in

its campaign, the sources added. INDIA bloc parties, including the Congress, Trinamool Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist), have written to the poll panel separately so far, expressing concern over the alleged “delay” in the release of the voter turnout data in the first two phases. Amid the opposition’s allegations, the poll

body had asserted that booth-wise data of the “actual number of votes polled” is available to the candidates soon after the voting ends. In a statement issued last week, the EC also said it attaches “due importance” to the timely release of voter turnout figures after each phase of the poll, and said not just constituency, but booth-wise data of the actual number of votes polled is available with the candidates, which is a statutory requirement.

On Tuesday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had written to leaders of various opposition parties on the issue of alleged “discrepancies” in the voting data released by the Election Commission (EC).

RAJASTHAN CM CENSURES PM MODI |

Adani-Ambani have made black money: Gehlot

Press Trust Of India

JAIPUR: Congress leader Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his insinuating that Rahul Gandhi had taken money for not taking names of industrialists in his election speeches, saying Modi with his remark had conceded that “Adani-Ambani” amassed

black money.

Gehlot said that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been struggling for the truth for a long time and truth will eventually prevail. Modi in an election rally had asked why Rahul stopped taking the names of Adani and Ambani in his attacks and wondered whether he had received money from these industrialists.

Rahul Gandhi has been struggling for the truth for a long time. Justice and truth will prevail on June 4. “

Ashok Gehlot
Chief Minister, Rajasthan



“Well, the Prime Minister has openly revealed that Adani-Ambani have immense amounts of black money which he could not dare to touch in 10 years,” Gehlot said on X. “Now, Modi ji should also tell that before today, at whose place were the sacks and tempos filled with currency notes emptied?” he said.

The Day’s NUMBERS

LONGEST TENURE AS CM IN INDIA

Pawan Kumar Chamling	26 yrs
Navin Patnaik	24 yrs
Jyoti Basu	23 yrs
Gegond Apang	22 yrs
Lal Thanhawla	21 yrs

Source: Agencies

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN J & K

State Police orders rescheduling of car rally in Sopore- J&K

SRINAGAR: A senior police officer’s order seeking the rescheduling of political activities in north Kashmir’s Sopore has sparked a controversy with the National Conference accusing the UT administration of bias and obstructing a fair electoral process. Sopore falls within the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency that will go to polls on May 20 in the fifth phase of the seven phase parliamentary polls. NC leader and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is contesting the seat. On May 8, the office of Senior Superintendent of Police in Sopore, Divya D, issued an official directive to the additional district magistrate, outlining the rescheduling of various political activities in the area. The order specified the postponement of a car rally from May 9 to May 18, and the rescheduling of a political rally in Rafiabad from May 10 to May 18.

BJP ATTACKS AIMIM

Remove police for “15 seconds”: BJP’s Navneet Rana to Owaisi brothers



HYDERABAD: In a scathing attack against AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi and his brother Akbaruddin, BJP leader Navneet Rana has said if police were removed from duty for “15 seconds, the brothers would not know from where they came and where they went”. Rana’s blistering attack came in response to AIMIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi’s controversial speech in 2013 that it would take them only “15 minutes” to balance the “Hindu- Muslim ratio” in the country if the police were removed.

Students who have not secured high marks or have failed should not be disappointed.

VK Langeh
Collector -Korea



Chhattisgarh

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PASSENGERS WORRIES

Buses busy in elections leave passengers worried

KHARORA: Buses of the route are engaged in electoral duty, leaving commuters especially those travelling for marriages on Akti Vivah Muhurta left with minimal choice. Due to the elections, there is a shortage of passenger buses and only a few passenger buses are running, in which jam-packed passengers are being accommodated. In such a situation, due to the scorching heat, people are facing a lot of difficulties in travelling. It is noteworthy that 35 buses run for Raipur, 10 for Mahasamund, 20 for Baloda Bazar, 10 for Tilda run on this route, but due to this phase of elections, many passenger buses have been acquired, which has left only a few passenger buses running on this route. Women passengers in particular are facing a lot of problems, leading to compulsion of taking alternate routes for travel.

ILLICIT LIQUOR

52 yr old man arrested for transporting illicit liquor

KHAIRAGARH: On orders to take strict action against illegal gambling, betting, ganja and liquor in the district, a joint team of Chhuikhadan Police Cyber Cell Khairagarh under the leadership of Police Station Incharge Inspector Shivshankar Gendale arrested Sheikh Miltar, S/o Sheikh Moharram, age 52 years, resident of Udaipur police station, accused in transporting illegal liquor. 44 pauvas of country Romeo Plain liquor and 16 pauvas of Goa English liquor, total quantity 10.800 bulk liters, worth Rs. 6040 and one bike with number CG 08 H 1630 Bajaj Platina, including Rs. 10,000, with a total value of Rs. 16040 was seized from the accused.



Collector convened a joint meeting with hostel supts, RES officials in the district here on Thursday.

‘Providing good atmosphere in hostels is first priority’

Collector directed the Superintendents to prepare the estimate for the construction work in coordination with the Rural Engineering Services (RES) Department.

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KHAIRAGARH: District Collector Chandrakant Verma here held a joint meeting of Hostel Superintendent and Rural Engineering Service officials in the district and directed to identify the basic facilities including the repair of hostels/ashrams of the region and said that such repair works which affect studies should be completed before the start of the new academic session. The Collector directed the Superintendents to prepare the estimate for the construction work in coordination with the Rural

Engineering Services (RES) Department and submit it within a week, while the Superintendents were directed to ensure that on the day of the monitoring committee meeting every month also a parent children meeting should be called in every hostel/ashram. The Collector also stressed on solving problems, besides just stating it in writing, he stressed the need for effective initiatives to resolve them and laid special emphasis on the security of girls hostels/ashrams and said that for the safety and security of women and girls,

HIGHLIGHT

- The Collector also stressed on solving problems, besides just stating it in writing
- For safety and security of women and girls, the presence of Supts, watchman and lady home guard should be ensured

the presence of superintendent, watchman and lady home guard should be ensured as per the rules. In the meeting the Collector also directed to issue show cause notices to the superintendents who were absent in the meeting.

Instructing all the superintendents, he advised everyone to be alert and said that special care should be taken of discipline in the hostel and any kind of negligence or any other untoward incident should not be created, to which the district head asked the superintendents to treat the children with utmost care as their parents. All superintendents were instructed to make special efforts to develop their hostels as model hostels and for this; he asked to ensure 100% attendance of children in all the hostels, regular cleanliness, providing nutritious

food as per prescribed menu and availability of drinking water. He also talked about regular health check-up of hostel children and talked about developing kitchen gardens in the available spaces in the hostels. Inspection of hostels and instructed them to inspect the institute regularly and maintain the inspection register. Joint Collector Surendra Kumar Thakur, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department Shrikant Sharma and all the hostel superintendents of the district were present in the meeting.

Class 10th Board results of CGBSE declared Shourya Shukla secures 9th place in the merit list of Class 10th



RAJIM: Student Shourya Shukla from Saraswati Shishu Mandir HS School, Rajim secured 97.33% marks in the Class 10th and secured 9th place in the merit list and second place in Gariyaband district and brought laurels to the city and School. Shourya Shukla is the S/o Roshan Shukla and mother Lata Shukla. Shourya Shukla informed that he used to study 6-7 hours each day. He passed on the credit of his success to his mother and father and entire School family and said that he wants to become an IAS. In Class 10th, all the 117 students from the School have succeeded and in Class 12th, 78 out of 78 students have passed and in

this way the School's result was cent percent. Class 10th result: Shourya Shukla- First- 97.33%; Monica Sahu-second- 96.17%; Rahul Kumar Dhruv 96% -Third; In Class 10th, out of total 117 students, 17 boys obtained 90% marks. In Class 12th- Venukand Kurre secured 87.20% and came first; Isha Dhruv- 86.60% came second; Mordhwaj Sahu with 85.80% came third. On this achievement of boys and girls, President Shri Kuleshwar Nath Bal Kalyan Samiti Rajim- Raghoba Madik offered sweets to the topper students and Secretary Ajay Sahu, Treasurer Ramkumar Goswami presented flower bouquet.

Collector chairs weekly time-limit meeting

BIJAPUR: District Collector Anurag Pandey, while presiding over the time-limit meeting, instructed all the officers to immediately provide information related to compassionate appointment, or compensate the beneficiaries with a lump sum amount of Rs 15 lakh. This is applicable only for the compassionate beneficiaries of class III and IV, the Collector informed. In the meeting, instructions were given to the concerned officers for smooth operation of water supply schemes including remoteness of summer drinking water system in the district, proper maintenance of solar dual pumps and hand pumps and to improve solar dual pumps and hand pumps as per the need.

Siddhanth tops in Class 10th, Ashutosh, Tejpratap in 12th

Siddhanth Singh from ASHSS, Baikunthpur, secured 97% marks in the Class 10th and brought laurels to the district.



Siddhanth Singh, Ashutosh Sahu and Tejpratap Rajwade.

KOREA: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) has declared results of the Class 10th and 12th Board exams and in this the pass percentage of Class 10th was 84.22% and that of Class 12th was 87.27%. Siddhanth Singh from Adarsh Saraswati HS School, Baikunthpur, secured 97% marks in the Class 10th and brought laurels to the district. This time in Class 10th,

FACTFILE
● The pass percentage of Class 10th was 84.22% and that of Class 12th in Korea district was 87.27%

811 girls and 516 boys passed in I-division and 598 girls and 59 girls and 532 boys passed in II-division and 100 students secured III-division. In the same way in the

Class 12th Board exam, Ashutosh S/o Omprakash Sahu, from Shakuntala Saraswati HS School, Baikunthpur secured 93.60% marks and Tejpratap Rajwade S/o Rajendra Prasad from Govt Model HS School Baikunthpur secured 93.60% marks and brought laurels to their schools. This time in Class 12th Board, 605 girls and 389 boys passed in I-division; 562 girls and 485 boys

passed in II-division and 91 students passed in III division. The District Education officer Jitendra Gupta informed that this time in Class 10th, 1,408 boys and 1628 girls appeared and out of which 1,113 boys and 1,444 girls qualified. In the same way in 12th Board, 1,081 boys and 1363 girls appeared in the exam and out of which 933 boys and 1,200 girls passed.

AKSHAYA TRITIYA |

Clay dolls adorn the market for Akshaya Tritiya

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KHARORA: Clay dolls have decked the market in the region, for the festival of Akshaya Tritiya, which is to be celebrated on Friday, May 10. The day considered auspicious for marriages marks the beginning of weddings inaugurations and festivals in rural Chhattisgarh particularly. Sarvasiddhi

Muhurta Akshaya Tritiya has been recognized by the name of Akti in Chhattisgarh and which has importance as Sarva Siddhi Muhurta, which holds special significance for the purchase of clothes, jewellery, vehicle and new building. Earthen utensils have special significance on the day of Akshaya Tritiya and children arrange mar-

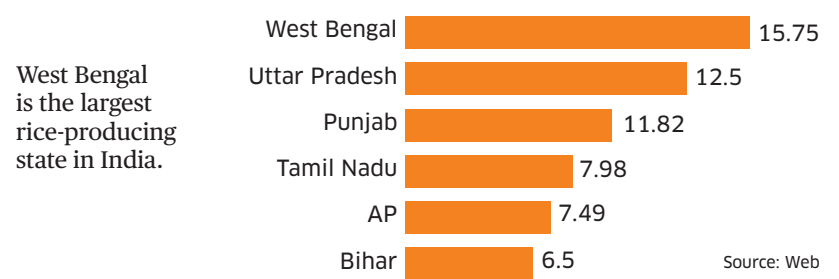
We will decorate for symbolic marriage of dolls as per rituals.
Children of Villages riages for their clay dolls a symbolic ritual of the day. Along with the dolls, lamps, urns, incense



sticks are also sold along to complete the ritual in a combo. Children of the village said that they will organise symbolic marriage of dolls, as per rituals and celebrate the festival. The day also holds religious importance as it is believed that on this day Goddess Ganga came from heaven to earth, and Lord Parashuram was born on this day.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP FIVE LARGE RICE PRODUCING STATES IN INDIA (MILLION TONNES)



RESULTS

Gyanodaya's Shrejal comes 10th in the merit list of Board exam



BEMETARA: Shrejal Dhruve, a student of the city's Gyanodaya Public School, has achieved great success in the Chhattisgarh 10th board examination. Shrejal has topped the school and secured 9th position in Chhattisgarh State Merit List with an excellent score of 97.33 percent. This achievement is not only the result of Shrejal's dedication and hard work but also reflects the excellence of education at Gyanodaya Public School. The success of Shrejal has made Bemetara district proud. Shrejal is the only student from Bemetara district to get a place in the state merit list. The school management and teachers have heartily congratulated Shrejal Dhruve for this achievement. He said that he is sure that Shrejal's determination and student skills will continue to shine in his future endeavours.

ELECTROCUTION

Two calves electrocuted in Padhi Marg of Pandariya Nagar



PANDARIA: Two calves were electrocuted in Padhi Marg of Pandariya Nagar, after a big branch of a mango tree growing on a farm in Padhi Marg fell, causing a live electric wire to dispel on the ground. People and local residents got aware of the incident seeing the calves' dead, and later informed the electricity department and got the current flow cut. Due to lack of information, electricity supply continued through this fallen wire throughout the night, leading to the tragic death of two animals.

Rifa, Yamuna secures ninth place in Class 12th merit list

CGBSE declared results of the Class 10th and 12th Board exams here on Thursday.

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KAWARDHA: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) has declared results of the Class 10th and 12th Board exams here on Thursday. In this Yamuna of Class 12th from Swamy Atmanand Government English Medium School (SAGEMS) Bodla Block of Kabirdhaam district has secured berth in top ten. On the other hand, Rifa Zaveri from SAGEMS Kawardha securing 95.20% marks in Class 12th has secured 9th place in the Board's tentative list. Both the girls from the region have brought laurels to the District.

On declaration of the results, there was rush of near & dear ones to extend greetings to both Yamuna and Rifa Zaveri. The Dy. CM of State and MLA Kawardha Vijay Sharma has also extended greetings to both Yamuna and Rifa Zaveri on their success.

Speaking to media, Rifa Zaveri said that she studied at home and never went for tuition and wants to become a CA. Both mother and father of Rifa have expressed happiness on success of their daughter. Rifa Zaveri informed that



Rifa Zaveri along with her parents.

she has received marks as per her expectations. It is notable here that Rifa is a Commerce student.

A total of 2.61 students were registered for Class 12th Board exam and out of this 2.58 lakh appeared and out of which 1.13 were boys and 1.45 were girls. The strength of the successful students is 2.08 lakh. Out of this 80.74% cleared the exam and the percentage of girls is 83.72% and that of boys is 76.91%. In the exam results declared, 88,101 (34.07%) passed the exam in I-division; 1.09 lakh (42.22%) in II division and 11,498 (4.45%) in III-division. Only five students have failed in the exam.

Collector extends greetings to Rifa, Yamuna for success

In the CGBSE results declared today, two students from Kawardha district have secured berth on the top-10. A student Rifa Javeri of Class 12th secured 9th place in the merit list and brought laurels to Kabirdhaam district.

Collector Janmajay Mahobe have extended greetings to both the toppers on bringing laurels to the district and wished them all the best in their future endeavours. In Class 10th Board exam, Yamuna of

HIGHLIGHT

● Collector Janmajay Mahobe praises Rifa and Yamuna for their remarkable achievements in the CGBSE exams.

● Both students earn top-10 spots, bringing recognition and pride to Kabirdhaam district.

Swamy Atmanand Government English Medium School (SAGEMS) Bodala block, secured 95.20%

marks and secured 9th place in the top 10. Whereas in the Class 12th Board exam, Rifa Javeri of SAGEMS, Kawardha secured 95.20% marks and got 9th berth in the merit list. Collector Janmajay Mahobe has extended greetings to both of them. Collector said that two students from Kabirdhaam district by securing berth in the top 10 of merit list has brought laurels to the district and he wished them all the best in their future endeavours.

Security forces honoured for LS election success

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SP and DM honour CRPF and SSB officers for election success.

GAURELA PENDRA: Following the smooth conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections, Superintendent of Police (SP) Bhavna Gupta and District Magistrate (DM) Kamlesh Leena Mandavi honored the contributions of the Central Armed Forces officers from the CRPF and SSB.

A ceremony and high tea were held for company commanders and the Adhoc Commandant, where mementos and citations were presented as tokens of gratitude.

During the event, the SP congratulated the DM on a voter turnout 4% higher than that of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. DM Mandavi remarked on the critical role that the police and security forces play in ensuring fair and peaceful elections.

Their efforts provided a secure and fear-free environment, allowing voters to confidently exercise their democratic rights.

The event also celebrated the successful completion of the third phase of voting across the state, including District GPM. Paramilitary forces stationed in the district

were preparing to return to their base camps, with the CRPF companies currently deployed in Sukma's Kishtaram area and SSB companies stationed in Kanker district. In all three phases of the election, the forces ensured smooth operations in politically active regions like Naxal-affected areas and GPM. This effort was acknowledged during the event, with SP Gupta expressing her gratitude

FASTFACTS

● SP Gupta acknowledged the 4% voter turnout increase and praised the Central Armed Forces' dedication.

● Officers praised seamless election communication aided by booklets with key instructions.

to the officers.

The program began with a warm welcome for the guests. CRPF and SSB officers shared their experiences, praising the meticulous organization of election duties in GPM.

They noted how the district's police administration, led by SP Gupta, provided printed booklets and pocket guides containing essential instructions, contact numbers, and communication protocols.

NEWSLINE

LS POLLS

Enthusiastic turnout marks Lok Sabha voting in Kharora



KHARORA: A high voter turnout marked the Lok Sabha elections in Kharora, with voters arriving at polling stations early due to the favorable weather.

Long queues formed as residents lined up to choose their Raipur Lok Sabha MP, enduring intense afternoon heat with enthusiasm.

Despite heavy security measures and the changing weather, the voting process remained smooth. Both city residents and rural villagers turned out to vote, eager to elect their representatives for the central government. The main contest in Raipur Lok Sabha was between Congress's Vikas Upadhyay and BJP's Brij Mohan Aggarwal.

INSURANCE CLAIM

Rs 10 lakh claim paid on Rs 399 insurance plan

PITHORA: Harmohan Dewan of village Tamora had taken a Rs 10 lakh accident insurance policy for Rs 399 from Tata AIG through the India Post Payment Bank. Unfortunately, he passed away in an accident on August 26, 2023.

His family submitted a claim through the Mahasamund sub-post office, and after the formalities, his wife Sulochani Dewan received a Rs 10 lakh check. Present during the handover were Senior Superintendent B. A. Khatti, postmaster Kamlesh Dhruvanshi, and other postal employees. In addition, the family will receive an extra Rs 200,000 for their children's education from the Postal Department and India Post Payment Bank.

ELECTION

Steady turnout despite rain in Mungeli Lok Sabha election



MUNGELI: The Lok Sabha elections concluded peacefully across the district, with 67.13% voter turnout in the Mungeli Assembly.

Despite the afternoon rain, voters arrived at the polling stations with umbrellas, eager to participate in democracy. In Mungeli Nagar, the voter turnout reached 62.07%, while Lormi reported 65.19%.

Voting extended into the late evening in some areas, with enthusiasm evident among rural and urban voters alike.

However, turnout percentages did not increase from previous elections, declining from 68.05% in Lormi and 67.40% in Mungeli.

Post-election absence disrupts office work

Central Chronicle News

After elections, officer absenteeism leaves district offices deserted and public grievances unaddressed.

MUNGELI: Even after the conclusion of the month-long election campaign, district officers and employees remain conspicuously absent from their offices. This absenteeism has resulted in halted work and unaddressed public complaints.

Those who were not directly involved in election duty are also shirking office responsibilities, wandering aimlessly instead of staying at their desks.

The election fervour still lingers among the district's employees, leaving most government offices deserted. For the past week, the district

office and several other administrative departments have seen minimal activity.

Despite the election period ending, common people's complaints are still not being addressed, as officials and other personnel neglect their responsibilities. The few employees present often deflect citizen complaints rather than addressing them directly, leaving many offices barren.

On Thursday, numerous people were seen wandering through the tehsil and SDM offices seeking assistance, only to be met with closed doors.

The same situation unfolded at the District Panchayat, Block Education Officer (BEO), Irrigation, Public Works (PWD), and Rural Engineering Service (RES) departments, where citizens visited daily, yet found no officials to resolve their concerns.

Strong room sealed to secure EVMs post-voting

KOREA: Following the third phase of voting for the Korba parliamentary constituency, all Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) from Baikunthpur Assembly were secured in the strong room of Government Adarsh Ramanuja Higher Secondary School.

In the presence of Observer Kailash Sukhdev Pagare and Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, the strong room was sealed tightly under CCTV surveillance.

On May 7, 67,644 female voters, 69,373 male voters, and 3 third-gender voters from Baikunthpur cast their ballots.

Male voter turnout was 81.49%, while female turnout was 78.99%, resulting in an overall voter turnout of 80.23% for the constituency.

The results will be announced on June 4, leaving the candidates' fate sealed until then.

Spine and joint pain camp concludes successfully

| HEALING THROUGH PHYSIOTHERAPY |

Central Chronicle News

An eight-day physiotherapy camp addressed spine and joint issues in Pandariya.

PANDARIYA: A free, eight-day physiotherapy camp organized by Pandariya Municipal Councillor Padmani Sanju Tiwari concluded at the Mahamaya Sarva Samaj Community Building. Held from May 1 to May 8, the camp marked the birthday of GP Banerjee, Development Block Education Officer, who facilitated accommodation and meals for the visiting medical team.

Dr. Chaudhary and his team from Jodhpur provided expert treatment for spine and joint ailments.

Modern lifestyles have led to an increase in



Free, eight-day physiotherapy camp organized by Pandariya Municipal Councillor.

FASTFACTS

● Over 150 people benefited from treatments for joint pain and other ailments.

● Dr. Chaudhary emphasized physiotherapy's benefits in restoring mobility without medications.

conditions affecting the spine, joints, and other bones, often becoming severe if untreated.

Over 150 people from Pandariya and surrounding areas benefited from treatments for conditions like back pain, joint pain, sciatica, thyroid problems, and migraines.

This was the second physiotherapy camp organized by Councillor

Tiwari in Ward 15. The first camp, in 2022, highlighted the importance of physiotherapy, which has become increasingly recognized for treating chronic pain and mobility issues.

Dr. Chaudhary emphasized that physiotherapy's focus on exercise and stretching, rather than medications, leads to fewer side effects.

GENEROSITY INSPIRES GENERATIONS |

Legacy of service: Sahu family's pond becomes a village's lifeline

Central Chronicle News

KHAIRAGARH: In Alha Navagaon, a village within the Ruse Gram Panchayat of Khairagarh district, the Sahu family set a remarkable example of public service eight decades ago.

Late Ajab Das Sahu constructed a large pond on his private land to address the water crisis in the region, and it has since become vital for villagers and their live-

stock. Although the village has two government ponds, both often dry up, leaving this pond as the only reliable water source even during scorching summer heat.

The current custodian of this tradition is Dhir Das, Ajab Das Sahu's grandson.

A retired teacher, he continues the family legacy of generosity, ensuring the pond remains freely available for villagers and their animals.



The President of Charobhat, forced with the shortcomings.

Despite opportunities to lease the pond for fish farming, the Sahu family has always prioritized public service. Dhir Das expressed that his family will continue this tradition for generations to come. The pond remains a lifeline due to the visionary thinking of the Sahu family. Deputy Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Ruse, Indal Ram Sahu, along with other villagers, expressed their gratitude.



Our family remains dedicated to offering this pond for community service.

Dhir Das

Grandson of Ajab Das

They explained how water from the nearby Ruse Dam is channeled

through a canal into Ajab Das Sahu's pond, providing a vital supply for the entire village. Although lotus plants have overgrown the pond, plans are underway to clear them through a panchayat proposal.

The Sahu family's commitment to service continues to inspire, illustrating the impact that foresight and generosity can have in addressing essential community needs.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Tolerance is the homage which the finite mind pays to the inexhaustibility of the infinite.
[Dr. S Radhakrishnan]

OUR VIEW |

Harsh rhetoric in politics erodes decorum, dignity

During the fervour of election campaigns, the air often turns bitter as political leaders exchange harsh words and acerbic comments. It's disappointing to observe leaders resorting to severe and sometimes shocking language. While robust debate on issues is essential and expected, the descent into foul and indecent language is deplorable and unacceptable. This trend is not only unfortunate but also detrimental to the political landscape. Such language often necessitates apologies or clarifications, yet the cycle of offensive remarks continues unabated. The rules of decorum and the electoral code of conduct seem to be forgotten amid the heat of campaigning. This not only stifles the prospects for constructive dialogue but also leaves a residue of discomfort that can linger long after the debates have ended. The recent election cycle has been no exception, with figures like Sam Pitroda, Rahul Gandhi, and Arvind Kejriwal making statements that sparked significant controversy. Often, when called to account, politicians claim their words were taken out of context or distorted. However, this raises a crucial question: why use such provocative language in the first place if it only leads to misunderstanding and the need for subsequent clarification? The repeated use of such language and the ensuing controversies reflect poorly on the individuals involved and the political process as a whole. It suggests a lack of respect not only for political adversaries but also for the electorate, who expect higher standards of conduct from their leaders. As the general elections approach and parties ramp up their public relations efforts, it is vital for all involved to remember the importance of maintaining dignity and respect in discourse. The integrity of political debate is crucial for a healthy democracy, and resorting to low standards only diminishes the quality and effectiveness of political communication. In sum, while election periods are naturally competitive, it is imperative that political leaders uphold a level of language that reflects respect and decency. The future of coherent and constructive political debate depends on it, ensuring that even after the elections, the respect for political discourse remains intact.

GUEST VIEW |

India's eastern wound need urgent treatment

In geopolitics, learning from history is crucial. Emperor Aurangzeb's failure to address the "Deccan wound" marked the decline of the Mughal Empire. Today, a similar issue emerges on India's eastern border as Myanmar's ongoing civil strife between the government army and the United Front (PDF) threatens regional peace. The "Border Guard Force" (BGF), tasked with border security, faces accusations of corruption, running a parallel government, and supplying arms to both factions. Since gaining independence, neither Myanmar's military nor its democratic governments have successfully controlled the nation's complex geography. The 2021 military coup has intensified fighting between the government and rebels, including major commercial hubs like Miawaddi. Regional efforts by ASEAN to restore stability have been inadequate, leaving superpowers like the U.S. and China vying for influence. To prevent further destabilization, India's government must take decisive action. A trilateral negotiation involving the military junta and the National Unity Government-led PDF is imperative. With only barbed wire separating the two nations, India's proactive engagement is crucial for securing its 1,600 km border.



Arka Goswami

Comment

JDS faces extinction amidst political turmoil in Karnataka

For Janata Dal Secular (JDS), a splinter of 1977 Janata parivar, formed in 1999, this is the silver jubilee year but the party is hopelessly placed in not even celebrating that event as it is pushed into an existential crisis. The descendants of the party founder Deva Gouda are responsible for this as they did the unthinkable crime against women. Revanna the eldest son of Deva Gouda is in police custody on the charge of threatening the witnesses and victims of the sexual acts of his son Prajwal, a contestant in the current Lok Sabha. The grandson of former Prime Minister, Prajwal left the country as soon as the crime is detected and currently police issued a lookout notice against him. The JDS suspended Prajwal with a new video of his misadventures with women started coming out every day and scores of women narrating their horrible experiences while serving as the household staff of the powerful political family.

JDS, now part of NDA, is

under attack from several sides. First the family tussle for the hold on party and the leaked tapes are attributed to that family feud. Party is split its very decision to join hands with BJP is not to the liking of the many leaders of the party especially the leaders belonging to Muslim community and some of them walked out of the party. The JDS which was recognised by the Election Commission of India (ECI), on its birth in 1999, as national party has got reduced to the status of a sub-regional party confined to the old Mysore area and surviving on the numerically strong Vokkaliga community of that area. Thus from a national party to a caste based party it was a huge fall. Another reason for its decline is family centric politics ran over the decade by its founder Deva Gouda. The current Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddha Ramaiah was the founder leader of JDS and was next to Deva Gouda in party hierarchy. Resenting the Deva Gouda move to push his son H.D. Kumara



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Swamy into the second slot of the party Siddha Ramaiah moved to Congress in 2005 and not only grew in stature but became instrumental in the decline of JDS. Now as the Congress party CM, Siddha Ramaiah is in the act of decimating the JDS through the deft move of encouraging the defections. In the state of Karnataka the news of 12 MLAs of JDS leaving the party and joining Congress is doing rounds and that may happen once the Lok Sabha results are out on June 4th.

Both the national parties, BJP and Congress are happy, though not outwardly, at the discomfort of the JDS. BJP, though currently a partner with JDS, is against the family centric parties and wish to see the end of such parties. Here is a chance for BJP to savour the JDS cadre. BJP entry into Karnataka and its strength in Karnataka is based on the party structure it appropriated from hugely popular Ramakrishna Hegde. It is likely that those leaders of JDS, who are against the Congress, move to BJP and

strengthen it. On the other hand the Congress expects the support of Muslims who are now with JDS to join them upon the dismantling of that party. JDS was thorn in the Karnataka politics of national parties as that party was playing a kingmaker role in every election with 25 odd MLAs it was consistently winning.

With political and social conditions going against JDS and added self-destructive attitude of brothers Revanna and Kumara Swamy the future of party looks bleak and this bleakness of the JDS is a lesson for all those family centric, corrupt, scam tainted regional parties across the country.

The Janata Dal Secular's steep decline reflects the pitfalls of family-centric politics, corruption, and scandal. Once a kingmaker in Karnataka, internal strife and strategic missteps have pushed the party to the brink. As defections mount and national parties encroach, the JDS's fate serves as a stark warning to other regional parties mired in corruption and familial feuds.

Human trafficking puts humanity to shame

Unite Against Trafficking: Protecting lives, restoring dignity, and combating exploitation for a safer, more equitable world. *by Priyanka Saurabh*



The Truth about Human Trafficking: Exposing Common Misconceptions| Photo AP

Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, and harboring of people through coercive means, ultimately leading to exploitation. Individuals are subjected to various forms of abuse, such as prostitution, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery, servitude, and organ trafficking. Tragically, women and children form the majority of the trafficked, being manipulated into unethical labor and exploitation.

India stands as one of the most affected countries, both a source and destination for human trafficking. Due to its long open borders with neighboring nations, it also serves as a transit point for international trafficking. Within India, West Bengal has gained notoriety as a hub for trafficking, where victims from neighboring countries like Bangladesh and Nepal are brought in. India's trafficked individuals often face exploitation within its borders or are smuggled to West Asia, North America, and Europe.

Estimates suggest that in the past decade, roughly half a million women and children were trafficked from Ban-

gladesh to India. This trend has resulted in West Bengal becoming one of the largest markets for commercial sex work. Statistics indicate that 7 out of every 10 girls rescued from brothels across India are from the North and South 24 Parganas districts in West Bengal. Despite being freed, many of these girls face social stigma and rejection from their families, compelling them to remain under the control of traffickers.

Pimps evade capture by frequently changing their

locations and mobile numbers, while Bangladeshi brokers maintain strong networks at the porous Benapole border. Traffickers lure women with promises of lucrative employment, marriage, or film roles in Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bangalore. Widespread poverty and social inequalities make vulnerable populations, especially women and children, susceptible to traffickers' deceit. Parents sometimes sell their children, believing they will access better oppor-

tunities and improve their lives elsewhere. Women are disproportionately affected due to their social and cultural devaluation in certain societies.

Besides poverty and inequality, other factors facilitate trafficking: weak border security, corrupt officials, and organized criminal networks. This organized crime has become as lucrative as drug trafficking, benefiting from societal corruption. The Indian legal framework lacks concrete definitions of

trafficking, enabling criminals to exploit technicalities and escape justice. The lack of strict enforcement further weakens existing laws.

Additionally, the rise of social media offers new opportunities for traffickers, who use online platforms to recruit victims. Limited data about trafficking operations further complicate the understanding of traffickers' patterns. Even when victims are rescued, they are not adequately rehabilitated, increasing their chances of re-trafficking.

To counter human trafficking effectively, the government and stakeholders must strengthen policy frameworks and implement comprehensive actions. Improved monitoring of social media platforms, strict border control, and international collaboration can help dismantle criminal networks. Furthermore, rehabilitative programs should aim to reintegrate survivors, providing them with vocational training, legal support, and mental health care.

Ultimately, protecting individuals from trafficking is a constitutional right and essential to ensuring a dignified life for every citizen.

YOUR LETTERS

Unity through Royal Mail

Last year United Kingdom had issued a Royal Mail stamp featuring pictures of Hindu Muslim Sikh along with temple mosque Gurudwara. What an unique message to embrace migrants of all possible hues so as to make them part of the nation. Will a particular majoritarian force of the country learn a bit of liberalism from United Kingdom and draw inspiration from Rabindranath Tagore who had envisaged none would get dejected from the shore of the sea of Bharat's great humanity.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Modi demands action on Revanna

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed zero tolerance for Prajwal Revanna, a suspended JD(S) leader accused of sexual assault. He called for swift action against Revanna, allegedly hiding abroad on a diplomatic passport. However, Modi also criticized the Karnataka Congress government for enabling Revanna's escape and releasing incriminating videos post-elections. As a concerned citizen, I urge Modi to fulfill his promise and ensure Revanna faces legal consequences without any hesitation.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

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Business



India will start manufacturing 'T100' type of carbon fibre in the next 2.5 years.

V K Saraswat
NITI Aayog member

Nirmala Sitharaman in Ranchi



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman being welcomed during 'Interactive Session on Eastern India-Engine of growth for Viksit Bharat' in Ranchi, Thursday.

'Exports rise in 115 nations out of 238 destinations'

Overall exports reached USD 778.2 billion in 2023-24 as compared to USD 776.4 billion in 2022-23, registering a marginal growth of 0.23 per cent.

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NEW DELHI: India's exports have increased to as many as 115 countries out of the total 238 destinations during 2023-24 despite the global economic uncertainties, according to commerce ministry's data. These 115 export destinations, which account for 46.5 per cent of India's export basket, include the US, UAE, Netherland, China,

UK, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Germany and Italy. The country's merchandise exports dipped by 3 per cent to USD 437.1 billion in the last fiscal. However, services exports rose to USD 341.1 billion in 2023-24 as against USD 325.3 billion in 2022-23. The data showed that despite persistent global challenges, overall exports (goods and services together) hit the highest level in

NUMBER

778.2

● India's rank in world merchandise exporters too has improved from 19th to 17th during the same period.

● The country's merchandise exports dipped by 3 per cent

2022-23. Overall exports reached USD 778.2 billion in 2023-24 as compared to USD 776.4 billion in 2022-23, registering a marginal growth of 0.23 per cent. The share of India's merchandise exports has also increased marginally from 1.70 per cent in 2014 to 1.82 per cent in 2023. India's rank in world merchandise exporters too has improved from 19th to 17th during the same period. Further, India's

export to its top 10 destinations witnessed a 13 per cent year-on-year increase in 2023-24. The UAE has emerged as the primary destination, with a substantial 12.71 per cent growth in export value at USD 35.6 billion. Similarly, exports to Singapore that surged by 20.19 per cent to USD 14.4 billion, to the UK (up 13.30 per cent to USD 13 billion), and to China (up 8.70 per cent to USD 16.7 billion).

Equity MFs inflow drops 16 pc to Rs 18,917 cr in April

NEW DELHI: Equity mutual funds attracted Rs 18,917 crore in April, marking a slump of 16 per cent from the preceding month, on a huge decline in inflow in large-cap funds and increased volatility in market owing to pre-elections phase. This also marks the 38th consecutive month of net inflows in equity funds, starting from March 2021, data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed on Thursday. Despite the decline in inflow, monthly Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions crossed the Rs 20,000 crore-mark and reached an all-time high of Rs 20,371 crore in April compared to Rs 19,271 crore in the previous month. Further, SIP accounts surged to 8.7 crore in April with 63.65 lakh new registrations.

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Company aims to cater to the diverse needs of customers as it aims to sell 40 lakh units by 2030-31.

NEW DELHI: Betting big on the entry-level segment, Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday said it will continue to "re-energise" the small car segment as the automaker expects the vertical to revive over the next few years, according to MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi. Speaking at the launch of the new generation Swift here, he noted that the automaker aims to cater to the diverse needs of customers as it aims to sell 40 lakh units by 2030-31. Takeuchi noted that the entry-level segment continues to be a high volume vertical

MODEL LAUNCH

Maruti Suzuki drives in 4th generation Swift



Hisashi Takeuchi, MD and CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited at the launch of 4th generation Epic New Swift.

FACTFILE

● Automaker has invested around Rs 1,450 crore towards the development of the premium hatchback

● The model would be manufactured at Suzuki Motor Gujarat

accounting for around 28 per cent of the over-

all domestic passenger vehicle sales. "For us to maintain our leadership position, it is important to cater to diverse customer segments.

The hatchback segment in India continues to be a high-volume segment, accounting for approximately 28 per cent of total passenger vehicle sales," Takeuchi said. Interestingly, the

premium hatchback segment contributes nearly 60 per cent of total hatchback sales, he noted. "As a market leader, we took the responsibility to re-energise the hatchback segment at a time when this segment really needs a catalyst for growth," Takeuchi said. He noted that the company has a strong belief in India's growth story.

FLIGHT CANCELLATION

AI Express cancels 85 flights due to staff shortage

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MUMBAI: Air India Express on Thursday cancelled 85 flights or 23 per cent of the total daily capacity as the cabin crew shortage continued for the third day while the Tata Group-owned airline issued termination letters to around 25 cabin crew who are on strike. Since Tuesday night

when a section of cabin crew started reporting sick to protest against alleged mismanagement, the airline has cancelled more than 170 flights, including those to Gulf nations. In efforts to minimise disruptions, Air India Express has also decided to curtail flights till May 13 and Air India will operate services on 20 routes of the airline.



An airline source said that around 250 cabin crew reported sick on Thursday.

Without directly mentioning about the termination letters, the airline on Thursday said it is taking appropriate steps against certain individuals as their actions have caused grave inconvenience to thousands of passengers.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q4 RESULTS

Asian Paints

Q4 net profit up 1.34 pc at Rs 1,275.3 crore

NEW DELHI: Asian Paints Ltd on Thursday reported a 1.34 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,275.3 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,258.41 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal, Asian Paints said in a regulatory filing. Its consolidated revenue from operations during the quarter under review stood at Rs 8,730.76 crore against Rs 8,787.34 crore a year ago, it added. The total expenses during the fourth quarter were higher at Rs 7,319.1 crore compared to Rs 7,181.66 crore in the year-ago period. For the fiscal ended March 31, 2024, the company's consolidated net profit was Rs 5,557.69 crore compared to Rs 4,195.33 crore in the previous year, Asian Paints said. Its revenue from operations in FY24 stood at Rs 35,494.73 crore against Rs 34,488.59 crore in FY23, the company added. **PTI**

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	72,404	-1.45
Nifty	21,957	-1.55
Nifty, MidCap	49,109	-1.85
Nifty SmallCap	15,995	-2.83
Nifty Bank	47,487	-2.62

Closing rates as on May 10, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.47 (-)
Euro	89.80 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.55 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.73 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On May 10, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,056	+0.44
FTSE 100 Index	8,374	+0.24
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,073	-0.34
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,664	+0.95

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, May 10, 2024)

How the markets behave today

Sensex tumbles over 1,000 points, Nifty falls below 22k amid election uncertainties



MUMBAI: Equity benchmark Sensex on Thursday crashed over 1,000 points while the Nifty dived below the 22,000 level due to across-the-board selloff amid general election uncertainties. Besides, persistent foreign fund outflows and heavy selling pressure in HDFC Bank, Larsen & Toubro and Reliance Industries weighed on investor sentiment, traders said. Declining for the third day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 1,062.22 points or 1.45 per cent to settle at 72,404.17. During the day, it tanked 1,132.21 points or 1.54 per cent to 72,334.18. The NSE Nifty dived 345 points or 1.55 per cent to

21,957.50. It tumbled 370.1 points or 1.65 per cent to 21,932.40 during the session.

"The broader market witnessed volatility, underscoring caution on account of Q4 earnings and general election uncertainties, which led investors to stay on the sidelines.

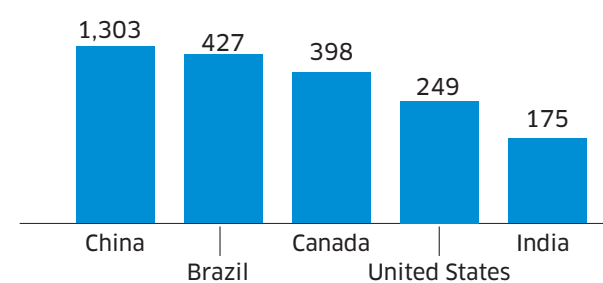
MAJOR GAINERS: Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, State Bank of India, Infosys and HCL Tech.

MAJOR LOSERS: L&T, Asian Paints, JSW Steel, ITC, Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, Tata Steel, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries and Power Grid.

The Day's NUMBERS

WORLD'S BIGGEST HYDRO POWERS

Countries with the highest electricity generation from hydro power in 2022 (in terawatt hours)



Source: Statista

ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME

ISB launches I-Venture immersive programme for grassroots entrepreneurs

NEW DELHI: The Indian School of Business (ISB) has launched a unique programme tailored for upcoming and promising entrepreneurs, called I-Venture Immersive or 'ivi'. Administered by the school's entrepreneurship arm, I-Venture@ISB, the programme encourages keen innovators from across the country to pursue their passion with or without any formal educational qualification beyond Class 12. The first round of admission for 'ivi' is now underway, for the founding cohort starting in October. The six-month immersive experience - billed as 'more than an incubator, more than a school' - will be conducted full-time on the Hyderabad campus of ISB. Professor Bhagwan Chowdhry, Faculty Director, I-Venture@ISB, explained, "Through 'ivi', ISB will foster a vibrant ecosystem that nurtures creativity, attracts investment, and empowers visionary leaders, all crucial elements for unlocking India's entrepreneurial potential."

BULLION MARKET

Gold falls Rs 50; silver nosedives Rs 1,500 with weak trends



NEW DELHI: Extending the losses for the second straight session, gold and silver prices slumped in the national capital on Thursday in line with weak trends in the global markets. According to HDFC Securities, gold prices declined Rs 50 to Rs 72,250 per 10 grams in Delhi. It had settled at Rs 72,300 per 10 grams in the previous session. Silver prices also fell Rs 1,500 to Rs 83,200 per kg. In the previous close, it had ended at Rs 84,700 per kg. "Spot gold prices (24 carats) in the Delhi markets are trading at Rs 72,250 per 10 grams, down by Rs 50 against the previous close," Saamil Gandhi, Senior Analyst said. **PTI**



Uddhav has lost mental balance
Devendra Fadnavis
By CM, Maharashtra



Victims demonstrated remarkable grit and determination.

Teen rape victims pass Class 10 exam, aspire to join police

The journey of younger girl (aged 15) is extremely shocking as she was raped by her own father in 2023. She delivered a baby in the 9th month.

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HYDERABAD: Demonstrating remarkable grit and determination in the face of severe trauma, two minor rape victims in Telangana have recently passed the Class 10 examination with flying colours, results of which were recently announced in the state. The journey of younger girl (aged 15) is extremely shocking as she was raped by her own father in 2023.

This was discovered when her grandmother took her to a hospital when she complained of stomach pain, where doctors found out that

she was pregnant.

To make matters worse, her pregnancy could not be aborted as it was in an advanced stage. She delivered a baby in the ninth month, M Mahender Reddy, a police officer, who dealt with both cases, told PTI recently.

The baby was admitted to an orphanage and the girl continued her education, he added.

Despite these tribulations, she passed the class X standard examination with a 5.6 GPA (grade point average).

The father was handed out a conviction with life imprisonment by the court which also

HIGHLIGHT

● Baby was admitted to an orphanage and the girl continued her education.

● Father was handed out a conviction with life imprisonment by the court which also awarded a compensation of Rs 15 lakh to the girl.

awarded a compensation of Rs 15 lakh to the girl, Reddy said. The other girl (aged 16) was raped by her uncle, Reddy said. She secured an impressive 9.3 GPA in the class X standard exams.

In view of the heinous crime committed by her uncle, the girl's relatives stayed away from the family. However, they congratulated her after her success in the X standard exam, he said.

Interestingly, both the girls now aspire to become police officers as their fear of police has vanished after they were helped by the Meerpet police station to get justice. Reddy, who earlier served as SHO of Meerpet police station, said the woman constables and other police personnel handled the case with a humane approach.

Apart from help-

ing the victims, Reddy said the police personnel went beyond the call of duty and tried to instill courage in their minds without confining themselves to the case requirements.

The police personnel also encouraged them to pursue their education, he added.

Both the girls now aspire to become police officers as their fear of police has vanished after they were helped by the Meerpet police station to get justice. The girls now are bubbling with confidence and have left behind their dark ordeal which they had faced in their life.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

MISHAP

Two sisters found dead under suspicious conditions in Bareilly

BAREILLY: Bodies of two sisters, including a minor, were found under suspicious circumstances in Bareilly district, police said on Thursday.

The father of the duo has filed a police complaint against one of his neighbours accusing him of molesting and harassing his daughters on numerous occasions. He also alleged that the neighbour and his sister-in-law allegedly forced his daughters to commit suicide.

Additional Superintendent of Police Mukesh Chandra Mishra said the bodies of the duo were found in their house on Wednesday night. While one of them was hanging from the ceiling, the other was on the ground. Their father told police that he and his wife had left home in the morning to work in their field. When they returned in the evening, they found the bodies. **PTI**

ENTERTAINMENT

Sports competitions at Electric Loco Training Center, Usalapur



BILASPUR: At the Electric Loco Training Center, Usalapur, training is provided to newly selected trainees through technical courses for locomotive pilots, assistant locomotive pilots, and RRB. Along with providing protection and technical information to the trainees engaged in studies at this institute, various programs and competitions are also organized from time to time for their physical, intellectual, and mental development as well as for clean entertainment. **PTI**

APEX COURT HEARING

SC adjourns hearing on Prashant Bhushan's plea challenging provision in passport law



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday adjourned till after summer vacations a petition challenging the constitutional validity of a provision of passport law and a notification providing for issuance of passport for only a year to an accused on receipt of a 'no objection certificate' from a court.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhyan deferred the matter after it was informed that senior advocate Jayant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner, was not available.

The summer vacations of the top court will commence on May 20 and the court will resume its sitting on July 8. The apex court had earlier issued

notices to the Centre and Regional Passport Office at Ghaziabad on the plea filed by lawyer Prashant Bhushan, who gets passport for a period of only one year on account of some FIRs lodged against him for allegedly taking part in protests and 'dharna'. Bhushan has filed an appeal in the top court against the Delhi High Court's January 2016 verdict which had rejected his plea against the provision of the Passport Act. "Petitioner had challenged the constitutional validity of section 6(2)(f) of the Passports Act, 1967 which states that passport shall not be issued/reissued to a person accused of committing any offence," the plea has said. **PTI**

AI Express flights cancelled for 2nd day

KOZHIKODE: Air India Express passengers who were promised travel to various destinations from airports in Kerala were left stranded on Thursday as their flights were unexpectedly canceled for the second day in a row.

Travelers at Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, and Kannur airports faced disappointment when flights to Gulf nations were called off at the last minute for the second consecutive day.

This sudden cancellation has sparked frustration and caused inconvenience among passengers who relied on the airline's assurance for their travel plans. "I was assured by Air India Express yesterday that I can travel to Qatar on Thursday. But they did not keep their promise. I was told that my flight has been cancelled again," an aggrieved passenger.

PRIVATE PAPER COLLECTION

NAI acquires private papers of Rafi Ahmad Kidwai

Press Trust Of India

NIA is the custodian of the non-current records of the govt of India.

NEW DELHI: The National Archives of India (NAI) has acquired the private paper collection of former Union minister Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, comprising his original correspondences with several eminent leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhai Patel, officials said.

These papers were handed over to Director General, NAI, by Faiz Ahmad Kidwai, additional secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the presence of Tazeen Kidwai, daughter of the late Husain Kamil Kidwai, young-



NAI was handed over the papers by Kidwai's family members.

FACTFILE

● Kidwai was a man of vivacity, brilliance and charm known for efforts towards independence.

est brother Rafi Ahmad Kidwai and Sarah Manaal Kidwai, the Culture Min-

istry said in a statement.

The National Archives is the custodian of the non-current records of the government of India and holds them in trust for the use of administrators and researchers according to the provision of the Public Record Act 1993.

As a premier archival

institution, the NAI plays a key role in guiding and shaping archival consciousness. Apart from the vast collection of public records, it has a rich and ever-growing collection of private papers of eminent Indians from all walks of life, who have made significant contributions to the country, it said.

PROHIBITION

Muslims can't claim rights in cohabitation: HC

Press Trust Of India

LUCKNOW: The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday said that Muslims cannot claim rights in a live-in relationship when they have a living spouse, as such a relationship is not permitted under the tenets of

Islam. A bench of justices AR Masoodi and AK Srivastava-I made the observations while hearing a writ petition by Sneha Devi and Mohd Shadab Khan, who were seeking protection from police action after the woman's parents filed a kidnapping case against



Islamic tenets do not permit live-in relationships during the subsisting marriage.

Justice AR Masoodi
Allahabad HC

Khan, and directed that Sneha Devi be sent to her parents under security. The petitioners claimed that they were in a live-in relationship but the woman's parents lodged a police complaint accusing Khan of kidnapping and inducing her to marry him.

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE PROTECTED ASI MONUMENTS

State	Number of ASI Protected Monuments
KARNATAKA	747
ANDHRA PRADESH	500
TELANGANA	500
GUJARAT	366
MADHYA PRADESH	326
CHHATTISGARH	58

Source: Statista

CONFERENCE

Annual conference of BBMS held, new office bearers elected



PARADIP: The Annual Conference of Bharatiya Bandar Mazdoor Sangh (BBMS) was held at union office premises in Madhuban here at in Paradip on Monday. The event was presided over by Rakesh Kumar Pattnaik, President, BBMS, Paradip. On the occasion, Chandrakant Annaji Dhumal, All India officials of the association and entrepreneur incharge was the chief guest and formally inaugurated the conference. Among others, Basant Sahoo, District Incharge, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Srikant Ray, National President, Bharatiya Port & Dock Mazdoor Mahasangh and contractual DLR workers. **PTI**

CHEATING

Yoga teacher from Mumbai duped of Rs 3.36 lakh by man

MUMBAI: A 46-year-old yoga teacher from Mumbai has allegedly been duped of Rs 3.36 lakh by a man whom she met on a dating app, police said.

The man, Amit Kumar, claimed to be a doctor staying in Manchester, England, an official said on Wednesday. **PTI**

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'Temp surges in Antarctica linked to climate change'

Atmospheric rivers are funneling warm air mass to polar regions.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Recent incidents of warm air breaching the belt of super-chilled air over Antarctica and leading to a sharp rise in temperatures are linked to climate change, senior scientist Thamban Meloth has said.

In an interaction with PTI editors, Meloth, the director of the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, said changes in Antarctica's climate impact all other continents. He said climate change is affecting Antarctica and its ice sheets. Although Antarctica may be melting, the senior scientist said the sea-level rise around the fifth-largest continent in the world is much less compared to the tropics and mid-latitudes.

"Atmospheric rivers are funneling warm air mass to polar regions. This air is very warm and holds a lot of moisture. So it can also lead to the heating of the Antarctic atmosphere, endangering some of the ice mass," he said. Meloth recalled that the coldest place on earth recorded a 35-degree Celsius jump in the temperature in a single day due to a similar incident in 2022.

The polar vortex is a large area of low pressure and cold air surround-



Climate change is affecting Antarctica and its ice sheets.

ing both the poles. It exists all year round but weakens in summer and strengthens in winter. Meloth said the warm air is "breaching this envelope" of the polar vortex.

"Earlier, the big belt of the polar vortex would stop the warm air." He also said western Antarctica is warming and losing ice mass much faster than the eastern part of the continent. Researchers say climate differences in the region are likely due

to natural climate variability factors responding to global warming.

AI cabin crew call off strike; terminated workers reinstated

NEW DELHI: A section of Air India Express cabin crew has decided to withdraw strike and join back for duty after the airline assured to look into all the issues raised by the cabin crew, sources said on Thursday.

Besides, the airline has agreed to withdraw the termination letters issued to 25 cabin crew and the management will review the cases as per service

HIGHLIGHT

● AI has cancelled more than 170 flights.

● Mgmt agreed to review cases of terminated staff.

regulations, they added.

The Tata Group-owned airline has cancelled more than 170 flights since Tuesday

night after the cabin crew started reporting sick to protest against the alleged mismanagement at the airline.

The decisions on withdrawing the strike and the termination letters were agreed upon during the conciliation meeting between the cabin crew representatives and the airline representatives at the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner.

Danish envoy appeals for garbage-free lane

NEW DELHI: Danish Ambassador to India Freddy Svane on Wednesday took to social media to highlight a trash-ridden "service lane" near the Embassy of Denmark here and appealed to authorities to take necessary action.

The envoy posted a video on X in the afternoon with a caption: "Lovely and green New Delhi. Many words but no action. Saddened by this @DenmarkinIndia @CMODelhi @LtGov-Delhi".

In the video, Svane, standing in the middle of the lane, points to the

HIGHLIGHT

● Embassy is located in Chanakyaपुरi, cleanest areas.

● Envoy thanked NDMC and the civic workers for action.

trash and construction debris strewn along both sides of it.

"Welcome to great, green and trashy New Delhi," he said in the video. The envoy also gestured towards the Danish and Greek embassy buildings on either side of the lane.

"Here we have the Danish embassy and we have the Greek embassy over there. This should be a service lane, but you see it's full of trash, and people are just dumping whatever they like... So, I hope somebody will listen to this and take action. No more nice words, just action, my friends," he added.

A senior official of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) when asked about the video, said, "It was cleaned after the matter came to light. We will also ensure that such a civic situation does not arise again."

EC orders repoll at polling station

AHMEDABAD: The Election Commission (EC) has ordered fresh voting on May 11 at a polling station under the Dahod Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat from where a man live-streamed voting on May 7, the video

of which went viral, an official said Thursday. 4 election officials, including a presiding officer, an assistant presiding officer and two polling officers as well as a police constable were suspended.

NAME CHANGE NOTICE

It is hereby informed to all the general public that my party Mrs. Richa Nayak, husband Mr. Devendra Dubey, resident of Karma Chowk, near Ram Janaki Mandir, Sanjay Nagar, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), in whose name a Passport R6660285 issued by the Passport Office, Raipur Chhattisgarh on 23.01.2018. In the said passport, the name of my party's husband is mentioned as Devendra Kumar Dubey. Whereas my Party's husband's real name is Devendra Dubey. Only the above name is mentioned in all government, non-government, semi-government, corporation, body, bank, insurance and passport.

Therefore, this general information is published regarding the correction in the passport issued in my party's name and the change of name in above mentioned passport. I want to mention the name of my party's husband as Devendra Dubey instead of Devendra Kumar Dubey.

As Information
Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
Date 9 MAY 2024

T.R. Sahu
(Advocate)
Address Behind Balaji Boys Hostel,
Jhanda Chowk, Shivaji Nagar,
Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
Mo. No. 9753178230, 7987300081

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client Smt. Nutika Bano W/o Mohammad Firoz Sayyed, R/o Sofia Manjil, Raza Colony Kelabadi, Durg, Tehsil & Dist. Durg (C.G.) has purchased a piece and parcel of land bearing Khassa No. 257/226, Plot No. 72, area 0.1010 Hectare = 1500 Sq. Ft. situated at Risali, P.H. No. 49, R.N.M. Risali, Ward No. 60, Risali Basti Ward, Railway Line South Portion, Tehsil & Dist. Durg (C.G.), from Gopichand Soni S/o Late Shri Gulabchand Soni, vide registered sale deed dated 30.05.2022. The said Gopichand Soni S/o Late Shri Gulabchand Soni had acquired the said property from (1) Mahesh Kumar, (2) Om Prakash S/o Late Ameer Chand Swamakar vide registered sale deed dated 17.05.2006. The said sale deed executed between (1) Mahesh Kumar, (2) Om Prakash S/o Late Ameer Chand Swamakar AND Gopichand Soni S/o Late Shri Gulabchand Soni dated 17.05.2006 was in the custody of my client and the same has been lost / misplaced by my client. A police report has been lodged dated 08.05.2024 against the lost registered deed. If the said lost registered sale deed dated 17.05.2006 is found by anybody, it is requested that the said deeds be handed over to my staff in my office. Any person having any right, title or interest in or claim, demand or objection of any nature whatsoever against or in respect of the said property or any part thereof is hereby requested to notify the same in writing to the undersigned with supporting documentary evidence within 07 days from the date hereof, failing which no such claims, demands, objections etc. shall be entertained thereafter and the said property shall be considered as free from all encumbrances.

Subho Chakravorty, Advocate
For Ashwini Singh & Associates
12, Nagar Nigam Parisar, Supela,
Bhilai, Durg (C.G.) Ph. 0788-2272374

ICMR calls for avoiding protein supplements

Press Trust Of India

NIN released revised DGIs to meet the requirements of essential nutrients and prevent non-communicable diseases.

NEW DELHI: The Indian Council of Medical Research has called for avoiding protein supplements for building body mass and has recommended restricting salt intake, minimising sugar and ultra-processed foods and reading information on food labels to make informed and healthy food choices.

The Hyderabad-based National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) under the apex health research

FASTFACTS

● Low intake of essential nutrients can disrupt metabolism.

● Disease burden in India is due to unhealthy diets.

In the DGIs, the NIN stated that prolonged intake of large amounts of protein powders or consumption of high protein concentrate has been associated with potential dangers such as bone mineral loss and kidney damage.

It also stated that sugar should be less than 5 per cent of total energy intake and a balanced diet should provide not more than 45 per cent calories from cereals, and millets and up to 15 per cent of calories from pulses, beans and meat.

The rest of the calories should come from nuts, vegetables, fruits and milk. Total fat intake should be less than or equal to 30 per cent energy, the guidelines said.

Bangle fest to mark Akshay Tritiya

KOLKATA: Leading jewellery retailer having over 80 years of legacy, Senco Gold & Diamonds is India's 2nd most trusted brand in the category of jewellery at TRA's Brand Trust Report 2024 for the 4th consecutive year, has announced the launch of its new Bangle Festival and offers to mark the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, the festival that is celebrated with great devotion across WB & India and is an auspicious time to buy gold.

AFFIDAVIT

I Smt. Anu Sahu, age-53 yrs, W/o - Shri Ganesh Prasad Sahu, R/o -46/242, Sadar Bazar, Navapara, Hanuman Mandir, Opposite Sammaya Traders, Raipur, Tehsil and District Raipur, C.G., do hereby make the following statements:

- That my name and address above is correct and true.
- That my name in my son Vishal Sahu's mark-sheet is registered as Radha Sahu.
- That in my Aadhar Card bearing No. -4847 2006 9587, my name is registered as Anju Sahu and in all other records either it is registered as Radha Sahu or Anju Sahu and both are the same name of mine only.
- That I am submitting this affidavit in support of the above before the Passport Office, Raipur.

CERTIFY:
I Smt. Anu Sahu, age-53 yrs, W/o - Shri Ganesh Prasad Sahu, R/o -46/242, Sadar Bazar, Navapara, Hanuman Mandir, Opposite Sammaya Traders, Raipur, Tehsil and District Raipur, C.G., as deponent do hereby certify that the statements made from SL No. 1-4 above are true to the best of my knowledge and that I am signing before authorities here in Raipur (C.G.).

Place - Raipur (C.G.)

DEPONENT

(PRIIT DESAI)
RECOVERY OFFICER II

LS election: 52,100 Kashmiri migrants eligible to vote

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As many as 17.4 lakh voters, including 8.7 lakh women, will decide the fate of 24 candidates in the fray.

JAMMU: As many as 52,100 Kashmiri migrant voters across the country are eligible to exercise their franchise in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar constituency on May 13.

The constituency is gearing up for an

intense electoral showdown. As many as 17.4 lakh voters, including 8.7 lakh women, will decide the fate of 24 candidates in the fray.

Over 1.13 lakh Kashmiri migrants are registered to cast their votes for the Lok Sabha elections for three seats in the Valley, officials said. "As many as 52,100 Kashmiri migrants will exercise their right to franchise from Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency on May 13. Of these, 25,760 are male voters and 26,340 are female voters," Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), Migrants, Riaz Ahmed told PTI Video here.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Government of India, Ministry of Finance
Department of Finance Services,
(Banking Division)
797-II, Shantikul, South Civil Lines,
Jabalpur-482001 (M.P.)
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(Priti Desai)
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Notice

This is to inform all the concerned peoples that M/s Shaurya Ispat Udyog Private Limited has been granted Environmental Clearance by Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide its File No.: IA-J-11011/93/2023-IA-II (IND-I) and EC Identification No.: EC23A1001CG5835852N dated: 08/05/2024 for Sponge Iron manufacturing Kilns (2 x 500 TPD) [3,30,000 Tons/year], WHRB based Power Plant (2 x 10 MW), FBC based Power Plant (2 x 10 MW), Ferro Alloys manufacturing unit (2 x 9 MVA) Ferro Silicon (14,000 Tons/year) or Ferro Manganese (25,200 Tons/year) or Silico Manganese (28,800 Tons/year) or Ferro Chrome (30,000 Tons/year) or Pig Iron (50,400 Tons/year), Briquetting Plant (200 kg/ Hour) and Fly ash Bricks plant (30,000 Bricks/Day) at Village: Bahesar, Tehsil: Tilda, District: Raipur [C.G.]. The aforesaid Environment Clearance letter is available on website of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India (MoEF&CC) [parivash.nic.in] and copies are also available at Head Office of Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Paryavas Bhawan, North Block, Sector - 19, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, District Raipur [C.G.] and Regional Office, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board New Office Building, Ring Road No. -2, Tatibandh, District Raipur [C.G.].

For, M/s Shaurya Ispat Udyog Private Limited;
[Director]

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
Registered Office at: 27 BK, C 27, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051 (Maharashtra)
Branch Office: 3rd Floor Pajari Chamber Panchpedi Naka Raipur (C.G) 492001

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property) (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED, a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having its Registered Office at 27BK, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051, branch office at Kotak Mahindra Bank 3rd Floor Pajari Chamber Panchpedi Naka Raipur (C.G) 492001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property over Physical Possession taken by the Bank, is given below-

Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Nos	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with rule 9 of SARFAESI Act. Along with Amount in Rs.	Description of Immovable Property taken in to Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	Date of Physical Possession
For Loan account No's 685042000137 & 685044000630, all Loan Accounts common CRN No. 109657662 M/S Ganpati Sales Corporation (Rice Mill) through its Proprietor Mr. Ramniwas Sharma, 2. Mr. Ramniwas Sharma S/o Mr. Sitaram Sharma, 3. Mr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma S/o Ramniwas Sharma, (all are Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor) all having address at 3/13, Ward No. 9 Mohalla Vishram Nagar Gali - Vinod Singh ki chail pali road dipka Dist: Korba (CG) and also at: Part of khassa no. 586/63, Village Anjora P no. 5/28 RIC Durg Tehsil & Dist: Durg (CG) 491001	Demand Notice dated 16TH November 2018 Rs. 1,24,67,528.92/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight And Ninety Two Paise Only) As On 02-08-2019	Mortgage over following properties: All the pieces and parcels of the industrial property is a Part of Khassa No. 586/63, Vill: Anjora, P. no. 5/28, RIC: Durg, Tehsil and Dist: Durg (CG) Total Admeasuring 442.37 Sq. Mtr. i.e. 4760 Sq. Ft. Constructed area 3299 Sq. Ft. property Owned by Mr. Ramniwas Sharma S/o Mr. Sitaram Sharma, within the limits of sub registration district of Durg and registration district of Durg. Bounded as East: Land of Chulai Shah, West: Other part of land of seller, North Land of Bhoia Belchand, South: Road (Left by seller)	09-05-2024

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act and section 14 DM order of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in "Date of Possession" Column.

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Please note description of properties is as mentioned above.

Date: 09/05/2024
Place: Raipur (CG)

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer)
For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

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“Bangladesh is India’s leading development partner and its largest trade partner in the region”

Vinay Kwatra
Foreign secretary

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

MUSIC FEST

Music Midtown, popular Atlanta festival, cancelled this year

ATLANTA: A music festival that draws tens of thousands of people to Atlanta’s Piedmont Park will not take place this year. Posts Wednesday on the Instagram page and website of Music Midtown, a longtime fixture for pop music lovers, says the festival is “going on hiatus this year.”

The posts did not explain why. An email to the festival’s producer, Live Nation, was not immediately returned. The festival has featured big artists over the years, including Pearl Jam and Coldplay. Last year’s lineup included Billie Eilish and Guns N’ Roses. The festival was also called off in 2022. News outlets, citing anonymous sources, ascribed that decision to a Georgia Supreme Court decision that outlined limits on the ability of private companies to ban guns on public property. **PTI**

BIG LOSS OF A MARINE LIFE

Cruise ship sails into New York City port with 44-foot dead whale across its bow



NEW YORK: A cruise ship sailed into a New York City port with a 44-foot (13-meter) dead whale across its bow, marine authorities said. The whale, identified as an endangered sei whale, was caught on the ship’s bow when it arrived at the Port of Brooklyn on Saturday, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries spokesperson Andrea Gomez said. **PTI**



A boat navigates through a flooded street after heavy rain in Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil. | Photo: PTI

Southern Brazil is still reeling from massive flood storms

Heavy rains and flooding in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul since last week have left 128 people missing and more than 230,000 have been displaced.

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PORTO ALEGRE: Authorities in southern Brazil rushed to rescue survivors of massive flooding that has killed at least 100 people, but some residents refused to leave belongings behind while others returned to evacuated homes despite the risk of new storms. Heavy rains and flooding in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul since last week also have left 128 people missing, authorities said. More than 230,000 have been displaced, and much of the region has been isolated by the floodwaters. More storms are



expected in the state, with lightning strikes and wind gusts reaching up to 100 kilometers per hour (62 mph) in the south, according to Cátia Valente, the meteorologist in the state’s situation room. Staffers of the state’s civil defense agency told The Associated Press they have been struggling to persuade residents of the city of Eldorado do Sul, one of the hardest hit

HIGHLIGHT

● Staffers of the state’s civil defense agency told, they have been struggling to persuade residents of the city of Eldorado do Sul, one of the hardest hit by the floods, to leave their homes.

It is located beside Porto Alegre, near the center of the state’s coastline. At least four people declined to evacuate. A flyover of Eldorado do Sul in a military helicopter showed hundreds of houses submerged, with only their roofs visible. Residents were using

small boards, surfboards and personal watercraft to move around. Mayor Ernani de Freitas told local journalists that the city “will be totally evacuated.” “It will take at least a year to recover,” he said. Rio Grande do Sul’s Gov. Eduardo Leite, speaking at a news conference late Tuesday, appealed to residents to stay out of harm’s way, as the anticipated downpour may cause more severe flooding across the state. “It isn’t the time to return home,” he said. The civil defense agency’s own urgent warning asking displaced residents not to return to flooded areas also stressed the

risk of disease transmission.

Army Gen. Marcelo Zucco, one of the coordinators of rescue operations, told the AP his team is working at full speed before heavy rains that are forecast to hit the Porto Alegre area this weekend. Moderate rain was falling Wednesday afternoon in the city. “We hope the next rains are not like those we saw, but there’s no way to be sure there won’t be trouble ahead of us,” Zucco said. “At this moment we are focusing on finishing rescue operations and starting logistical support to the population.”

ATTEMPT FAILED

Taylor’s effort to remove Speaker Rejected

Press Trust Of India

One of Donald Trump’s biggest supporters in Congress, Greene stood on the House floor and read a long list of “transgressions”.

WASHINGTON: Hardline Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene tried and failed in sudden action Wednesday to oust Speaker Mike Johnson, her long-shot effort swiftly and resoundingly rejected by Democrats and Republicans tired of the political chaos. One of Donald Trump’s biggest supporters in Congress, Greene stood on the House floor and read a long list of “transgressions” she said Johnson had committed as speaker. Colleagues booted in protest.

Greene of Georgia criticized Johnson’s leadership as “pathetic, weak



and unacceptable.” No sooner than Greene triggered the vote on her motion to vacate the speaker from his office, the Republican Majority Leader Steve Scalise countered by calling first for a vote to table it. An overwhelming majority, 359-43, kept Johnson in his job, for now. It’s the second time in a matter of months that Republi-

cans have tried to oust their own speaker, an unheard of level of party turmoil with a move rarely seen in U.S. history. As Greene pressed ahead despite pushback from Republicans at the highest levels, GOP lawmakers filtered towards Johnson, giving him pats on the back and grasping his shoulder to assure him of their support. “We

FASTFACTS

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need steady hands at the wheel,” Johnson said afterward. “The country desperately needs a functioning Congress.”

The Georgia Republican had vowed she would force a vote on the motion to vacate the Republican speaker if he dared to advance a foreign aid package with funds for Ukraine, which was overwhelmingly approved late last month and signed into law. But in recent days it seemed her effort had cooled, as she and Johnson met repeatedly for a poten-

tial resolution. Johnson of Louisiana marched on, saying he had been willing to take the risk, believing it was important for the U.S. to back Ukraine against Russia’s invasion and explaining he wanted to be on the “right side of history.” “I just have to do my job every day,” Johnson said Monday. In a highly unusual move, the speaker received a boost from Democrats led by Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, whose leadership team had said it was time to “turn the page” on the GOP turmoil and vote to table Greene’s resolution – almost ensuring Johnson’s job is saved, for now. Trump also weighed in after Johnson trekked to Mar-a-Lago for a visit, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee giving the speaker his nod of approval.

THREAT TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

Nicaragua cancels inter-oceanic canal concession

Press Trust Of India

MANAGUA: After nearly a decade, Nicaragua’s congress finally cancelled a controversial canal concession granted to a Chinese businessman that critics said endangered the environment and threatened to displace rural communities. Despite a symbolic

“groundbreaking” in 2014, no work was done on the canal that was to link Nicaragua’s Atlantic and Pacific coasts. At one point, crews broke ground on access roads near the canal but digging the waterway never started. Thousands of Nicaraguan farmers had protested against land seizures meant to create a route for the govern-



ment-backed project. In 2019, a Nicaraguan judge sentenced three farmers’ leaders who participated in the protests to prison for 216 years, 210 years and 159 years. They were accused of promoting a “failed coup” against the government. Nicaraguan law caps prison time actually served at 30 years.

FOUNDER OF EARTH DAY PASSES AWAY

Pete McCloskey, GOP congressman who once challenged Nixon, dies at 96

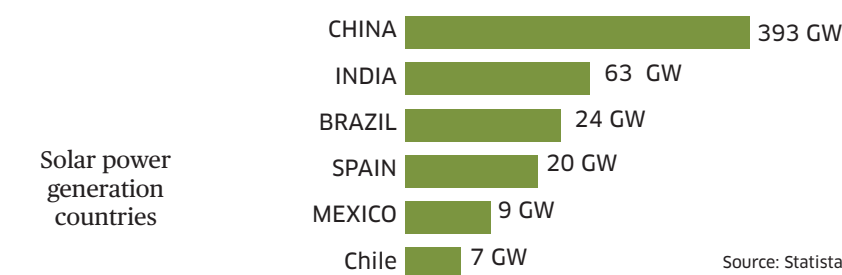


FRESNO : Pete McCloskey – a pro-environment, anti-war California Republican who co-wrote the Endangered Species Act and co-founded Earth Day – has died. He was 96. A fourth-generation Republican “in the mold of Teddy Roosevelt,” he often said, McCloskey represented the 12th Congressional District for 15 years, running for president against an incumbent Richard Nixon in 1972. He battled party leaders while serving seven terms in Congress and went on to publicly disavow the GOP in his later years. He died at home Wednesday, according to Lee Houskeeper, a family friend. Years after leaving Washington, McCloskey made

one last bid for elective office in 2006 when he challenged Richard Pombo of Northern California’s 11th District in a primary race that McCloskey described as “a battle for the soul of the Republican Party.” After losing to Pombo, who had spent most of his tenure in Washington attempting to undo the Endangered Species Act, he threw his support behind Democrat Jerry McNerney, the eventual winner. “It was foolish to run against him (Pombo), but we didn’t have anybody else to do it, and I could not stand what actually they’d become,” the frank-talking former Marine colonel said of the modern GOP in a 2008 interview with The Associated Press. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

WORLD'S TOP FIVE SOLAR POWER COUNTRIES



PATRIOTIC PAGEANTRY

Russia’s celebration of victory in World War II is a key pillar of Putin’s rule

MOSCOW: Russia on Thursday wrapped itself in patriotic pageantry for Victory Day, a celebration of its defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II that President Vladimir Putin has turned into a pillar of his nearly quarter-century in power and a justification of his move into Ukraine. Even though few veterans of what Russia calls the Great Patriotic War are still alive 79 years after Berlin fell to the Red Army, the victory over Nazi Germany remains the most important and widely revered symbol of the country’s prowess and a key element of national identity. Thursday’s festivities across Russia, led by Putin who this week began his fifth term in office, recall that wartime sacrifice in what has become its most important secular holiday. “The Victory Day unites all generations,” Putin said in a speech at Red Square parade. “We are going forward relying on our centuries-old traditions and feel confident that together we will ensure a free and secure future of Russia.” **PTI**

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

India overtook Japan to become world’s 3rd largest solar power generator



NEW DELHI: Rapid solar energy deployment in India pushed the country past Japan to become the world’s third-largest solar power generator in 2023, according to a new report. The report by global energy think tank Ember said solar produced a record 5.5 per cent of global electricity in 2023. In line with the global trend, India generated 5.8 per cent of its electricity from solar last year. Strong growth in wind and solar drove the share of renewables in the global electricity mix above 30 per cent and total clean generation (nuclear included) to almost 40 per cent, as reported in Ember’s “Global Electricity Review”. **PTI**

FineDine

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Embrace body positivity on international no diet day

Promoting self-appreciation: shifting focus towards self-love and rejecting unrealistic beauty standards



Celebrating self-acceptance on International No Diet Day



HIGHLIGHT

- Delve into the essence of International No Diet Day 2024 as we uncover its date, delve into its history, and explore its significance.
- This day encourages individuals to take a break from restrictive diets and instead indulge in a meal they love.

relationship with food and self-image.

Celebrated on May 6th each year, International No Diet Day underscores the importance of embracing body diversity and combating weight discrimination and fat shaming. It prompts reflection on self-acceptance, urging individuals to listen to their bodies and minds while fostering a culture of inclusivity and appreciation for all body types. As we commemorate this special day, let us collectively shift the focus away from unrealistic beauty standards and towards self-love and acceptance. International No Diet Day serves as a catalyst for change, empowering individuals to celebrate their bodies, embrace diversity, and reject harmful societal norms. Together, let us champion a world where every body is valued and celebrated, regardless of size or shape.

FoodPick

MUST TRY WHEN TRAVEL

Cheesy delights at unbeatable prices

Raipur's QB Pizza corner offers Rs 29 pizzas!

In the heart of Raipur, a new pizza haven has emerged - QB Raipur. Offering mouth-watering pizzas loaded with cheese for just 29, it's quickly becoming the go-to spot for budget-friendly indulgence. Situated in front of Nagar Nigam Chowpati, this pizza corner boasts a variety of toppings, from corn to capsicum and onion.



Spice up your snack

game with Utz's extra hot Mike's hot honey chips!

Utz teams up with Mike's Hot Honey for new Extra Hot potato chips, intensifying the beloved flavor threefold. Available until September, these 'spicy' chips offer a gluten-free, kosher-certified snack in convenient 2.625-ounce and 7.75-ounce packs. Following the success of their original collaboration, Utz and Mike's Hot Honey continue to bring the sweet heat to snacking fans nationwide.



Flattened Flavours

The latest craze in croissants

The latest sensation in culinary circles, flat croissants, has taken social media platforms by storm. This innovative twist on the classic French pastry features a smashed appearance, glazed with honey, sugar, and an array of tantalizing fillings. From Seoul to New York, London, and Tokyo, this trend has sparked a frenzy among food enthusiasts, offering a delightful fusion of textures and flavors.



Gaylord

Mumbai's culinary treasure

Mumbai's Culinary Icon Returns with a Modern Twist. Mumbai's Taste Atlas' Best Food Cities in the World spotlights Gaylord, a culinary cornerstone since 1956. A modern makeover infuses Parisian charm while preserving its historic allure. Signature dishes like Chicken à la Kiev and Lobster Thermidor make a comeback, honoring its North-Indian lineage. Cultural nights and live music events await in the revamped space, bridging the past with the present.



Sparkling grapefruit

Ingredients

3 cups grapefruit juice, 1 cup sparkling water, 4 tablespoons honey, ice cubes, grapefruit slices for garnish.

How to make it

In a pitcher, stir together grapefruit juice and honey until honey is dissolved. Slowly pour in sparkling water. Serve over ice, garnished with grapefruit slices, for a refreshing mocktail experience.



Summer Breeze

Ingredients

2 oz vodka, 1 oz peach schnapps, 2 oz orange juice, 2 oz cranberry juice, ice cubes, orange slices for garnish.

How to make it

Fill a shaker with ice, then add vodka, peach schnapps, orange juice, and cranberry juice. Shake well until chilled. Strain mixture into a glass filled with ice. Garnish with orange slices and enjoy this refreshing cocktail!



GOOD DINING |

Tuna filled pani-puris spark internet debate



A viral sensation emerges as Ontario's Curryish Tavern introduces "Tuna Pani Puri," redefining a classic street food. Handcrafted with care, these unique puris offer an unconventional twist on the beloved Indian snack. Stuffed with tuna and served with pani, each bite promises a novel flavor experience. The viral video showcases the meticulous process, sparking divided opinions online.

Unlocking the benefits: Cardamom tea as a diabetes-friendly home remedy

Cardamom, revered in Ayurveda, offers more than flavor. This spice, often seen in Indian kitchens, holds immense potential for managing diabetes. Packed with antioxidants and healing properties, cardamom aids in weight loss, fights infections, and even tackles high blood pressure and depression. Studies suggest its potential in regulating blood sugar, making it a valuable addition to your daily cup of tea.



TRAILBLAZER |

Exploring Brno's hidden charms: From war refuge to breakfast haven

Central Chronicle News

The emergence of Japanese restobars across the country has sparked a newfound fascination.

Brno, with its rich history, conceals a hidden gem beneath its streets—a bed and breakfast nestled within subterranean depths once used as a wartime refuge. As visitors descend into this underground haven, they are greeted by the soft clink of ice against delicate glass, heralding the arrival of meticulously crafted Japanese highballs. The emergence of Japanese restobars across the country has sparked a newfound fascination with Japanese cocktails. Avantika Malik, Head

Mixologist at Mumbai's Mizu Izakaya, attributes their allure to the harmonious blend of savoury flavours, delivering a sensory adventure with every sip. Fruit-forward concoctions and spicy infusions dominate menus, with favourites like the Umeshu Aperol Spritz tantalising the palates of millennials. Malik's creative process is driven by a quest for viable ingredients, often sourcing elusive elements like red pickled ginger and fresh shiso leaves. Her experimentation extends to Japanese teas finished over pinewood and pear cider accents, elevating each drink's edgy allure.

Ketan Satpute, Assistant F&B Manager at Hyatt Centric Juhu Mumbai, underscores the allure of drama in Japanese cocktails, incorpor-



As visitors descend into this underground haven, they are greeted by the soft clink of ice

ating touches of spice and smoke to enhance flavour profiles. Flexibility is key, with ingredient substitutions ensuring consistency amidst sourcing challenges.



Our support staff and Pat (Cummins), the way they think, I have never seen anyone else think like that

Abhishek Sharma
SRH Player

Manika Batra reaches WTT Grand Smash quarterfinals



Manika Batra is currently ranked 39. | Photo: PTI

Manika Batra makes history as the first Indian woman to reach the WTT Grand Smash quarterfinals, defeating world No. 14 Nina Mittelham and world No. 2 Wang Manyu.

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JEDDAH: Manika Batra has become the first Indian woman table tennis player to enter the quarterfinals of an elite WTT event following her victory over world number 14 Nina Mittelham at the Grand Smash event here.

After stunning world number two Wang Manyu in the second round, Batra extended

her red hot form in Saudi Arabia with a 11-6 11-9 11-7 win over her German rival in just 22 minutes on Wednesday. It was Batra's first win over Mittelham in four attempts and now she will face another formidable rival in world number five Hina Hayata of Japan on Thursday evening. The Indian will be backing herself to put it past Hayata as she had upset the Japanese to win

HIGHLIGHT

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a historic bronze in the Asia Cup back in 2022.

"I'm feeling really proud with myself that I played my best game today after beating Wang

Manyu. That match was really important to me and I was happy and excited so I had to keep myself calm for this match," said the 28-year-old Batra. "Everything is going right here. Everything in my room, in my practice session, in my match; so I think I love this country! This is my first quarterfinals in a Smash so I'm really thankful to everyone

that was there to cheer and my practice partner for coaching me and my coach in India," she added. Batra, who is currently ranked 39, is set to break into the top-25 following a memorable week here. Batra had shocked China's Wang on Monday after getting past Romania's Andreea Dragoman in the first round, her first win at a Grand Smash event.

Diksha set for landmark 100th start on LET

SEOUL: Diksha Dagar will become the first Indian woman golfer to play 100 events on the Ladies European Tour when she tees up at the Aramco Team Series Korea, her first appearance in the series. Diksha, who turned pro in 2019 and won on LET in her first full season, has been a regular on LET since then. Currently ninth on the LET Order of Merit, Diksha turned 23 in December. She is one of the three Indians to tee off at the New Korea Country Club. The other two Indians in the field are Pranavi Urs and Vani Kapoor. Diksha will also lead the team of Czech Tereza Melecka and Korean Do Yeon Park, while Pranavi and Vani are in the team led by Singaporean Shannon Tan, who has already won once in her rookie season.

Travis Head touts Abhishek Sharma as an exciting talent

| INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE |

Press Trust of India

Travis Head lauds Abhishek Sharma's talent after their explosive, record-breaking IPL chase victory.

HYDERABAD: The destructive Travis Head has called his Sunrisers Hyderabad opening partner Abhishek Sharma an exciting talent for Indian cricket after the duo combined to pummel the Lucknow Super Giants bowling attack in a record IPL chase here.

Head (89 not out off 30) and Sharma (75 not out off 28), who have formed one of the most explosive pairings in the IPL this season, made a mockery of the 166-run



Sunrisers Hyderabad's Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma. | Photo: PTI

target by overhauling it in just 9.4 overs. It was the highest ever 10 over score in history of men's T20 cricket. Both the southpaws hit fours and sixes for fun in what was a sensational display of power-hitting. "The partnership with Abhi has been fantastic, he's such an exciting talent for Indian cricket. We complement each other so well and

he's very very enjoyable to be around, he's so excited and thinks about the game and yeah he's got a lot of energy so it's a great partnership to be involved in," said Head in the post-match press conference on Wednesday.

Head is in top form ahead of the T20 World Cup in the Americas next month, having aggregated 533 runs in

FACTFILE

• Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Lucknow Super Giants at home to go 3rd on the points table.

11 innings at an astonishing strike rate of 201.89. Sharma too has been striking at over 200. Sharma had also earned high praise from West Indies legend Brian Lara, who is a former coach of SRH. "Again he is someone who I met while I was batting coach of SRH. I spent two years there. I am allowed to a bit biased when I see a left-hander, I just love a left-hander.

"Myself and Abhishek have developed a very good relationship, these youngsters are very humble, they want to learn," Lara had said.

| OLYMPIC TORCH |

Flames of Unity: Olympic torch ignites France journey

Press Trust of India

MARSEILLES: Marseille witnessed a historic celebration as tens of thousands welcomed the Olympic torch in a ceremony marking the beginning of its journey through France ahead of the Paris 2024 Summer Games. The torch arrived at Marseille's Old Port aboard a majestic



French swimmer Florent Manaudou holds the Olympic Torch. | Photo: PTI

The return of the Olympic Games to France was cause for a fantastic celebration.

Tony Estanguet
Paris 2024 OOC President

three-mast ship from Greece, greeted by

French Olympic swimmer Florent Manaudou, the first torch carrier in France. The torch relay officially begins Thursday, starting in Marseille and continuing to Paris. Paris 2024 Olympics Organizing Committee President Tony Estanguet expressed the return of the Games to France as a cause for a "fantastic celebration."

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

T20 SQUAD

Shakib Al Hasan makes comeback to Bangladesh cricket squad

DHAKA: All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan returned to Bangladesh's T20 squad for the first time in 10 months after the selectors included him Wednesday for the final two matches against Zimbabwe. Shakib's last appearance was a man-of-the-match performance against Afghanistan in Sylhet in July 2023, when he was captain. An eye problem and a finger injury restricted his appearances after the ODI World Cup last year. Najmul Hossain Shanto has replaced him as captain in all formats this year. Bangladesh has already clinched the five-match T20 International series after taking an unassailable 3-0 lead. The last two matches will be played in Dhaka on Friday and Sunday.

Shakib was rested from the first three matches, which were played in Chattogram, but played three matches in Dhaka Premier League (DPL) to regain his match fitness. **PTI**

BIG CRICKET LEAGUE

Vengsarkar, Walsh, and RP Singh unveil Big Cricket League

NEW DELHI: Cricket legends Courtney Walsh and Dilip Vengsarkar and former India player Rudra Pratap Singh on Wednesday launched the Big Cricket League (BCL), a franchise-based T20 event that will offer aspiring local players a chance to play alongside their cricketing heroes. The league, a brainchild of former India pacer Singh, will feature 60 local Indian cricketers and 48 former international and domestic players. Six franchises -- Awadh Lions, Mumbai Marines, Rajasthan Kings, Southern Spartans, Bengal Rhinos, and Northern Challengers -- will play 18 T20 matches in the inaugural season. The World Cup-winning India batter Vengsarkar and West Indies pace legend Walsh are also associated with BCL, serving as the League Commissioner and Vice President respectively. "We saw so many talented cricketers whose dreams remained just out of reach," Singh, who is the founder and president of BCL, said. **PTI**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SIGNS KAUL

Northamptonshire bolster bowling lineup with signing of pacer Siddharth Kaul



NORTHAMPTON: Indian pacer Siddharth Kaul was signed by English county side Northamptonshire on Wednesday.

Kaul will feature in the fifth-ranked team's upcoming three County Championship Division 2 contests.

It will be the 33-year-old Punjab-born pacer's maiden outing in the English domestic circuit. To date, Kaul has bagged 284 First-Class wickets in 83 matches at an average of 26.45, including 13 four-wicket hauls and 16 fifters, while his best innings figures read six for 27. Northampton head

coach John Sadler was excited to sign an experienced campaigner like Kaul.

"Sid has a lot of experience with the ball. He's played a lot of First-Class cricket and is keen to make a big impact when he joins the squad. "He's finished his domestic season over in India where he picked up some good form. So hopefully, he continues that on with us," said Sadler.

The India international is expected to be in action in the team's upcoming tie versus bottom-placed Gloucestershire at home at Wantage Road on Friday. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP GOAL SCORERS IN ISL 2024

Roy Krishna ATKMB	14
Bartholomew Ogbeche HFC	12
Sunil Chhetri BFC	10
Jorge Ortiz FC Goa	9
Cleiton Silva EBFC	8

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

Aman Sehrawat carries high expectations into last Olympic qualifying event

ISTANBUL: The immensely-talented Aman Sehrawat and the experienced Deepak Punia will be followed keenly when they take to the mat to lock the men's freestyle quotas for Paris Olympics at the World Qualifiers beginning here on Thursday. It is the last event to secure spot for the Paris Games.

There were high hopes that U23 world champion Aman would qualify for the Games either at the World Championships or the Asian Qualifiers in Bishkek but both the chances were lost. While Aman (57kg) bumped into a strong opponent in Gulomjon Abdullaev in the quota-deciding bout in Bishkek, both World Championships silver medallist Deepak (86kg) and Sujeet Kalkal (65kg) could not reach Bishkek on time after being stuck in Dubai due to storm.

Now it's a do-or-die situation for all Indian wrestlers at Istanbul where the two finalists in each category will be awarded the quotas. **PTI**

IPL

Will KL Rahul step down from LSG captaincy for last 2 games?



NEW DELHI: All but out of contention for the IPL play-offs, KL Rahul's future as Lucknow Super Giants skipper is uncertain for the remaining two games after the team received a pasting at the hands of Sunrisers Hyderabad on Wednesday. It is a foregone conclusion that the LSG skipper, who was roped in before the auction in 2022 for a record Rs 17 crore, is unlikely to be retained before the mega auctions in 2025. However, there is speculation that the skipper might step down on his own and concentrate on batting during the next two games. **PTI**

Sports News



Real Madrid's players celebrate victory at the end of the UEFA Champions League semi final against FC Bayern Munich.

Real Madrid reaches Champions League final

Press Trust of India

Real Madrid stages a thrilling comeback to defeat Bayern Munich 2-1, securing a spot in their 18th European Cup final.

MADRID: Real Madrid is heading to another Champions League final after another thrilling night at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The 14-time European champion staged

a dramatic comeback to defeat Bayern Munich 2-1, securing a spot in the final for the second time in three seasons.

Trailing after a 68th-minute goal from Alphonso Davies, Madrid leveled the score in the 88th minute when Joselu tapped in a goal after Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer fumbled a straightforward save. The Spanish giants then clinched victory in stop-

HIGHLIGHT

● Real Madrid now prepares to face Borussia Dortmund in London on June 1.

page time when Joselu found the net again, this time assisted by defender Antonio Rüdiger. Although initially flagged offside, the goal was allowed following a video review, sending the Madrid fans into a frenzy. Bayern thought

they had drawn level deep in stoppage time, but a goal by Matthijs de Ligt was ruled offside. The German club's coach, Thomas Tuchel, criticized the offside decision, calling it "disastrous" and "against the rules."

Despite the setback, Tuchel remained optimistic, saying, "It's tough to accept, but we left it all out on the pitch. No regrets." Bayern Munich will have to

wait another season to reach the final, having last won the competition in 2019-20. They were aiming for their sixth European title, but Madrid proved too strong in the final minutes.

Real Madrid now prepares to face Borussia Dortmund in London on June 1, extending their record to an 18th European Cup final and ninth in the Champions League era.

Controversial decisions mark Madrid's dramatic win

MADRID: Real Madrid advanced to the Champions League final after a dramatic 2-1 victory over Bayern Munich at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Bayern initially took the lead when Alphonso Davies, who replaced the injured Serge Gnabry in the 27th minute, outmaneuvered Antonio Rüdiger

and fired a right-footed shot into the far corner past goalkeeper Andriy Lunin in the 68th minute. Madrid appeared to have equalized shortly after but had their goal overturned following a video review for a foul by Nacho Fernández on Joshua Kim-mich. However, Madrid found an equalizer in

the 88th minute through Joselu, who tapped in a spilled save by Bayern's Manuel Neuer.

Then, in stoppage time, Joselu struck again, heading in a cross from Antonio Rüdiger. Although initially flagged offside, the goal was allowed after a review, giving Madrid a 4-3 aggregate win.

OLYMPIC BUILD-UP |

Neeraj Chopra set to start Olympic build-up

By Poonam Mehra

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra begins his Paris Games preparation at Diamond League, facing top competitors.

DOHA: Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's Paris Games preparations will be put through a stern test when he begins his season in the first leg of the prestigious Diamond League one-day meet series against a star-studded but familiar field, here on Friday.

The 26-year-old Indian javelin superstar, who is also the reigning world and Asian Games champion, will be up against the likes of former world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada and Olympic and world-medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic.

Asian Games silver-medallist and his



compatriot Kishore Jena will also be in the fray as he makes his Diamond League debut. Jena has a personal best of 87.54m while Chopra's all-time best is 89.94m, which is also the national record.

European champion Julian Weber of Germany, fourth in the Olympic Games and World Championships, will also compete in the 10-man field.

HIGHLIGHT

● Chopra has won three individual legs of Diamond League and lifted the champion's trophy in 2022.

The league will then move to Morocco on May 19.

Chopra is also the defending champion here as he had set the tone for his title-laden 2023 season with a victory ahead of Vadlejch and Peters.

"Success depends on team work. My coach and physio make immense contribution. The coach reviews my technique and we talk on what's the best style for me. We also have a specialist for strength training. Planning has been key," Chopra was quoted as saying in a Sports Authority of India release. The Indian had sent the spear to a distance of 88.67m then as against the 88.63m and 85.88m of Vadlejch and Peters respectively.

Indian shooters fare poorly in Baku World Cup

NEW DELHI: Indian shooters' dismal run in the ISSF World Cup in Baku continued with none of the skeet exponents in both men's and women's events making it to the finals on Thursday.

Asian Games silver medallist Anant Jeet Singh Naruka finished 15th with an aggregate qualifying score of 120/125, while 48-year-old veteran marksman Mairaj Ahmad Khan could only manage 105 and finished his campaign at 76th spot among 80 shooters in the fray. Olympian Mairaj, who had finished 75th among 84 shooters in the ISSF Final Olympic Qualification Championship (shotgun) in Doha last month, could not improve upon his performance in the World Cup in Baku, managing identical scores of 21/25 in the two qualifying rounds on Thursday to have a five-round aggregate of 105/125.

WRESTLING |

UWW suspends Bajrang Punia

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Wrestling's world governing body UWW has suspended Bajrang Punia till the end of this year following NADA's decision to hand him a provisional suspension for refusing to undergo a dope test.

However, in a rather surprising decision, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned close to Rs nine lakh for his training abroad despite being well aware of NADA's order.

Bajrang, one of the country's most successful wrestlers, was suspended by NADA on April 23 after being served a whereabouts failure notice on April 18. In his defence, the Tokyo Olympics bronze-medallist said he



Wrestling's world governing body UWW has suspended Bajrang Punia.

never refused to give his sample for testing but merely asked the Dope Control Officer to explain the presence of expired kits which were brought to take his sample.

Bajrang told PTI that he has not received any communication from the UWW about his suspension but the world governing body while updat-

ing its internal system clearly mentions that he stands suspended.

"Suspended for the following reason until Dec 31, 2024," reads the update on Bajrang's profile.

"Provisionally suspended by NADO IND for alleged ADRV (Anti-Doping Rule Violation)," was the reason mentioned.

HIGHLIGHT

● SAI approves his training stint abroad but wrestler cancels trip.

Interestingly, the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), in its April 25 meeting, was informed that Bajrang has been sanctioned Rs 8,82,000 plus air fare (actual) for his proposal to train at Dagestan, Russia from May 28.

Bajrang's initial proposal was for a 35-day training trip from April 24 but, as per the minutes of MOC meeting, due to "conflicting travel dates due to his whereabouts failure, he chose to defer the travel plans from 24th April, 2024 to 28th May, 2024."

SUPERBET RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS |

Arjun draws Carlsen, Gukesh struggles

Press Trust of India

WARSAW: Newly-crowned FIDE Candidates' champion D Gukesh had a subdued start but compatriot Erigaisi Arjun held world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway to an easy draw in the opener of the Superbet Rapid and blitz tournament, a part of the Grand Chess tour.

World Number seven Arjun also drew two more



Facing Carlsen was challenging, but I'm confident and ready for the upcoming rounds.

Erigaisi Arjun
Chess player

games to remain within striking distance of early leader Kirill Shevchenko of Romania after the third

round of tournament. On a day when Gukesh lost his first two games before drawing the third, R Praggnanandhaa recovered in the third round to beat Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan to be on a fifty per cent score.

Shevchenko, the lowest seed in the tournament emerged as the early leader with three victories on the trot coming in contrasting fashion.

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My life changed after the films were released. From being a boy from a small town who had a stammer to becoming the voice of Baahubali, it has been a journey.
Sharad Kelkar
 Actor



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CLOSE UP

Bhumi Pednekar lights up WEC as global advocate

Bollywood luminary Bhumi Pednekar ascends to global prominence at the World Economic Forum, championing sustainability as a Young Global Leader.

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Pednekar's journey from screen to summit exemplifies the transformative power of passion and purpose in driving meaningful change on a global scale.

Renowned Bollywood star Bhumi Pednekar is set to be honored at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, marking a significant milestone in her journey from the silver screen to global advocacy. Recognized as a Young Global Leader, Pednekar's ascent to this prestigious platform underscores the transformative potential of passion and purpose. With a decade of cinematic brilliance behind her, Pednekar approaches this new chapter with unwavering determination and a profound sense of responsibility. Beyond her captivating performances, she has emerged as a powerful voice for change, using her influence to address pressing issues such as sustainability and social justice. Pednekar's commitment to these causes is not just rhetoric; it is evident in her actions, from participating in initiatives to reduce plastic waste to advocating for gender equality in the entertainment industry.



Actor Bhumi Pednekar is in Geneva to be inducted as a Young Global Leader of the world.



Pednekar's global impact: Paving the way for a sustainable future

Bhumi Pednekar, celebrated for her riveting performances, emerges as a beacon of hope and change on the global stage as she steps into the role of a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum. With a fierce dedication to sustainability and social justice,

she endeavors to mobilize global action for a greener, fairer world. Alongside her fellow Indians, Pednekar represents a diverse tapestry of talent poised to shape the trajectory of global development. Her visionary leadership offers a glimmer of hope for a future that is not only sustainable but also inclusive and equitable for all.

HOLLYWOOD

Anna Wintour faces Gala dilemma: Unraveling the controversy surrounding the 2024 Met Gala

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In an unprecedented move, Anna Wintour, the esteemed editor-in-chief of Vogue, extends a formal apology for the widespread confusion surrounding the thematic direction of the 2024 Met Gala. The theme, "Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion," paired with the dress code "The Garden of Time," elicited unexpected disconnect, a departure from Wintour's customary meticulous planning. Despite perennial favorites like Zendaya and Rihanna consistently dazzling in

thematic attire, Wintour candidly acknowledges the prevailing confusion and offers a heartfelt

HIGHLIGHT

● Anna Wintour, renowned for her influence over the Met Gala, breaks tradition with the 2024 theme and publicly apologizes for the ensuing confusion.

apology. Delving into the theme's conception and the fragile nature of the showcased artifacts, Wintour subtly alludes to her own attire, evoking a notable line from



"The Devil Wears Prada." The unintentional association between the Gala's theme and the fic-

tional fashion doyenne, Miranda Priestly, adds an intriguing layer to the discourse surrounding the event's cultural significance. Through her candid admission of the challenges encountered in formulating the theme, Wintour elevates the Gala's narrative, shedding light on the evolving dynamics of fashion and its enduring impact on popular culture. As netizens dissected the gala's floral-inspired theme, comparisons to the film's fictional fashion maven, Miranda Priestly, surfaced, further intertwining fiction with reality in the world of haute couture.

O.T.T Watch



Top ratings for a Lovely Runner

Lovely Runner soars with Episode 9's record-breaking ratings. Episode 11 airs May 13. KBS2's Nothing Uncovered concludes; ENA's The Midnight Studio wraps with consistent viewership. Tune in for captivating drama.



Bridgerton: Redefining norms and shaping culture

"Bridgerton" redefines on-screen norms, says Nicola Coughlan. The hit Netflix series breaks barriers with inclusive casting, resonating with audiences globally. Co-star Luke Newton praises the show's choices, ensuring continual support and success.



A Part of You: Trailer release

Netflix unveils trailer for "A Part of You," a teen coming-of-age film directed by Sigge Eklund. Starring Felicia Maxime, Zara Larsson, and more, it delves into identity, loss, and self-discovery. Scheduled release: May 31, 2024.



Sara Khan takes on new challenges in Guilt 3

TV star Sara Khan finds portraying a character 10 years her junior in 'Guilt 3' a challenge. Despite this, she embraces the role eagerly, reflecting on her diverse experiences in the entertainment industry.



Hopkins' 'Those About To Die' to stream on 19th July

Anthony Hopkins' 'Those About To Die' series premieres on Prime Video on July 19. Directed by Roland Emmerich, the historical drama features Iwan Rheon from 'Game of Thrones' and is based on Daniel P Mannix's book.

CineBriefs
 BEST OF THE REST

Web series

Superman's return: Gunn and Coreswet's iconic suit reveal (Repeated News; do not publish)

James Gunn and David Coreswet unveil the new Superman suit, complete with the iconic S curl and trunks. Last seen in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," the S curl returns, bringing nostalgia for fans. Gunn's social media post teased the first live-action look, signaling a return to tradition. The inclusion of trunks, a nod to Superman's roots, has sparked both excitement and debate among fans. The star-studded cast, including Rachel Brosnahan, Nicholas Hoult, and Milly Alcock, promises an epic superhero saga.

Bollywood hot pair

Janhvi Kapoor dismisses Tirupati wedding rumors with Shikhar Pahariya with laughter



Janhvi Kapoor dismisses Tirupati wedding rumors with a witty response. Despite media speculation about her relationship with Shikhar Pahariya, Kapoor remains tight-lipped. Responding to Instagram rumors, she quips, "Kuch bhi" (What even). Fans react with laughter emojis. Last year on Koffee with Karan, Kapoor hinted at her relationship by mentioning Shikhar on her speed dial. Shikhar, the grandson of former Maharashtra Chief Minister Sushilkumar Shinde, reportedly rekindled his romance with Kapoor after previously parting ways. The couple has been spotted together frequently, including offering prayers at Tirupati Temple and Kapoor sporting a necklace with Shikhar's nickname.



Fashion

Mona Patel radiates elegance in Iris Van Herpen couture at Met Gala 2024

Mona Patel commands the spotlight at Met Gala 2024 in her striking Iris Van Herpen couture ensemble, a breathtaking fusion of heritage and haute couture. Hailing from Vadodara, Gujarat, Patel's entrepreneurial prowess and philanthropic endeavors, recognized by Forbes Next 1000, underscore her multifaceted brilliance. Her custom gown, adorned with a butterfly corset and mesmerizing mechanical butterfly, epitomizes elegance and innovation. With each graceful flutter, Patel captivates both attendees and online audiences, cementing her status as a beacon of style and substance on fashion's grandest stage.

Trending on Insta

@fatimasanashaikh

Saree chic: Fatima Sana Shaikh's Instagram glamour sets trends

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh mesmerizes fans with a stunning saree look on Instagram, embracing her 'nazakat' era. Known for her portrayal of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, she captivates in a mustard-colored ensemble.

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