THE ASIAN AGE

NATION 3

WB gov Ananda Bose tours parts of Kolkata, reviews security on Hanuman Jayanti

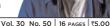


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Pakistan court extends ex-PM Imran Khan's interim bail in 8 cases

DELHI AGE 16

'Gauge impact of my work not by box office but through fan appreciation': Aditya





Inion home minister Amit Shah

the occasion of Hanuman
Jayanti in Salangpurdhaam,
Gujarat, on Thursday. — PTI

Covid on the rise:

fatalities in 24 hrs

deaths reconciled by Kerala. The Covid death toll has climbed to 5,30,929

MHA recommends CBI

inquiry against Oxfam

New Delhit The MHA has recommended a CBI probe into the affairs of Oxfam India for alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. It found that Oxfam India continued to transfer foreign entities even after registering under the FCRA, which prohibits such transfers.

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Temple vandalised in

Canada, lookout for 2

Toronto: A Hindu temple as vandalised by unknown eople with "anti-Hindu and anti-India graffiti" in

anti-India graffiti" in Canada's Ontario province, in what is described by the police as a "hate-motivated" incident. The police said that it has launched an investiga-tion into the incident and looking for two suspects. Full report on Page 6

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in the country.
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5,335 cases, 13

■ Tells BJP not be 'complacent' in 2024; vows to rid India corruption Opp. 'desperate', is battling 'existential crisis', says PM

YOMA GISAN
WEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Cautioning B.IP leaders
and workers not to get
complacent as there is a
view that 'no one can
defeat' the party in 2024,
Prime Minister Narendra
Modi on Thursday
attacked the Opposition
for its 'badshahi' mindpoor and backward classes. In the wake of the
Congress and other
Opposition parties accusing the Modi government
of running away from
their demand for a JPC
probe on the Adami issue
refrequency on the Adami issue
tional institutions against
their leaders, the PM said
they have been 'battling
an existential crisis' and
are resorting to levelling
allegations and hatching
conspiracies against the
ruling party. The PM BI
leaders that the more the
party wins electorally, the
more aggressive the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addresses BJP leaders and workers on the occasion of the party's 44th foundation day in New Delhi on Thursday. $-PT_{\rm s}$

foundation day in New Delhi Opposition's onslaught would get. Addressing BJP members at the party's 44th foundation day celebrations, Mr Modi said those fighting an "existential battle" had become "desperate" after the exposure of their corruption and were, therefore, conspiring against his government of their corruption and their corruption a

ion flursday. — PTI nepotism and law and order challenges. "Full of hate, these people are speaking one lie after another. They have become restless and desperate at the exposure of their corrupt deeds. They can see now only one way out. They are openly saying "Mod! ter! kabar khideg!". They are issuing threats to dig (myd gg deed) and the say of the

confined to winning polls. Our goal is to win over the hearts of crores of people. We have to fight every poll with the same hard work that we have put in since the time of the Jan Sangh.

Narendra
 Modi
 Prime Minister

who listened to his nearly 50-minute address at over 10 lakh locations, Mr Modi said: "Despite being the world's biggest political party, we don't have to be complacent. People have already started saying that no one can defeat the BJP in 2024. This is true, but as BJP workers we have to win the heart of the beautiful that the beautif

BJP's 1st list on K'taka out by April 13, CEC to meet on Sunday

SANJAY BASAK NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

NEW DELHI, APRIL 6
The BJP's first list of candidates for the Karnataka polls is set to be released by April 13. On Thursday, chief minister Basawaraj Bommai tag, chief minister Basawaraj Bommai State core committee meeting had ended on Wednesday and the final list would be released after going through the survey report. The central election committee of the co quarters Delhi.

Delhi.

On the issue of the party's star campaigners, Mr Bommai said:

"Wait and watch". On Wednesday, Kannada superstar Kichcha Sudeep had extended his support to the BJP and pledged that he would campaign for the party.

party.
The chief minister
Turn to Page 4
Cong releases 2nd
list of 41 candidates
for K'taka polls: Page 3



Govt disrupted Parl, says Kharge

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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The last day of the Budget Session of Parliament on Thursday saw a semblanee of Opposition unity, making the Congress, TMC. BRS and the Samalywadi Party, participating in the "Tiranga March" from Parliament to Vijay Chow. In a show of unity, participating in the "Tiranga March" from Parliament to Vijay Chow. In a show of unity, participating in the "Minga" of the Congress on earlier occasions not only participated in the march but also the press confer-

participated in the march but also the press confer-ence to target the Modi government on issues

BRS MP K.K. Rao said the parties on the podium had 'distance and differences' between them but were now coming together

such as the Adani issue, price rise and the alleged attack on democracy. In his remarks at the press conference, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "The Budget of \$50-lakh crores was passed in just 12 minutes, but they (the \$LIP) always alleged that the Omogition parties have

Opposition parties have no interest and they kept disturbing the House."

Session ends amid logiam, Houses adjourned sine die

AGE CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

The Budget Session of the 17th Parliament concluded on Thursday after both the Houses were adjourned sine die. Both Houses barely functioned during the Budget Session amid standoff between the Treasury

Benches and the Opposition over demand for a joint parliamentary committee probe on the Adani issue and the "democracy under attack" comment of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in the UK. The session also aw disputification of the Congress of the

Panel wants CT scanners at big airports for fast

security checks

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA

RBI holds key rate: Das says 'it's a pause', may hike later

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A.K. Antony's son Anil enters BJP; father says he's 'pained'

Till last breath, I'll be in Congress, says ex-DefMin

AGE CORRESPONDENTS THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/ NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Months after slamming the BBC and its documentary on the post-Gothar riots and quitting from riots and quitting from quitting from of veteran Congress Anil K. Antony, the son of veteran Congress leader A.K. Antony, on Thursday joined the BJP in the presence of Union ministers Plyush Goyal and V. Muraleedharan at the party headquarrest well-comed the young leader for his "boldness, strength and courage of conviction for a matter of principle that he stood the ground for the nation,"



Anil Antony, son of Congress veteran A.K. Antony, with Union minister Piyush Goyal after the former joined the BJP in New Delhi on Thursday. — *PTI*

Govt considers changes in IPC, CrPC: A-G

■ Bill may be moved in Monsoon Session ■ Sedition law review likely ■ SC hearing in July

NEW DELHI, APRIL 6
Attorney-general R. Venkataramani on Thursday
told the Supreme Court
that the Central government is actively considering amending the CrPC
(Code of Criminal Procedure) and the IPC (Indian
Penal Code). He said that
comprehensive amendments to the criminal laws
will be undertaken in the
coming Monsoon Session.
The attorney-general
also indicated that amend-

ments to provisions relating to sedition are under consideration as well. The topmost law officer of the country said that he has personally asked the government to take an active rounder that the country said that he has personally asked the government to take an active rounder that the considering amendments to criminal laws, the law officer said, adding, "Consultations have taken place... Some of this (the amendments) has to do with the sedition laws". When the bench, com-

prising Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice J.B. Pardiwala, asked the top law officer about the relevance of the submission that a change in sedition law was also in the offing, he said the government was actively looking at amending the CPPC and The top court bench posted the matter for fur-

the IPC.

The top court bench posted the matter for further hearing in the last week of July.

The A-G made the aforementioned submissions

before the bench in response to a plea that challenged the provision of the CrPC that incapaci-tates female family mem-bers from accepting sum-

bers from accepting summons.

In November last year, the court issued notice to the attorney-general when a public interest litigation claimed that the present form of Section 84 in the CPPC discriminates against women and delays the delivery of justice, jeopardising the victim's right to a speedy trial

guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.
The plea alleged the provision discriminates between male and female and is violative of various fundamental rights, including the right to equality.
Earlier, in March 2020, the MHA constituted a national-level committee for reforms in criminal laws, headed by the viecchancellor of the National Law University, Delhi, to undertake a review of the IPC, CPTC and the Evidence Act.



Britain's King Charles III and Camilla, the Queen Consort (centre), attend the Royal Maundy Service at York Minster, York, England, on Thursday. -AP

Macron appeals to China's Xi to 'bring Russia to its senses'

Beijing, April 6: French
President Emmanuel
Macron appealed on
Thursday to Chinese
leader Xi Jinping, who
received an effusive welcome from Russia
President Vladimir Prutin
to Treing Russis to its ensest" and help make "lasting peace" in Ukraine.
Mr Macron pointed to
Chinese support for the
United Nations Charter,
which calls for respect of
a country's territorial
integrity, and for nuclear

PREZ MACRON said peace and stability peace and stability based on those were threatened by the Russian President's invasion of Ukraine

agreements. He said peace and stability based on those were threatened by the Russian President's washing Ukrainent's washing Ukrainent's washing Ukrainent's government declared it had a "no limits friendship" with Russia ahead of the February 2022 attack but

has tried to appear neutral Beijing has called for scales of the scale of the scale

For a hassle-free check-in at the air-ports, the parliamentary panel for home affairs asked the Liu install canners and the comparity of the c



IN BR Officer probing riots

Govt plans wildlife

training for citizens

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New Delhi: The Delhi government, starting this year, will provide free training to people interested in forest and wildlife department official said the goal of the programme is to share knowledge with the general public to boost conservation. A servation efforts in the servation efforts in the ment has set up a fournember training cell while a website is being created. A third party from reputable institutions will be engaged to conduct the training. "To start with, we are inviting applications for those interested in understanding the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act and its application from everyone—be it students, professionals...," a senior official straining will cover all forest and biodiversity laws and conservation activities.

PFI chief allowed to withdraw his plea

New Delhl: The Delhi high court on Thursday permitted former Popular Front of India chairman E. Abubacker,

former Popular Front of India chairman E. Abubacker, lodged in prison under a UAPA case, to withdraw his plea seeking release on account of ill health. A two-judge bench of justices with the please of the please

FOREIGN STUDENT

FROM NOIDA FLAT

Nolda: A Zambian national died in Greater Noida after allegedly falling off the eighth-floor balcony of his rented apartment, police officials said on Thursday. he deceased was identified as Mwaba M Bwalya, a 22-year-old student, who was societal and societal and societal societal and societal societal societal and societal societal and societal socie

yee' living att. sup, we'n Aman Society where the incident took place around 11.30 pm on Wednesday, they said. "He lived in a three-bedroom apartment with two more flatmates, both of whom are from Zambia. All three had come to India for studies at police spokesperson said. After the incident, the youth was taken to a hospital but he did not survive, the official added. According to a Sharda University official, he had come to India for admission in the BIBA course of the order order of the order order of the order of th

FALLS TO DEATH

New Delhi, April 6: Board exams in two terms might be back for Class 12 and the final result for classes 10 and 12 will take into account the marks of previous class, according to the draft National Curriculum Framework (NGF). The NCF, which is the control of t case faces court flak New Delhi: A Delhi court hearing a case of the 2020 northeast Delhi riots has dep-recated the conduct of an investigating officer (IO), recated the conduct of an investigating officer (IO), saying the police official was playing a game of hide and seek with the court and trying to mislead it. Additional research of the police station against bread arguments on charges in a case registered by Dayalpur police station against three accused, noted in addition to theFIR the case pertained to four complaints. The judge said one of the complaints by Farooq Ahmad mentioned two separate alleged incidents on the intervening night of February 25 and 25, while the FIR was regarding a rioting incident around 5.50 am on February 25.50 am on February 25 and 26, while the FIR was regarding on Main Waitshad road.

Government of the complaints of the compl

year.
While the draft NCF prowhile the that Net pro-poses two term exams for classes 11 and 12 calling it "modular board exams", it suggests that splitting the calender into two parts for classes 9 and 10 is "unnec-

classes 9 and 10 L ... essary".

According to education ministry officials, the draft which is final stages will be put in public domain soon for feedback

ACCURDING TO edu-cation ministry officials, the draft which is final stages will be put in public domain soon for feedback from stake-holders.

from stakeholders and the new system will be imple-mented from 2024 academ-

mented from 2024 academic session.

As per NEP 2020, the secondary stage will comprise four years of multidisciplinary study (Class
9-12), building on subject
oriented pediagogical and
Middle Stage_greater
Middle Stage_greater
Hexibility and student
choice of subjects.

The eight curricular
areas are—humanities,
mathematics and computing, wocational education,
polyment of the computer of the computer
sections and interdisciplinary areas.

The secondary stage has
been divided into two
phases—Classes 9-10 and
Classes 11-12. Broad curcluster areas such as science, social science.

ricular areas such as sci-ence, social science, humanities will be offered in Classes 9 and 10. Disciplines such as histo-ry, physics, language with-in each curricular area will be offered in class 11 and 12 to enable depth. Describing the structure

for class 9 and 10, the draft NCF says, "to complete Class 10, students will complete two essential courses from each of the eight curricular areas available from a total of 16 essential courses so und 10. Both the classes will will follow an annual structure (a semester structure in these classes is possible to construct but is unnecessary since all students will do all the students will do all the students will do all the eight board examinations at the end of Class 10-these assess each of the two essential courses in each curricular area learnt during class 9 and 10. The final certification of the examinations, it adds.

■ National edu policy plans to do away with science, arts, commerce streams

marks of previous class into account

Class 10, 12 board results may take

adds.

The draft prepared by the national steering committee, headed by former ISRO chief K. Kasturirangan, also suggests that the current practice of streaming into colones with the current practice. practice of streaming into science, arts or humanities, and commerce will be replaced by a design that enables both breadth through engagement with a variety of courses across streams and depth in areas chosen by students.

Rejig in assessment, short, long questions' weightage reduced

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

The CBSE has revamped its assessment scheme for Class 10 and 12 board exams to be conducted in 200 miles of the control of the The CBSE has revamped

"The National Education Policy, 2020, has affirmed the need to move from rote learning to learning more focused on developing the creative and critical thinking

capacities of students to meet the challenges of the 21st century proactively. The board is initiating control of the control

Jain could tamper with evidence, savs HC, rejecting bail

AGE CORRESPONDENT

Rejecting the bail plea of former Delhi minister Rejecting the bail plea of former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a 2017 money laundering probe by the Enforcement Directorate, the Delhi high court on Thursday observed that the AAP leader is an influential person with a potential to see that the AAP leader is an influential person with a potential to as 'indicated by his conduct during the custody'. The high court outrightly rejected Mr Jain's submission that he was not found in physical possession of any property, saying for the offence of money laundering physical possession of the proceeds of crime is not necessary.

cal possession of the pro-ceeds of crime is not nec-essary. Mr Jain, who was arrest-ed on May 30 last year by the ED, is accused of hav-the ED, is accused the In-through four companies allegedly linked to him. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma also rejected the ball pleas of Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain, the co-accused in the case. the North Companies of the or the special court reject-ing Mr Jain's ball, justice Sharma in his 46 page judgment said: "I have gone through the order of



Satyendar Jain learned special judge rejecting the bail applications. I do not find any illegality or perversity in such order. The order rejecting the bail applications are such orders based on material on record. The court has taken note of the fact that Satyendar Kumar Jain has resigned as a Minister. However, in view of the discussion made hereinabove, I consider that petitioners have failed to meet the twin conditions as provider.

have failed to meet the twin conditions as provided under section 45 PMLA as well as the conditions as laid down under section 439 CrPC, and are thus not entitled for ball." The high court examined the definition of money laundering under money laundering under the definition of money laundering under the definition of the definition as the definition as the definition of the definition of the definition as the definition of the definition

NCF draft addresses fear of mathematics in students

New Delhi, April 6: Mathematics should be integrated with arts, sports and language to make the subject more cre-ative and aesthetic for school students which has

school students which has traditionally been more "robotic" and "algorithe Trobotic" and "algorithe Trobotic" and "algorithe Trobotic" and "algorithe Trobotic and "algorithe Trobotic and Trobotic and

abilities.
The NCE, which is being drafted according to the drafted according to the policy (NEP), also notes there are two major aspects that cause fear of mathematics—the nature of the subject and how it is being perceived in the society. According to education ministry officials, the draft which is final stages with the draft which is the dra

• "PREVALENT SOCIAL attitudes see girls as incapable of mathematics or association of formal computational abilities with the upper castes," the draft reads.

"Prevalent social atti-tudes see girls as inca-pable of mathematics or pable of mathematics or association of formal com-putational abilities with the upper castes. Such social discriminations also cause fear and anxi-ety in students. We need to break these beliefs that exist in society," it reads. "We must rethink the approach of teaching

where students see mathematics as a part of their matters are an are to their are core focus and the second part of their are core focus and creative problem solving. Also, at the same time we need to work with the society to understand objective of education and some of the beliefs that cause harm to learning of students," it adds. The draft prepared by The draft prepare

domain by allowing them to tackle problems that do not fit exactly into one subject. It also changes not fit exactly into one subject. It also changes how students learn by ask-ing them to synthesise multiple perspectives, instead of driving their thoughts unidirectionally based on the understand-ing of one discipline. Noting that arts and mathematics are linked through several concepts, the panel has suggested using rangoll patterns, origami, weaving, embroi-dery, recognising geometry in architecture of monu-ments, among other ideas.

Excise case: HC seeks CBI's reply on Sisodia's bail plea

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

NEW DELLIN,

The Delhi high court on
Thursday sought the CBI's

on former

lefter Thursday sought the CBI's response on former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia's bail plea in the excise policy scam

Justice Dinesh Kumar Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma issued a notice on the senior Aam Aadmi Party leader's plea and asked the agency to file its response. The CBI had arrested Mr

The CBI had arrested Mr Sisodia in connection with alleged corruption in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 on February

26 following several rounds of questioning. Before the high court, senior advocates Dayan Krishnan and Mohiti Mathur, appearing for Mr Sisodia, challenged the trial court's order and emphasised that the other accused in the case were either not arrested or have been granted ball. Benforcement Directorate also filed a supplementary charge sheet before a court here. Special Judge Vikas Dhull put up the

court here. Special Juage Vikas Dhull put up the charge sheet before the judge concerned for con-sideration on April 14.

Delhi to have

single district

registration

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6 Delhi could be soon declared a single district

Delhi could be soon declared a single district for the purpose of registration of properties, a move that will allow people to get their property registered from any subregistrar office in progerity registered from any subregistration of their property registered from any subregistration of their property registered from any subregistration of their property registered from a subregistration of their property registered from a marasement at these offices, officials said on Thursday. The city is also going to have the country's first online complaint information management management management of the property of th

online complaint information management system (OCIMS), which would enable Delhiites to lodge complaints of corruption electronically, they said. Once the online system is ready, no physical complaints will be accepted, they added. Further, the revenue department will soon start issuing no-objection certificates (NOCs) for land plots online, thereby

property

Jahangirpuri Hanuman Jayanti rallies pass peacefully

AGE CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, APRIL 6
Amidat heavy security, two
massive religious processtons peacefully passed off
the streets of northwest
Delhi's Jahangirpuri area
on Thursday on the occasion of Hamuman Jayanti.
Initially, the Delhi police
had denied the Vishwa
had denied the Vishwa
the Company of the Company
Hindu Vahini, permission
to hold any religious procession in the
Jahangirpuri area, howey-

er, later after discussion with the organisers, the police gave them a go ahead but within a specific stretch.

The Hindu Valini was permitted within a 2000.

The Hindu Vahini was permitted within a 200-metre radius in H-Block, while the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's rally was per-mitted only within E-Block. Last year on April 16, after a gap of two years, Delhi witnessed violent communal clashes in the Jahangirpuri area in

which eight police personnel and a civilian sustained injuries. The clashes broke out during religious prout during religious prout during religious prout a constant properties. The police this time maintained adequate security arrangements in the area and several companies of para military force, the rapid action force along with hundreds of Delhi police personnel along with hundreds of Delhi police personnel deployed there. "After considering all

perspectives whether it is having conversation with the members of different communication with the organisers of such religious processions, and keeping the presence of experienced and senior police officers when the procession is being carried out, we have done everything to ensure that the occasion is celebrated within a safe and secure environment," special (7)



Gang of women pickpockets active in Metro busted: 3 held

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

With the arrest of three women, the Delhi police on Thursday claimed to have busted a gang of women pickpockets stealing from commuters in the Delhi Metro, an offi-

(40) and Savita (35), all residents of Faridpuri, Anand Parbat.

Anand Parbat.

According to the police,
on April 1, a 60-year-old
complainant P. Jaya
Bhagya Lakshmi, a resi-

dent of Bengaluru Jitendra Mani, the deputy reported that while travelling from Karol Bagh to Rajiv Chowk Metro, her purse containing gold jewellery and house key etc. was stolen by picket in running 60 for the prockets f

metro.
"During investigation,
many CCTV footages from
Karol Bagh to Rajiv
Chowk Metro station Chowk Metro station including inside running trains were thoroughly analyzed. After deep analysis of CCTV footages, activities of three women common of the station includes the common common

Jitendra Mani, the deputy commissioner of police (Metro).

"The team swing into action and apprehended the trio pickpockets within 24 hrs of crime," said the official.

On interrogation, the accused confessed the crime and stolen purse picklery (specific of the crime and stolen purse of the accused.

he accused.

The DCP said that the gang used to operate in control trains, crowded

Man shoots girlfriend dead before committing suicide

Ghaziabad (UP), April 6: Ghazábad (UP), Agril & A 25-year-old man allegedly shot dead his girifriend before committing suicide by consuming poison here on Thursday, police said. Rahul Chowdhary allegedly shot dead in Beepmal Yadav (24) with a country-location of the shot dead in Ghultan village, which falls under Nandgram police station, this morning when her parents had gone to a temple.

He then consumed poi-

Can't believe he can do such a thing, says

WOMAN'S KINblocked road four
hours in protest. They

pital where he died dur-ing treatment, the officer said. Rahul, a native of Salempur of district Bulandshahr, had met

Bulandshahr, had met the woman.

Some relatives of the woman said that Chowdhary was mount-ing pressure on her mar-riage, but she refused.

riage, but she refused.
The woman's kin blocked the road four hours in protest. They disbursed after police assured them a fair probe.

— PTI

land plots online, thereby eliminating any human interface, officials said.

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In a review meeting on Wednesday, L-G VK. Saxena told officials to consider declaring Delhi a single district for the purpose of registration of properties.

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We have been supposed to the properties of purpose of registration of properties.

Mr Saxena also emphasised on the need to place CCTV cameras on the premises of these offices.

Officials informed the LG that as per his direct of the premises of these offices.

Officials informed the first time in the country. The portal will allow complainants to upload photographs, videos, and audio clips as evidence.

Reviewing the performance of the vigilance department. Mrs. The portal will appear to the program of the performance of the vigilance department. Mrs. The portal promise of the vigilance department of the vigilance department of the vigilance of the vigilanc

DU students protest demanding justice for harassment victims

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Seweral students of the belhi University held a rally at the north campus on Thursday demanding justice for victims of alleged harassment during a cultural festival at the Indraprastha College for Women last week.

The students week of the students were the students with the took place last week after several men barged into the college premises, the students have been protesting continuously demanding resignation of

the college principal
phoonam Kumria. The students of the college have
dent grossentative in the
committee formed by the
university to probe into
the incident.
The rally was called by
the Left-backed AISA.
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They said the rally was
taken out to protest the
"apathetic" IPCW and DU
administrations which
have "colluded to repress
the movement of women
students.

father of suspect in Kerala train fire attack

The entire locality Shaheen Bagh is incr The entire locality of Shaheen Bagh is incredulous at the news that Shahrukh Saifi was allegedly suspected of starting a fire onboard a train in Kerala which led to the death of three, including a child. His father Fakarrudin who works as a carpenter reiterated that, "It is next to impossible and I still can't believe that he "can do such a thing". Their

Ingitis of anyone.

He said that his son had left home on March 31, saying he had some work in Nithari's sector 31, but did not return. He lodged a missing person's complaint not return. He lodged a missing person's complaint at the Shaheen Bagh police station on April 2. However, three days later, on April 5, a team of the Kerala police knocked on the door of Saiff's house and told the family members about the

train incident, giving them
the shock of their lives.
"Police told us that he is
accused of starting a fire
the starting a fir

Md Arif, one of the neighbours, said the entire locality was stunned by the news, as he was a sim-ple boy and never had any altercation with anyone in the locality. The entire

family is very grounded and never had any dispute with who so ever.

"How can this happen and how has his name crop to have had his name crop told this newspaper that "Shahrukh's uncle Jafru called and informed us that his nephew was missing for the last four days.

He said Shahrukh's phone was also switched off. I told them that you have lodged an FIR and the police will definitely find him. The entire family is in grief.

SHORT TAKES Cong RS MP Rajani's

suspension to stay

New Delht: Loader of Opposition in the Raiya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday raised the issue of the extension of suspension of Congress MP Rajani Patil beyond the Budget session with Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, calling it "gross parliamentary misdemeanour" and a "blatant violation" of the rules of procedus suspension of the rules of procedus suspension of the salt the House has been extended beyond the Budget Session after taking inputs from the privileges panel which is investigating the matter. He said the panel in its meeting held on March 27 sought an extension of time till the first week of the Monsoon session complete the investigation. Suspension, Congrass dent Mr Kharge said meting out such a "disgraceful treatment" to Ms Patil is a "gross insult" to a devoted woman parliamentarian. — PTI

AAP moves HC over

national party status

Bengaluru: The Karnataka high court on Thursday allowed a petition filed by allowed a petition filed by
Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)
alleging delay in getting
recognition as a national
party and directed the
Election Commission of
India to grant the national
party status to AAP by April
13 this year. AAP state secretary Darshan Jain had
filed a writ petition in the
high court challenging the
denial of recognition of the
national party status so far
to AAP. In order to get recognition as a national party, a party must have its presence in four states and presence in four states and at least 6 per cent vote share in four states and the settitioner stated that AAP is in Delhi, Punjab, Goa and Gujarat and said that AAP had performed well in the recently concluded Gujarat Assembly polls.

Gateman suspended

for sleeping on duty

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Bhubaneswar: A loco-pilot's
alertness and prompt action
has helped sand prompt action
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As per reports, BangiriposiRupsa DMU reached
Jugupura railway station at 9
am on Wednesday, Ratnakar
was on duty during that
period.

KUDMI BLOCKADE IN BENGAL HITS TRAINS SERVICES

Jhargram: Eighty-five trains Jhargram: Eighty-five trains were cancelled, and hundreds of vehicles remained stranded as different organisations of the Kudmi community continued their rail and road blockade in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district on Thursday, demanding ST status, officials said. The protest started at 6 am on Tuesday with the blockade of the old National Highway 6, which connects Kolkata to Mumbai, at Khemasuli in Kharagpur at Khemasuli in Kharagpur local police station area by Kudmi Samaj West Bengal, local police station area by
Kudmi Samaj West Bengaj,
they said. Another organisation of the community.
Adivasi Kudmi Samaj, joined
the protest on Wednesday,
blocking the railway tracks
at Khemasuli station in
Kharagpur-Tatanagar secthe said of the said of the said of the rails and the rails
Adra-Chandil section in
Purulia district, they added.
Among the trains cancelled
on Thursday were HowrahPune Deverton the Stress,
Howrah-Pune Azad Hind
Express, HowrahPune Azad Hind
Express, HowrahRail Rajdhanit Express, HowrahRail Rajdhanit Express, HowrahMumbai CSMT Mail and
Santragachi-Rani Kamlapati
Humsafar Express, the South
Estern Railway said in a
statement Puri-New Delhi
Express, Mumbai-CSMT
Howrah Duranto Express and
Jagdalpur-Howrah Express
were also cancelled, it said.

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Artists paint a huge canvas to create Guinness World Record in Kozhikode on Thursday.

■ 'Installing new facility will save time for fliers'

Panel for CT scanners to speed up security checks at airports

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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For hassle-free check-ins at metropolitan airports, the parliamentary panel for home diffairs has recommended to the state of th

mittee headed by the Rajya Sabha MP Brijlal said that the passenger footfall at airports has increased over the years increased over the years.
During security checkins, passengers are
required to take out laptops, tabs and other electronic devices from their
baggage, which causes
inconvenience and
wastage of time.

In December last year,
air passengers had to face

In December last year, air passengers had to face huge troubles due to the slow process of security clearance in major air-



Passengers stand at check-in counters of a private air-lines at the Delhi Airport terminal. — PTI

ports across the country while some of them had also missed their flights due to heavy congestions

also misser their nights due to heave congestions due to heave congestions due to heave civil aviation minister Jyotiraditys Scindia had to step in to resolve issues. The committee, therefore, recommended that the MHA may take up the matter with the ministry for the state of the matter with the matter

cedure and help in hassle-free check-ins of the pas-The panel has recom-mended that this facility may be extended to all metropolitan city air-

metropolitan city air-ports.

The committee also noted the delay in the sup-ply of equipment to Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) by the airport operators which also hampers the functioning of CISF in the airports.

Gov on Kolkata tour to review law and order

Says Bengal will set a trend of peace and harmony

RAJIB CHOWDHURI KOLKATA, APRIL 6

Setting an example, West Bengal governor C.V. Ananda Bose travelled across Kolkata and reached out to the common people to check the law and order situation during the Hanuman Jayanti celebration which remained peaceful under

during the Hanuman Jayanti celebration which remained peaceful under the Central forces' watch on Thursday. Mr Bose also sent a strong message of peace and harmony and assured the return on normalcy. Leaving Raj Bhavan in the morning, he visited Lake Town first and offered puja at a Hanuman temple. He later went to Ekbalpore in the port area with the Muslim population and interacted with the locals spontaneously. In the afternoon, the spectroscopic of the control of governor toured the Posta area at Burrabazar in the Central parts of the city and inquired about the Central forces' role. The governor said, "I am



C.V. Ananda Bose

happy to be here. It is going to be a turning point when my brothers and sisters of Bengal will decide to open a new chapter of peace and harmony."

ter of peace and narmony."
The governor also said, "Let this Hanuman Jayanti be an occasion for all of us to dedicate our-the control of the control of the

C.V. ANANDA Bose also sent a strong message of peace and harmony and assured the return of normalcy. He visited Lake Town first and offered puis at a Hannman tom. puja at a Hanuman tem-ple. He later went to Ekbalpore in the port area with the Muslim popula-tion and interacted with the locals spontaneously

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ent. If winter comes, can
spring be far behind?"
Mr Bose underlined,
We believe and practise Vasudhaiva
Kutumbakam here.
Bengal is going to start a
new era. Whatever message the people are giving
is loud and clear—Ishwar
Allah Tere Nam, Sab Ko
Sammati De Bhagwan.
India is one. We stand
united. Bengal will regain
its glory."

united. Bengai will regain its glory." He added, "Peace will come back. People are all cooperating. I think today will be a very happy day. Bengal will set a trend of peace and harmony."

Rahul may hold rally in Nagpur by end of April

SONU SHRIVASTAVA MUMBAI, APRIL 6

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is ilkely to address a public rally in Nagpur, the second capital of Maharashtra and headquarter of the RSs. The rally is likely to be held between April 20 and April 25. Mr Gandhi rally is likely to be held between April 20 and April 25. Mr Gandhe rally is likely to be held between April 20 and April 25. Mr Gandhi rally is likely to the converted in a defamation case by a Gujarat court. Apart from Mr Gandhi, Maharashtra Court. Sayart from Mr Gandhi, Maharashtra Congress is also trying to bring Priyanka Gundiss was a side of the cally. The rally assumes political significance as Mr Gandhi is also facing backlash in Maharashtra for him Maharashtra fo

List includes 3 leaders who had recently quit as legislators

Turncoats in K'taka Cong 2nd list

Leaders who resigned from the Bharatiya Janata Party, Janata Dal (Secular) and were newly inducted into the Congress party have secured Congress

have secured Congress party tickets to contest the ensuing Assembly polls. Prominent leaders who managed to secure their names in Congress' sec-ong list are former BJP MLA NY. Gopalakrishna, former BJP MLC Baburao Chinchansur, former JD(S) MLA S.R. Srinivas

and JD(S) leader Devraj.

It was widely expected that the Kadur seat would go to senior politician Y.S.V Datta, who had switched to Congress

switched to Congress from JJ(S) recently, but the ticket has been given to Anand K.S..

The Congress party announced its second list of nominees to fight the Assembly elections and assembly elections and the confidence of the current Assembly. He is now the Congress nominee for

PROMINENT LEADERS

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Molakalmuru Assembly seat in Chitradurga. Baburao Chinchansur resigned as BJP MLC and joined the Congress party. He is now the candidate for the Gurmatkal Assembly seat on a

Congress ticket. Similarly, Gubbi JD(S) MLA S.R. Srinivas, who quit JDS and joined the Congress party, is now contesting from the Congress party

Be more responsible: SC tells BJP Umrao over 'Bihar migrants' tweet

The Supreme Court on Thursday cautioned Uttar Pradesh BJP spokesperson and lawyer Prashant Umrao to be "more responsible" and asked him to tender an apology while hearing his plea challenging multiple Piks registered against him for posting from the properties of the properties of

MOGUIYING the constitution imposed by the Madras high court directing the BJP leader to report before the police station ever the police station ever a bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Pankaj Mithal of the Supreme Court directed him to appear before the police on Monday and thereafter as and when required by the investigating officer. Issuing notice on a plea for quashing and consol-

SC closes contempt plea against **Delhi police in hate speech case**

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

After noting that the chargesheet has been filed before the jurisdictional metropolitan magistrate, the magistrate. The property of the Supreme Court on Thursday closed the contempt plea against Delhi police which alleged inaction in cases of hate speech made during 2021 Hindu Yuva Vahini meet in the national capital prising CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice J.B. Pardiwala said that

the agex count ouerest that Mr Umrao shall not be arrested by the police if named in other FIRs relating to the same cause of action.

cause of action.

Belli-based lawyer feared that he may be arrested in other undisclosed FIRs if he appears before the investigating officer, resultantly depriving him of the benefit of anticipatory ball granted by the high

after a chargesheet has been filled by the police, the role of the top court countries of the top court countries of the top court countries of the top coun

On March 2, the
Madurai bench of
Madras high
granted Mr John and
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Muslims move SC for prayers at Gyanvapi

New Delhi, April 6: The

New Delhi, April 6: The Intezamia Masjid committee Thursday moved the Supreme Court over the continued sealing of the 'wazukhana', the pool where worshippers wash themselves before offering prayers, at the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi during the holy month of Ramzan.

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He said due to the sealing of an area inside the mosque, the access to bathrooms has also been stopped. —PTI

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused Chand S/o Noor Alam @ Murus Islam, R/o E-1914, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 247/16 u/s 457/380/34 IPC has been registered at PS. Bawana, Delhi and thas been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Chand cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Chand has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Chand of FIR No. 247/16 u/s 457/380/34 IPC has been registered at PS. Bawana, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.08.2023.

Ms. Swatt Gupts
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
Court Room No-114, First Floo
DP/3539/0N/2023 (Court Matter) Rohini Courts, Delh

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person namely Dinesh, S/o Uchit @ Sachin, R/o Unknown, died during treatment at LHMC Hospital, Delhi on 01.04.2023. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in LHMC Hospital mortuary, In this regard DD No. 35A, dated 25.03.2023, Uls 174 CrPC, has been registered at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi.

The description of the UIDBi as under:

Sex: Male, Age: About 45 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion Sallow, Face: Oval, Built: Strong, Wearing: White kurl pylama.



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P.S. Paharganj, Delhi Ph. No.: 8750870427, 8750042525

DP/3663/CD/2023

E-mail: sho-paharqanj-dl@nic.in



The Budget Session of the 17th Parliament concluded on Thursday after both Houses were adjourned sine die. Both Houses barely functioned during the Budget Session amid a standoff between the treasury benches and the Opposition over the demand for a joint parliabenches and the Opposition over the demand for a joint parliamentary committee probe on the Adam issue and the "democracy under attack" comment of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in London. The

session also saw the disqualification of Rahul
Gandhi following his
conviction in a criminal
defamation case in
Gujarat.
Prime Minister
Narendra Modi and Lok
Sabha Speaker Om Birla
held a customary meeting with leaders of political parties in
the description of the control
of the Budget Session.
During the turbulent
Budget Session, Lok
Sabha functioned for
over 45 hours against a
scheduled duration of
133.6 hours while the
Rajya Sabha worked for
over 31 hours out of 130

hours. This translates to Lok Sabha functioning for around 34.29 per cent of its scheduled duration and 24 per cent for the Rajya Sabha, the PRS legislates researched to the Rajya Sabha, the PRS legislates researched to the Rajya Sabha, the PRS legislates researched to the Rajya Sabha, the PRS legislates researched and the suspension of Congress MP Rajani Ashokrao Patil for filming proceedings of the House has been extended beyond the Budget Session after taking inputs from the privileges committee which is investigating the matter.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)

STATION HQ (ECHS CELL) BARAMULLA





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not be accepted.

Interview Date & Timing: Candidate must reach Stn HQ Baramulla at 10:00 AM on 24 April. 2023 for the interview to be held between 10:00 AM. to 13:00 PM. andidates must bring original certificates and supporting documents along with passport size colour photographs at the time of interview. No TA/ DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.

Candidates will bring original certificates/ degree, photocopy of testimonials/ experience as applicable and 02 (two) passport size photographs at the time of interview.







SHORT TAKES

10% CRPF constable

jobs for Agniveers

New Delhl: The Union home ministry has decided to reserve 10 per cent general duty constables posts, out of the 1,29,929 sanctioned

duty constables posts, out of the 1,92,929 sanctioned posts, in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for former Agniveers. According to a notification, out of the sanctioned posts, 4,657 are for women with a pay matrix for women with a pay matrix of the retirement age will be 60 years. Ten per cent vacancies will be reserved for exagniveers for recruitment to the post of constable (general duty), the notification said. Those who will seek the appointment will have to be aged between 18 and 22 we year relaxation in age for SC/ST and three years for OBC candidates. The upper age-limit will be relaxed by up to five years for candidates of the first batch of Agniveers and three years relaxation will be given to candidates of subsequent batches, the notification said.

India snubs Germany

on Rahul controversy

Germany for directed fiction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from Parliament, saying India is not sure what such countries "seek to achieve". It added that "India is not waiting for their views or validation". MEA spokesperson Arindam Sagchi said "such comments do not matter". According to media reports, the German week said it had taken note of the case pertaining to Mr Gandhi and had added it "expects that the standards of judicial independence and fundamental democratic

is "closely watching" the developments on the matter. Germany's comments had also led to a huge political controversy in India recently.

Raut: Maha being run like underworld

Mumbal: Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday attacked the Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday attacked the Maharashtra government and claimed the state was being like the underworld that once operated in Mumbai. Criminals and the corrupt are being protected and the "chief minister and deputy the minister and deputy the minister and deputy chief minister are ununing the control of the minister of former chief minister and the corrupt of the minister and the control of the minister and the minister a

INDIA, CHINA **SPAR OVER JOURNALISTS**

India said it hoped that China would facilitate the "continued presence and oortage" of Indian journal-s stationed in that country after news agency reports from Beijing that China had decided to 'freeze' visas of two Indian journalists based in Beijing, New Delhi said it is in touch with Beijing on the matter. News agency reports from Beijing cited

Chinese foreign ministry offi-cials as saying that the visas of two Indian journalists who

cinicials as saying that the visas of two Indian journalists who are currently in India on leave have seen the visas of two Indian journalists who are currently in India on leave have seen the visas had not been orders. In response to queries whether visas had not been renewed by India recently for any Chinese journalist as per claims from some quarters, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at his weekly media briefing that there are Chinese journalists based in India "who have valid Indian visas to pursue their journalistic activities". "As regards to Indian journalists working in China, we would hope that claim in the property of the Chinese authorities in this regard," the MEA spokesperson said. According to news agency reports, China has sought reciprocal measures from India for the facilitation of its journalists even as it has defended its recent move to freeze the visas of the two Indian correspondents.

■ WHO calls for urgent efforts to bridge gaps accentuated by coronavirus

Covid cases cross 5,000, max in 195 days

'India, Japan

share vision

of rule-based

Indo-Pacific'

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Amidst the Chinese Navy's growing expansion, defence minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday that India shares Japan's vision for a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific and stressed that both countries must continue to expand the scope of their bilateral cooperation.

their bilatera toop-tion.
Vice-minister of defence for internation-al affairs of Japan Oka Masami on Thursday called on Mr Singh.
Mr Oka refterated Japan's keenness to fur-ther enhance bilateral

Japan's keenness to further enhance bilateral defence cooperation, including collaboration in defence equipment and technologies of the cooperation in defence equipment and technologies of the defence minister on the discussions held during he 7th Defence Policy Dialogue, which he cochaired with Defence Secretary Shri Girdhar Aramane in New Delhi. The dialogue took your two weeks after Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited India during which he described the country as an "indispensable partner," of Japan to achieve the ambitious goal of peace, prosperily sould present the country as an indispensable partner," of Japan to achieve the ambitious goal of peace, prosperily sould be provided to the country as an indispensable partner," of Japan to achieve the ambitious goal of peace, prosperily sould be peaced to the provided the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provi

climbed to 4,47,39,054. India's total active case-load currently stands at 25,587 that is 0.06 per cent of total Covid cases. The recovery of 2,826

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The recovery of 2,826
patients in the last 24
hours took the cumulative
tally to 4,41,82,538.

hours took the cumulative tally to 441,82,538. Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 98.75 per cent. The case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent. India's daily positivity rate has been reported to be a construction of the country current of the curre

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has busted an international criminal gang that dealt in drugs using DarkNet and cryptocurrency with linkages in several countries as well as multiple states in India, sources said.

includes 1,993 doses of vaccine in the last 24 hours.
Meanwhile, the World Health Organisation has durgent efforts to bridge gaps accentuated by the Covid pandemic and achieve health for all through universal health coverage on this World Health Day.
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NCB busts drugs network that

dealt on DarkNet, used crypto

IT WAS busted in a first-of-its-kind operation that detected the drug market on the Darknet and on social media run

by anonymous and pro-fessional traffickers, and home delivery networks

Consequent to strategic and operational planning, during the operation, spanning over 11 months, 47 cases were registered. 40 people arrested and a variety of drugs and cash seized by the NCB in 2021-22, they said.

The bureau has been carrying out operations over the total properations over the carrier of the carrier o

against drug cartels under the direct supervision of Union home minister

Union home minister Amit Shah, pursuant to Drime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to put an end to the narcotics trade in the country, they said. The gang had linkages in

ing 75 years of improving public health and well-being globally. Dr Singh said for decades and even before the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata — high-level leaders and policymakers from across the region have recognised the critical role that access for all to quality, affordable and comprehensive primary between the comprehensive primary of the comprehensive primary compreh

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the US, Netherlands and Canada, and in the states of West Bengal, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab,

Bihar, Juai Kukara, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Assam, sources further

Assam, sources in the said.

The highlight of the operation was the coordination with foreign drug liaison officers, and excellent coordination among various zonal units of the NCB and state police forces for simultaneous operations, the sources said. National Disaster Response Force divers were also used for retrieva

Response Force divers were also used for retriev-ing crucial evidence from deep waters. For excellent investiga-tion, three NCB officers were awarded the Union home minister's Medal for Investigation, the sources said.

spending on health from 30% to 6%. Since 2014, the density of doctors, nurses and midwives in the Region has improved by over 30% — a tremendous achieve-ment," Dr Singh said. Dr Singh added that how-ever the Region has many more mountains to climb

us sing anoted that however the Region has many ever the Region has many of the Covid crisis, around 40% of people in the region are unable to access essential health services. In 2017, around 298 million people in the region faced catastrophic health spending, around 298 million people in the region faced catastrophic health spending, for the property of the purchasing power pushed or further pushed below the purchasing power parity poverty line of \$1.90 a day – a figure that has since been exacerbated?

Phase 1 of Al's transformation plan concludes

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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Air India management on Thursday announced that it has completed the first phase or its five of the complete of the first phase of its five plan after the takeover from the government last year. Terming the first phase "Taxi", Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said the first six months of the transformation journation to the transformation journation in the plan of the complete in tackling many issues that had built up over the years and the airline has come a long way in establishing foundations for growth. way in establishing foundations for growth.

Apart from launching premium economy seats for the first time on select long-haul flights, Air India has revamped its menus on international and domestic routes.

Mufti's daughter gets passport for masters in UAE

It's UAE-specific, has 2-yr validity

YUSUF JAMEEL SRINAGAR, APRIL 6

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Manual and Kashmir chief minister Manual and the minister of the minis

April 5 is valid till April 4, 2025. Thirty-five-year-old Ittja had in February this year filed a petition in the state of the ing her higher education outside the country. She said that her passport to said that her passport that she had applied for a fresh passport in advance on June 6 last year but the



Ittija Mufti
facility was being denied
to her, citing no dearnace
for it has been received
from the CID wing of the
J&K police.
Her mother and PDP
president Mehbooba
Mutti had earlier this
year in a letter to external
affairs minister Sis
intervention in the
renewal of her passport.
"I am writing to you
about a matter that has
dragged on needlessly for
the last three years...my
mother (Gulshan Nazir)
and I applied for passport.
It also talked about the
delay in issuing passport
to her daughter, saying
"My faughter, saying
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Srinagar is yet again fail-ing to discharge its duty." Her own passport expired on May 31, 2019. She applied for its renew-al in March 2020, but her application is still pend-ing at the RPO at Srinagar for want of police verification.

well as multiple states in multiple states in India, sources said. If was busted in a firstof-tis-kind operation that detected and dismantled the drug market on the Darknet and on social media run by anonymous and professional traffickers, and home delivery networks, they said. The modus operandi of the drug the state of the drug that **J&K militancy not over but** growing weaker, says DGP

AGE CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, APRIL 6

J&K police chief Dilbag Singh Thursday asserted

J&K police chief Dilbag Singh Thursday asserted that militancy and terrorism in the Union Territory are not yet over but these are growing weaker with each passing day. "Terrorism and militancy are not over yet. These are surely declining rapidly. The security forces are on the job and working hard to ensure the remaining terrorists too are eliminated soon," he told reporters on the side-lines of an official function in the northern district of Bandipore. He said the Kashmiri youth were being lured

into joining militants ranks by the "false and

into joining militants' ranks by the "false and mischievous propaganda unleashed from across the border" but now it has lost strength because the people have realised that it is a canard.

"The Kashmiri youth prey to the false propaganda and get lured into terrorism are now following their careers in competitive exams and sports. They and the rest of the population have understood the false narrative that was being run from across to fuel terrorism. The people of Kashmir have rejected that narrative and now contributing to peace," he said.

■ Home ministry recommends CBI probe for violations

Oxfam India's FCRA woes continue

NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

The Union home ministry on Thursday recommended a CBI probe into affairs of Oxfam India for alleged forex violation under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

Act, 2010. Oxfam India as a Bendale instrument of the foreign policy of foreign organisations/ entities which have funded it liberally over the years, the sources said that the government move came after a survey operation by the income-tax department, the sources said.

The home ministry

found that Oxfam India continued to transfer foreign contributions to various entities, including other NGOs, even after FCRA: which prohibits such transfers after an amendment that came into force on September 29, 2020, sources said.

During a survey by the income-tax department, multiple emails were the owner of the control of the control of the CRA by routing funds to other FCRA-registered associations or through the forprofit consultancy route, sources said.

The survey also "eopsed" Orfer India as a probable instrument of the foreign policy of foreign regalisations or entities, which have funded the NGO liberally over the years, they said.

Oxfam India, which is registered to undertake "social" activities, alleged by routed funds to the Centre for Policy Research control or Policy Research of the property of the same is also reflected from the TDS data of Oxfam India which shows payment of 12,71,88 to the CPR in the financial year 2019-20 under section 1943, the sources said.

The registration certificate of Oxfam India was valid up to December 31, 200 Mam India also received foreign contributions amounting to 41.50 crore (approximately) directly into its FC (foreign contribution utilisation account instead of receiving foreign contribution in designated FCRA account they said is also examining complaints against another NGO — The Other Media — for misusing foreign funds to organise protests and demonstrations around Vedant's plant in Thouthurdi, Tamil Nadu.

Antony's son Anil enters BJP; father says he's 'pained'

sable partner or outputs to achieve the ambitious goal of peace, prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

In the Defence Policy Dialogue, India and Japan agreed to diversify their defence cooperation of the Pacific Cooperati

Continued from Page 1 but I believe that my duty is to work for the people. PM Narendra Modi has a clear vision to make India a developed country in the next 25 years."
When asked whether le had consulted his father before joining the BJP, Anil replied, "This is not about personalities but about differences of opinion and ideas, I strongly believe that I have taken the right step. My respect for my father will remain the same."

the same."

Addressing the media in Thiruvananthapuram, an Thiruvananthapuram, an emotional Mr Antony said, "It's a completely wrong decision. Since 2014 when the Narendra Modi government came to power, they have been strikling at the roots of secularism and pluralism, which are the pillars of

India's unity. These hall-marks of India are being weakened systematically and continuously." He said that during the first tenure of the Modi

He said that during the first tenure of the Modi government, such a trackle growment and a trackle the said of the said of unity in diversity have grown manifold.

"I will raise my voice against the divisive and destructive policies of the BJP and the RSS till the last breath of my life. The Nehru family has always see all Indians as one of the said of

sion, the Gandhi family has been fighting valiantly to safeguard the Constitution and its ideals. My respect, regard and love for the Gandhi family has grown further,"

he said.
"I am in the twilight of not only my political career but also my life. At 82, I am moving towards the last days of my life. I

82, I am moving towards the last days of my life. I don't know how long I will don't know how long I will lodian National Congress worker," he said.

Mr Antony said this was his first and last reaction to Anil's decision.

The Congress and the other Opposition parties had slammed the Modi government over the crackdown on the crackdown on the crackdown of the cr

However, Anil, who was the convenor of digital media in the Kerala Congress and one of the

the AICC social media cell, had slammed the BBC as a British state-sponsored channel with a long history of prejudice and had prejudice and had precedence to the BBC documentary over Indian institutions "is setting a dangerous precedent and will undermine our sovereignty." For its part, the BJP asserted that Anil will "continue to play an and help the party grow its footprint in Kerala. Describing Anil as "a multi-faceted personality"

Describing Anil as "a multi-faceted personality" and a "political and social warrior who cares for Kerala and India and someone who believes in India first," Mr Goyal said, "He (Anil) raised strong objections to the BBC documentary, which

and raise completely unfounded and baseless allegations against the Prime Minister. It was obviously not liked by the Congress party which are the congress and the congress are the congress and the congress of the congress with the congress with the treatment meted for India and national pride". "I compliment him for India and national pride". "I compliment him for his boldness, for his strength and courage of conviction on a matter of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation, added the Union minister of principle that he stood the ground for the nation. The principle that he stood the ground for the nation of principle that he stood the ground for the nation of the principle that he stood the ground for the nation.

20 Opp. parties at Tiranga rally

20 Opp. parties

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party Whenever we made
a demand or gave a
notice, we were not
allowed to speak. This has
happened for the first
time in my 52-year public
life. Never has such a
thing happened earlier,"
Mr Kharge said, adding
that the government talks
a lot about democracy but
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a lot about democracy but
differences. The the
podium had "distance and
differences." between
them but were now coming together. "You have
right before you all the
Opposition parties that
maintained some distance
and had differences, but
today you are seeing how
it is evolving. We are
becoming so strong that
have failed," the MF said.
AAP's Sanjay Singh said
the message behind Ralu

Gandhi's disqualification

Gandhi's disqualification was clear — one can attack the Centre but not Adani 'for whom the government was working'. Interacting with the media, Mr Kharge said that is to 19 Opposition period of 2 to 2.5 years. "Why are you fearful of constituting a JPC probe even when the BJP will have its say as it will have majority members. Something of the property of the pro

BJP's 1st Karnataka list will be out by April 13

dismissed reports that he was going to contest from two constituencies. He termed the reports as "nothing but rumours." Reacting to reports that the BJP was going to give the blp was going to give only after going through various factors. On the issue of cropping a chunk of sitting MLAs, Mr Bommai said a report had been sought after a thorough survey, conducted at

various leveis. Tickets would be given after going through it, he added Bommai hit out at the congress, saying that the party used the Dalits and other backward castes as a vote bank. Reacting to a Congress leader's statement that the quota lissue would boomerang on the BJP, the chief minister said that the chief minister said that the congress Party was unable to do all these years. The BJP has ensured "justice for all", he said.

Opp. 'desperate', is battling 'existential crisis': PM

■ Continued from Page 1 be confined to winning polls. Our goal is to win over the hearts of crores of people. We have to fight every poll with the same hard work that we have put in since the time of the Jan Sangah." reference to the Jan's Sangah." reference to the BJF's ongoing campaigner Rabul Gandhi "insult" of the OBC community, Mr Modi attacked those with a "hadd-shahl" mindset for insulting the poor and backward since the party stormed to power in 2014 and accused them of treating people like slaves for decades after Independence.

"The British might have left in 1947 but they left behind the seeds of treating people as slaves in the minds of some... This class of people prospered a lot in the years after Independence who considered power their birthright," he added, in a clear swipe at the Congress, which had ruled the country in the early decades after freedom. Without specifically referring to various allegations lev-

Without specifically refer-ring to various allegations lev-elled by the Opposition parties against his government, the Prime Minister said they have been "battling an existential crisis" and are resorting to levelling allegations and

IN AN apparent reference to the BJP's campaign highlighting Rahul Gandhi 'Insuit' of the OBC community, Mr Modi attacked those with a bad-shahi' mindset for insulting the poor and backward since the party stormed to power in 2014 and accused them of treating people like slaves for decades after Independence

hatching conspiracies against the ruling party. Drawing parallels between Lord Hanuman, whose birth anniversary is being observed by the devout on Thursday, Mr Modi asserted that the BJP

believes in the ideals of self-less service, something with which the Ramayan character "India has realised its potential and strength after 2014 just like Lord Hanuman did after eliminating his self-doubt... If we see the whole life of Lord Hanuman, he had a 'can-do' attitude that helped him achieve big successen and the contract of the contract













THE ASIAN AGE

SC's TV channel ruling a blow for free press

a blow for free press

The Supreme Court order quashing the ban the Union government had imposed on MediaOne, a Kozhikode-based Malayalam satellite news channel, and directing the Union ministry of information are as a reassurance that India remains a democratic nation and that the makes are assurance that India remains a democratic nation and that the makes are assurance that India remains a democratic nation and that the making it clear that the government and push its agenda unilaterally under some pretext or the other at the cost of fundamental rights, the apex court.

The court has reminded the government one too many time on the role describes the apex court.

The court has reminded the government one too many time on the role of an independent press in a democracy. The crux of the matter, as the court put it, is that restrictions on the freedom of the press would compelitizens to think along general substitutions of the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press to the press to the same in the press from the judgment is one and the press from the judgment is one and the same in the press the press to the same in the press to the same in the press to the press to the press to the same in the press to the press to the press to the the press to the press to the press to the the press to the last extent, the court presented the press with a cha

direction.

The takeaway for both the government and the press from the judgment is one and the same — fundamental rights are the foundation of our democracy and hence must be handled with utmost care.

BRS must answer for leak

The Telangana state police have arrested BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar in utmost haste, past midnight, accussing him of being a principal conspirator in a SSC exam paper leak. There have been a principal conspirator in a SSC exam paper leak. There have been a principal conspirator in a SSC exam paper leak. There have been a crise of paper leaks in the state, starting with the Telangana state public service commission, whose leaked papers have put the careers and future of lakhs of students in jeopardy.

The Class X exams, which are taken by over half a million students, and helir parents and teachers have experienced lots of doubt, anxiety and stress in the last few days when two papers — Telugu and Hindi language — were found to have leaked in two days. The BRS government, which was feeling the heat of public anger on the issue, has found it an easy ploy to the safety of the

THE ASIAN AGE



Trump in court a signal US democracy isn't broken yet



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he unthinkable
has happened in
America. For the
first time in history, a former US
President has been indicted on criminal charges.
Former President Donald

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political one, with all the elements of a sordid cover-up involving sex and money. According to the charges, Mr Trump had paid hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels as well as to a Playboy model, Ka-ren McDougal, two women he had extramarital affairs with. During the 2016 presidential campaign. Daniels

with Juling the 2up presidential campaign, Daniels was paid \$150,000 by Mr Daniels and the state of the control of the control

Trump case.
Columnist Wan Weng,
writing for the South
China Morning Post, commented: "Abraham

In the 10 years since the 2013 Indian Supreme Court ruling that any MP, MLA or MLC convicted of a crime and given a two-year term loses membership of the House immediately House immediately only 15 have been

Address, declaring the ideal of a 'a government of the people, by the people, for the people, by the people, for all to view, judge and respond. In many other countries, china included, such political misdemeanours are hidden, ignored or simply condoned. Case in point It is reported that the number of criminal cases pending against elected representatives in India is a humingous 5,607 (excluding data from Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, which do not consider such data to be of any public importance.

Worse, the Supreme Worse, which is the people of the people Act 1961 does not bar individuals with riminal cases from contesting elections. An elected representative faces disqualifications only if he or she is convicted for individuals with riminal cases from contesting elections. An elected representative faces disqualifications only if he or she is convicted for individuals with riminal cases from contesting elections. faces disqualifications only if he or she is convicted for certain offences and given a jail term of more than two

a jail term of more than two years.
Legislators are disqualified only selectively as in the case of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was indicted by a Gujarat court for defaming people with the surname "Modi" and was awarded the maximum possible senior of the control of the

unperturbed in our legislative bodies, enjoying all the perks of office. India's political class have steadfastly refused to decriminalise the political system. In July 2021, the Supreme Court had observed that the legislature was 'not likely to do anything' to prevent climination of the court's comments, a lawyer representing the Bahujan Samaj Party had ranted: "Just because a candidate has criminal antecedents does not mean he is not doing social work or the people social work or

convicted by a court or law. Not an inspiring record by any means. The Trum indictment The Trum indictment The Trum indictment and the spiring record to the spiring and reflects a dark aspect of US democracy. However, the very fact that a rich, powerful individual like Mr Donald Trump could be dragged to a New York courthouse to face criminal charges suggests that some things are still not broken in the US political system. The pilliars of America's democracy might appear wobbly appear to have endured a loft better than anywhere else.

LETTERS FRIEND OF LIBERTY

acted admirably in nulli-fying the Centre's ban on the Malayalam news channel Media-One. The Supreme Court vocalised its disapproval of the sealed cover procedure accepted by the high court, claiming it is not in line with a transparent and accountable system. A bench of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli ordered the ministry of information and broadcasting to renew the channel's broadcasting permission within four weeks, emphasising a refusal to do so would be an infringement of freedom of the press. Bravo!

N.J. Ravi Chander Bengaluru

UTILITY OF BUFFERS THE SOVIET UNION, the largest nation with a sixth of earth surface,

THE SOVIET UNION, the largest nation with a sixth of earth surface, in January 1991, splintered within a year and ceased to exist. As for its western peripheral nations, they had stayed neutral acting as a buffer to be pose "mangles. And larger became the surface of the surfa

FRIVOLOUS PETITION

OPPOSITION PARTIES approach OPPOSITION PARTIES approaching the Supreme Court complaining that they are being targeted by the CBI and ED at the instance of the BJP was misguided and a futile exercise. The Supreme Court has rightly dismissed their petition. No entity, including political parties, can seek er defence is available to all in the ourt. All citzens including politicians must cooperate with the investigative agencies and keep faith in the judiciary.

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Incorporate right to political opinion in the right to life

or find the mematic essence of the para-mount parchiment is arguably to zero in on the fundamental rights guaranteed under Part III of the Constitution of India. And e essential slide under the constitutional micro-ope that will reflect this philosophy is surely

the essential sing under the constructions interescept that will reflect this philosophy is surely copy and the property of the philosophy is surely copy and the property of the property of the procedure established by law. This implies that if "life or personal liberty except denied than there must be a procedure which is "by law established". The corollary is that such a must be live up to constitutional tests and law must be live up to constitutional tests and law must be live up to constitutional tests and law must be live up to constitutional tests and law must be live up to constitutional tests and law must be live up to constitutional tests and ling the right to life was envisaged as "life simpliciter", it is so no longer. So expansive has been the judicial recognition of this guarantee that has come to be the fulurum of civilised existence as well as limited governance.

A push of the recall button would reveal that this guarantee was in Article 15 of the embryonic parchment. A good part of the debate hovered by law" should be employed or the phrase "due process of law".

The first milestone in this debate was reached in the Supreme Court as early as in 1950 in A.K. Gopalan vs State of Madras when the communist leader was detained and challenged the Preventive Detention Act. In that case, the

Supreme Court ruled that Article 2I of the Constitution did not require Indian courts to apply a due process of law standard. It also held apply a due process of law standard. It also held and the law of the constitution of the constitution of the Constitution of the Constitution of Speech and expression; assembly, association, etc.) of the Constitution, as contended by the appellant. It would not be until 1970, however, that this position would be revisited, and revised, first in RC Cooper ws Dinno of India (ask the bank nationalisation case) and then, later, in Maneka Candhi vs Union of India. The court would conclude that Article 2I and Article 19 did not collude and need independent examination. RC Cooper, however, stack to the limited interpretation that there must be 'a deprivation and, therefore, an imperation of the constitution of the constituti

More milestones followed the first blush of Article 21's meaningful interpretation. The idea that the right to life encompasses far more than that the right to life encompasses far more than the right to life encompasses far more than the right to food is essential and the State cannot escape the responsibility to ensure it.

A few years before that in Chameli Singh (1985), the court when to the extent of upholding the rights of the poor for housing and the State's constitutional duty to acquire land to provide it. The ordeal of pavement dwellers having to bathe in public found expression through Chief Justice of India V.V. Chandrachud's wise Judgment in Olga Tellis vs Bombay Municipal Corporation (1985), the provided for the right to speedy justice.

The seeds of the Right to Education Act, 2008, were contained in the judgment to the 1982 Mohring Jain vs State of Karnataka case that challenged a state government notification letting private medical college charge exorbitant fees. Article 21A which contained this right since 2002 was made effective in 2010. Later in 2014, the apex court upheld the right to basic primary education in State of UP vs Pavana Kumar Divedi.

Pioneering the cause of the clean privament of the control of the control of the right to a clean environment following the Bhopal gas disaster. In Subhas Kumar vs State of Bihar

(1991), the Supreme Court came down on two steel companies creating a health hazard by dumping waste into nearby rivers, enunciating the 'polluter pays' principle. It was echoed in Consumer Education Research Centre (1985) wherein the health and safety of workers exposed to asbestos was brought in the ambit of the right to life. Even hand-cuffing and producing a criminal in the court was found to be a volutation of this right. Sexual choices found a sensitive watershed in Naviej Singh Johar volunion of India (2018). The duty of the state to compensate a citizen who des large rise was a line to compensate a citizen who des large rise in was a line prison torture and against solitary confinement for death row prisoners was recognised in Sumi Batra vs Delhi Administration (1978), and to compensation against illegal and unlawful detention in Rudal Shah vs State of Blant (1983).

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A draft of fresh air is blowing through Western in Rudal Shah come with the possibility of the right to forget being included in the concept of the right to political opinion. A growing tendency is being with the compensation opinion and proving tendency is being with Such cases must be quashed on the ground that they are in breach of the right to life. As a democracy, India would then have come full circle.

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SHORT TAKES

JAPANESE ARMY COPTER CRASHES WITH 10 CREW

Tokyo, April 6: A missing Japanese army helicopter carrying 10 crew members is believed to have crashed into the sea off a southern island after objects appearing to be aircraff aprits were spotted in the area, an official said on Thursday. Thursday is the special copter disappeared from radar on Thursday afternoon while on a recomasissance mission north of Miyako island.

SA PLANE LANDS SAFELY AFTER COBRA SCARE

Johannesburg, April 6: Pilots are normally trained for a number of worst-case scenarios, but certainly not for dealing with a snake in the cockpit. But South African pilot Rudolf Ernssmus has just done that Ernssmus has been lauded that the constant of the constant of the constant of the cockpit of the cockpit mid-flight.

Ernssmus, who has been flying Ernssmus, who has been flying Ernssmus, who has been flying the cockpit mid-flight.

mid-flight.

Erasmus, who has been flying for the past five years, maintained his nerve as the cobra slid back under his seat as soon as he saw it. He was flying a small Beachcraft plane with four passpers.

BERLUSCONI DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKAEMIA

Milan, April 6: Four-times Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has been diagnosed with leukaemia, a source close to the matter said on Thursday,

to the matter said on Thursday, a day after be was admitted to intensive care with problems related to breathing.

The 88-year-old, whose media empire has made him a billionaire, is being treated in a cardiac unit of Milan's San Raffaele hospital.

There has been no official comment on his condition. Leukaemia is a cancer of the blood cells.

Berluscomi's Forza Italia

Berlusconi's Forza Italia party is part of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing coalition.

AZERBAIJAN ARRESTS 6 OVER 'COUP PLOT'

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INDO-AMERICANS PROTEST AGAINST BILL ON CASTE

Washington, April 6: Scores of

Weshington, April 8: Scores of Indian-Americans held a peaceful rally in California to register their protest against a Democratic senator for introducing a bill in the state's Senate seeking to explicitly ban caste-based bias. State senator Aisha Wahab, the first Muslim and Afghan American elected to the state legislature, introduced the bill in the California senate on passed, California senate on passed, California, America's most populous state, could also become the country's first state to outlaw caste-based bias. At the rally participants said

At the rally, participants said the legislation goes against the principles of equality

MACRON'S FAV. **EATERY TARGETED BY PROTESTERS**

Paris, April 6: Clashes erupted in Paris next to a Left Bank brasserie favouredby French President Emmanuel Macron during a day of nationwide protests against a pension bill that he has pushed through despite widespread opposition. Great protests are paint at police, is well known in France strew bottles and paint at police, is well known in France for hosting a much-criticised-celebratory dinner for Macron when he led the first round of the 2017 presidential election. Protests isnice January have gathered huge crowds against the flagship reform, which lifts the retirement age by two years to 64.

Xi willing to call Zelenskyy, **Macron seeks China's help**

French Prez urges Chinese counterpart not to deliver weapons to Russia

Jinping expressed willing-ness to speak to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the head of the European Union said on Thursday, after French President Emmanuel Macron urged Beijing to talk sense to Russia over the

President Emmanuel Macron urged Beijing to talk sense to Russia over the war in Ukrainched talks, BI chief Ursula von der Leyen and Macron met with Xi in Beijing, Macron said the West must engage China to help end the crisis and prevent "spiralling" tensions that could split global powers into warring bloes. Sought to position China as a potential mediator in the conflict but has been seen by the West as favouring Russia, responded by saying he hoped Moscow and Kylv could hold peace a pegotlations as soon as position China as a potential mediator in the conflict but has interesting to heart has been seen by the West as favouring Russia, responded by saying he hoped Moscow and Kylv could hold peace appendictions as soon as position of the conflict of the co

Xi. did not mention a possible conversation with Zelenskyp in his own comments after the meetings. Zelenskyp has repeatedly asked Xi to meet him, including after the Chinese leader visited Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Moscow last month. A French diplomatic source told Reuters that Xi was "ready" to call Zelenskyy. "The Russian aggression in Ukraine has dealt a blow to (international) standing alongside the Chinese President outside the Great Hall of the People at the start of their



French President Emmanuel Macron (L) and Chinese President Xi Jinping take part in a Franco-Chinese busi-ness council meeting in Beijing on Thursday. — A. A Russian girl taken away from her father after she drew a picture in support of Ukraine at school has been handed by authorities to her estranged mother, an official said. The case involving 13-year-old

N-weapons in Belarus: Kremlin defends decision

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov defended its decision to station tactical nuclear its decision to station factical nuclear weapons in Belarus, rejecting criticism of the move by Nato Secretary-General Jens Stotlenberg, He said that the US-led transatlantic alliance was the one expanding towards Russia, not the other way round, and therefore Moscow had to take steps to defend its own security.

bilateral meeting.
"I know I can count on you to bring Russia back to its senses and everyone back to the negotiating table."

back to the negotiating table."
Beijing's reputation as a diplomatic player was reinforced in March when and Saudi Arabia to resume ties after years of hostility that had fuelded insecurity in the Gulf. China has proposed a 12-point peace plan for the Ukraine criss that calls on both sides to agree to a

official said. The case involving 13-year-old Maria Moskalyova has garnered international attention, as Moscow cracks down on criticism of the offensive in Ukraine.

Girl in Ukraine sketch with mom

gradual de-escalation lead-ing to a comprehensive ceasefire. The plan has been largely dismissed by the West due to China's the West due to China's refusal to condemn Russia for invading its sovereign neighbour. The United States and Nato has said China was considering sending arms to Russia, which Beijing has denied. The French diplomatic source said Macron had urged XI not to pay defend the control of the cont

In comments after the Macron-Xi meeting, which lasted one and a half hou-rs, Xi called for Ukraine and Russia to find a political solution to the war. China was ready to w together with France

source said.

However, more than a year into a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives, there is little sign either Russia or Ukraine are keen to negotiate.

— Reuters

MEDIATION BY **CHINA: KREMLIN**

NO PROSPECT OF

cow, April 6: The Kremlin on Thursday said it saw no "prospect" for China to mediate the Ukraine conflict and said it had "no other way" than to press on with its office as French President Emmanuel Macron was in Beijing to try to dissuade China from supporting Moscow's campaign. "Undoubtedly China has a very effective and commanding potential for mediation," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskow said. But the situation so the second of the second property of the strategies of the second property of t

presented a united front against the West. China has outlined a proposal for peace in Ukr-aine, but it remains vague and the United States has and the United States has dismissed it as opening the path for Russia to keep territories it has seized. China has been officially neutral on Ukraine and Xi has not condemned the Russian offensive. — AFP

Pak Parliament rejects SC order on snap election

Islamabad, April 6: Pakistan's Parliament on Thursday passed a resolution rejecting the Supreme Court's decision about the Punjab elections delay case and demanded a full court to decide this issue as the row between the indict.

decide this issue as the row between the judiciary and the government deepened in the country. A three-member bench of the apex court led by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial on Tuesday fixed May 14 as the new date for Assembly, as it quashed the Election Commission of Pakistaris (ECP) decision to extend the polls date from April 10 to October 8.

The coalition government reacted angrily to the judgment and rejected it, while the ECP issued a tree feet of the properties of the p

falamabad, April 6: A Pakistani high court on Thursday extended the interim bail of former prime minister Imran Khan in eight cases, including last month's case, including last month's case, till April 18. A two member bench of the Islamabad High Court, headed by Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, heard the bail pleas by the Pakistan Thereeke-Insaf chief, who was not present at the hearing. The court accepted an exemption request from Thursday's attendance.

SAUDI NOD TO FUNDING FOR PAK'S IMF LOAN

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Lalamabad, April & Cashstrapped Pakistan has
received the nod for funding of up to \$2 billion
from Saudi Arabia, a
move that will help the
country secure the muchrequired ballout from the
International Monetary
Pund (IMIS), according to
a report on Thursday,
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the condition on Pakistan
that it should secure \$8.

as it is contrary to the
Constitution.
It said that the House
"considers the conduct of
general elections simultaneously across the country as the panacea to all
the problems". — PTI
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Temple vandalised in Canada's Ontario

Toronto, April 6: A promi-nent Hindu temple in Canada's Ontario province has been van-Canada's Ontario province has been vandalised by unknown people with "anti-Hindu and anti-India graffiti", in
what is described by
police as a "hate-motivated incident".

In a statement, the
police in Ontario's
Windsor city said on
Wednesday that it has
launched an investigation
into the incident and
looking for two suspects.
After a Hindu temple
was vandalised
with
"anti-Hindu and
antiIndia graffiti" in
Canada's Ontario on
Wednesday, India on

Thursday condemned the vandalism and termed it as "very unfortunate", adding that it has "taken adding that it has taken a seen a seen a seen a seen a briefling that India has made it clear to host (foreign) governments what action it expects to ensure the security of Indian diplomatic missensure the security of Indian diplomatic missensure the security of Indian diplomatic missensure the security of Indian Deresonnel.

Windsor Police Service said officers were dispatched to the temple in the 1700 block of the Northway Avenue following a report of hate-motivated vandalism. — PTI

Jerusalem unrest on for 2nd night

salem on Wednesday when Palestinian worshi-ppers barricaded them-selves inside Al-Aqsa Mosque at the Old City's sensitive compound and Israeli police used force to remove dozens of wor-

remové dozens of wor-shippers.

The unrest was less intense than the previous night. But the situation remained combustible as Muslims marked the Ramzan holy month and Jews began the weeklong Passover holiday.

The Palestinian Red Crescent reported at least six paonla were intured in

six people were injured in the latest violence. The Islamic Waqf auth-orities, which manages

Jerusalem, April 6: Vio-lence resumed for a seco-nd straight night in Jeru-salem on Wednesday FROM GAZA FROM GAZA **RAISE TENSION**

Jerusalem, April 6: Palestinian militants fired a barrage of rockets early on Thursday, setting off air raid sirens. The barrage came after another tense night at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, most sensitive holy site, the Al-Aqsa Mosque, where Israeli police clashed with Muslim worshippers.

— AFF

the compound, said police fired stun grenades and rubber bullets to disperse the crowds. -AP

Saudi, Iran take steps toward reconciliation

Saudia Arabia have agreed to jointly pursue economic stability, the Iranian foreign minister said on Thursday, as well as reopen missions in their respective countries as the regional rivals stepped to regional rivals contended in the regional rivals contended in the regional rivals and rivals and

THE RAPPROCHE-**MENT** not only lowers the chance of armed conflict between the Mideast rivals — both directly and in proxy conflicts around the region - but also rep resents a major diplomatic victory for the Chinese as Gulf Arab states perceive the United States slowly withdrawing from the

eign ministry spokesper-son Mao Ning said foreign ministers from both nations had signed a joint statement and expressed their determination to improve ties in line with their talks in Beijing last month

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The official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said that as part of Thursday's agreement, the two long-time regional rivals would reopen representative offices in their respective capitals and in two other capitals and it was not capital to the capital capital

flights and official and private visits between the two nations. In addition to be a second of the proper of the p

and diplomatic posts
Saudi diplomatic posts
Saudi Arabia had executed a prominent Shitie
cleric with 46 others days
earlier, triggering the
demonstrations. The warming of ties shows that
'regional countries have
the will and ability to take
the lead' in maintaining
briefing. She said China is
ready to support both
sides in fostering good
relations, urging the
international community
to help the Middle Eastern
countries resolve their
differences.

The colonial hegemon-

differences.

"The colonial hegemonic tactics of stirring up contradictions, creating contradictions, creating estrangement and division should be rejected by the people all over the world," she said. -AP

From Pharaoh's times



The sarcophagus of Pharaoh Ramses II displayed on the opening day of the exhibition titled "Ramses and the Gold of the Pharaohs" at the Grande Halle de la Villette in Paris. Ramses II, also known as Ramses the Great, ruled for more than 60 years during the 13th century BC.

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EXTREME | WEATHER | Antarctic sea ice shrinking to second-lowest extent, finds EU agency

Earth has second warmest March on record

Paris, April & Earth had its Joint second-warmest March on record with Antarctic sea lee shrink- Antarctic sea lee shrink- extent for that month, the European Union's climate monitoring agency said on Thursday.

"The month was jointly the second-warmest March globally," tied with 2017, 2019 and 2020, the Copernicus Climate Change Service said.

The hottest March on record was in 2016. Its report is based on on plute ig cherated analyses using billions of

weather stations at the world.

It said temperatures were above average over and central

It waild temperatures were above average over southern and central Europe and below average over most of northern Europe.

They were far warmer than average over much of North Africa, southwestern Russia, Asia, northern Gought Asia, average over much of a substantial and coastal Antarctica. Antarctica.
Conversely, it was much

colder than average over western and central North America, the agency said. Global warming is caus-ing sea ice to decline and sea levels to rise, raising warnings that dangerous tipping points could be reached.

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Copernicus — said Antarctic sea ice extent was the second lowest for March in the 45-year satellite data record, at 28 per cent below average.

It reached 3.2 million square kilometres on average. 1.2 million sq km below the 1991-2020 average for the month.



Antarctic ice extent was the second lowest for March in the 45-year satellite data record. — AFF

It had reached the small-est area on record in February for the second year in a row, continuing a four per cent below aver-

age and joint fourth lowest for March on record, though concentrations were above average in the Ast temperatures rise globally because of human-caused climate change. Copernicus data show the past eight years were the eighth warmest on record.

A United Nations report warned in March that those record-breaking temperatures would figure among the cooless within three or four decades, even in planet-warming emissias drop quickly. — AFP

SL ANTI-TERROR BILL DELAYED IN PARLIAMENT

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Colombo, April 6: Sri
Lanka's justice minister
Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
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Pound Sterling (₹)	101.36	0.16
Euro (₹)	89.74	-1,01
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	60,600▼256	0.42
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	84.93	-0.07
IN 10-Yr bond yield	7.212	-0.061
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	3.279	-0.008
* As of 8:30 PM IST		

Centre unlikely to allow additional export of sugar

The government is unlikely to permit additional sugar exports this year as untimely rains have impacted the production in Maharashtra, Food Secretary Maharashtra, Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra said on Thursday. The food ministry has allowed 6 million tonnes of sugar exports for the current 2022-23 marketing year 2022-25 marketing year of the control of the control of the witch and the control of the wind the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the control of the control of the thing the control of the control of the control of the control of the thing the control of the cont

Panel to resolve land disputes of state-run firms



The Central government plans to set up a panel for faster resolution of state-owned companies' land disputes, two government officials with direct knowledge of the matter said on Thursday. The move, part of a renewed push by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration to slim down the public sector, would help the government moneties unused land to minimise losse unused land to minimise losse at state-run companies and help them raise funds.

ONDC frames rules for retail participants

The government-promoted Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is framing a mechanism to ensure comptinace with its rules by entitles involved in online retail trading, a senior official said. ONDC, aims to promote an open platform for all aspects of e-commerce retail. It would help small retailers expand their business through e-commerce medium and reduce dominance of giants in the sector.

Kumar gets addl charge of NHPC

Central bank wants to access impact of repo rate hikes effected in the last one year

RBI gives 'brief relief' on rate hike

MUMBAI, APRIL 6
Contrary to market expectations, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) led Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Thursday unanimously decided to hold policy rates while retainmously decided to hold policy rates while retainmously decided to hold policy rates while retainmously decided to hold policy in the state at "withdrawal of accommodation." "If I have to characterise today's monetary policy in just one line. .. it's a pause, not a pivot," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das told reporters while describing the outcome of the MPC meeting at the policy press conference.

Das also said that the report are hike has been paused only for this meet-

ing and that the MPC will not hesitate to take any action "if the situation so

and the situation so the same of the situation so warmins."

The RBI Governor said that the central bank wants to carefully evaluate consequences of the cumulative 250 basis point increase in the reporate since May 2022, the fastest pace of hike in the past decade.

The decision has brought some relief to borrowers, albeit temporarily, who have witnessed the RBI hiking the reporate by six times in a row.

The RBI chief said there has been an effective rate hike of 250 basis points (place) which is the six decaded including the standard deposit facility (SDF) rate



increase. "This 290 bps increase has translated to a monetary policy transmission by way of increase in the overnight call rates which has gone up from daily average of 3.32 per cent in March 2023. It is now necessary to evaluate the cumulative

GDP forecast upwards to 6.5 per cent. RBI deputy governor Michael Patra said the central bank has marginally increased its FY24 growth estimate to 6.5 per cent primarily on assumper cent primarily on assumper central sagainst \$90 per barrel as against \$90 per barrel as against \$90 per barrel as against \$90 per barrel as the first per central centra

watchful and will not nest-tate to take further actions in its future meetings as may be necessary. The job is not yet finished. Given that there's overall macro-economic and financial

stability, our priority continues to be price stability," said Das.
"The MPC is unlikely to see the need to hike further, unless inflation once again moves above or closate the transport bresphold see the fleet of line of once again mose above or closer to the upper threshold of the mandated band of 26 per cent. If such a scenario arises, the monetary policy hiking cycle may resume, beyond just one hike of 25bps. We will watch for any upside surprises to inflation over the next few quarter. Risk and the control of the control o

Rate sensitive stocks, bonds rally on rate hike pause

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, APRIL 6

MUMBAI, APRIL 6

Stocks from rate-sensitive sectors and bonds raillied after RBI surprised market with a pause after six consecutive rate hikes amounting to 250 basis points of repo rate likes among the pause after six and capital goods sector stocks were among gainers as the market was expecting 25 basis points repo rate hike.

However, due to the market raily extending for five days, gains were limited with the Sensex rising 143.66 points or 0.24 points or 0.24 points or 0.24 points or 0.24 points or 0.25 points or 0.24 poi

tited with the Sensex rising 143:66 points or 0.24 per cent to 59.832.97 and Mitty-50 gaining 42:10 points or 0.24 per cent to 17.599.15. Realty stocks gained most with BSE Realty index up 2.90 per cent, other gainers included BSE Auto (0.94 per cent), Capital Goods(0.71 per cent) while bank stocks didn't have much impact with BSE Bankex (0.02 per cent), Mitty Bank (0.10 per cent), Mitty Ban

with BSE Bankex (0/2) per cent), Nifty Bank (0.10 per cent), Alifty Bank (0.10 per cent) and Nifty PSU Bank (0.38 per cent) closing flat to positive "The decision came as a surprise after the majority of the central banks around the world continued to increase rates in an effort to tame stubbornly high inflation." said Siddhartha Khemka, head, retail research, Mofilal Oswal Financial Services.

Soon you can get credit line via UPI

SANGEETHA G

Customers can soon avail credit and make payment to loan accounts through UPI, which will enhance ease of credit transactions. RBI will soon enable UPI to be linked to pre-sanctioned credit lines at banks.

"At present, UPI transactions are enab-led between deposit accounts at banks, sometimes interme-diated by pre-paid instruments includmatter by "pre-parallel instruments including wallets. It is now
proposed to expand
the scope of UPI by
enabling transfer to /
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According to RBI, this can reduce the cost of such offerings and help in development of unique protuces of Indian to access pre-sanction-de credit lines through UPI will prominently help in reduction of the time and effort required for customers to secure loans, driving economic growth and deven consideration of the construction of the time and construction of the time and construction of the time and development. Banking and Payments, at FIS.

RBI plans AI site on unclaimed deposits

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, APRIL 6

With unclaimed deposits of over ₹35,000 crore getting transferred to RBI recently, the central bank has decided to develop an AI-powered web portal enabling searches across

enabling some banks.
Currently, the deposits

Currently, the deposits remaining unclaimed for 10 years in a bank are transferred to the "Depositor Education and Awareness" (DEA) Fund maintained by the Reserve Bank of India. A few days back, the government informed Parliament that unclaimed deposits of about 455,000 crore as of February 2023 were transferred to RBI by public sector banks.

TRAI KICKS OFF

SPECTRUM FOR

SPACE PHONES

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has kicked off the process to deliberate on the mechanism for allocating spectrum for space-based community of the special spectrum for space-based community of the special spectrum for sate-based community of the special spectrum for satellite communication services. If has listed 54 questions covering different community of the spectrum for satellite community of the spectrum for satellite community of the special spectrum for satellite community of the spectrum for satellite spectrum f

Thursday.
"Specific issues have been raised for considera-tion of stakeholders. Besi-

tion of stakeholders. Besides, written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by May 4, 2023 and counter comments by May 18, 2023. "Trai said. However, satellite companies have opposed allocation of spectrum to them through auction, while stakenow, posserving the state of the st

while telecom operators said spectrum for com-mercial use should be allocated through auction

PROCESS TO PART

The amount belonged to 10.24 crore accounts. State Bank of India had 88,066 crore of unclaimed deposits, followed by Punjah National Bank with 65,363 crore and Bank of Baroda 33,904 crore. "RBI has been taking various measures to ensure that newer deposits do not turn unclaimed and existing unclaimed deposits are returned to the rightful owners," the best of the rightful owners, the state of the rightful owners, the RBI has decided to develop a portal to enable search across multiple banks for possible unclaimed deposits on their website. However, RBI has decided to develop a portal to enable search across multiple banks for possible unclaimed deposits based on user inputs.

■ PUBLIC WEALTH

INDIA'S DIGITAL INFRA IS

WORTH EMULATING: IMF

India has built a world-class digital public infrastructure which is transforming lives and economy and can be a lesson for many countries to follow, an InfW working Paper said. India Stack is the collective name of a set of commonly used digital public infrastructure (DPIs) in India. It consists of three different layers — unique identity (Aadhaar), complimentary payments systems (UPI, Aadhaar Payment Bervice), and data exchange (DigiLocker and Account Aggregator).

Credit bureau to pay fine for delay in info correction

FALAKNAAZ SYED

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday proposed making the country's credit bureaus more accountable by strengthening the grievance redressal system by alerting customers when their credit report is accessed and compensating them for delayed or altered report.

ing them for delayed or altered reports. The central bank said that this is being done in the wake of an increase in customer complaints regarding reporting and functioning by credit ins-titutions and credit infor-mation companies (CICs). Further, the central bank will prescribe a

■ TELECOM WAR

will prescribe a time-frame for ingestion of data received by CICs from credit institutions and disclosures

and disclosures relating to number and nature of customer complaints received on the website of CICs.

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CICs.
"RBI is also planning to put in place measures such as compensation mechanism for delayed

SMART TV SHIPMENTS GREW

India's smart TV shipments recorded double-digit growth of 28 per cent in 2022, which was led primarily by the festive season in the third quarter of multiple new launches, discount events, and promotions, said a Counterpoint Research report.

'GOOGLE

COMPLY

ORDER'

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CHINA PLANS NEW UNDERSEA FIBRE

Chinese state-owned telecom firms are developing a \$500-million undersea fibre-optic internet cable network that would link Asia, the Middle East and Europe to rival a similar US-backed project. The plan is a sign that an intensifying tech war between China and the US risks tearing the fabric of the internet.

28% IN 2022, SAYS REPORT

updation/ rectification of credit information; a provision for SMS/ enail alerts to customers when their credit information are accessed from the credit bureaus; "said the RBI while announcing its bi-monthly monetary policy on Thursday." Detailed guidelines in this regard will be issued shortly, said the central bank.

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shorty, said the central bank.

In August, the RBI included CICs under the purview of the Reserve Bank of India - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme to provide a cost-free alter-nate redress mechanism to customers of banks and non-banking finance com-panies for grievances against CICs.

CENTRE FRAMES NEW RULES FOR ONLINE GAMING

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

NEW DELH, APRIL 6

In an attempt to flag false information posted online pertaining to the government, the Centre plans to notify an independent entity soon. Besides, the final rules for online gaming have been ruled out anytime soon as it involves a lot of work that needs to be done, the government said on Thursday after releasing the rules for online gaming, Releasing the draft the rules for online gaming prohibits any game that involves betting and wagering, and entails a framework of multiple self-regulatory organisations (SROs).

"The online gaming rules," minister of state for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.



Centre adopts new formula to cap gas prices

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Based on the recommendations of the Kirit Parikh Committee on Natural Gas, the Cabinet Committee on Natural Gas, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Thursday approved the floor price of \$47/MBHu for administered pricing mechanism or APM gas, ealing of \$6.5/MMBHu as \$8.37.

The government's revision to the 2014 gas pricing guidelines aims to provide a big relief to the consumers who are suffering from the recent surge in global gas prices. However, the Movern However, the global gas prices will be effective from April 8, 2023.
Under the new pricing norms, the domestic gas price will be benchmarked to global crude prices as reflected by the Indian crude oil basket.

Briefing on the decision, I&B minister Anurag Thakur said the Union Cabinet on Thrusday approved hew formulas approved hew formulas and imposed cap or celling price to rein in runaway prices of CNG and piped cooking gas. "The natural gas produced from legacy or old fields, known as APM gas, will now be indexed to crude oil price instead of pricing it based on gas prices in surplus nations such as the price of the pric

Pick any one of two tax regimes: CBDT

The income-tax (I-T) department has asked employees to submit their income particular than their income tax regime a default option and the old regime optional.

"From the financial year 2023-24, the new tax regime has become the default tax regime for tax payers, and those who want to continue with the old one, must inform the employer in advance," the department said. The income-tax (I-T) depa

In a circular, the Central Board of Direct Taxes directed the employers to ask for information from employees who have income under Section 192 of the Income Cax Act trained and the Income Cax Regime. And upon receiving their responses, the deductor of the employer stotal income for TDS based on their selected option," it said.

"If the employee does not intimate the same, it shall be presumed that the employer would deduct TDS as per the new regime at the Income Cax Act the employer would deduct TDS as per the new regime rates," it added.

THDCIL's Rajeev

Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, chairman and managing director of THDCILL, meet even the additional charge of NHPC, according to an official statement. "Ministry of Power ...has conveyed the approval of the Competent Authority to extend the additional charge of the post of the Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC Limited already entrusted to Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, CMD, THDCIL," NHPC said.

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TECH | TRACKER | Tesla cameras captured sensitive images and videos of customers

Tesla staff shared customers' images

London/San Francisco,
April 6: Tesla inc assures
its millions of electric car
owners that their privacy
"is and will always be
enormously important to
us." The cameras it builds
into vehicles to assist driving, it notes on its website,
are "designed from the
ground up to protect your
privacy."

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But between 2019 and 2022, groups of Tesla employees privately shared via an internal messaging system sometimes highly invasive videos and images recorded by cus-

■ NFW FUTURE

NO-DRIVER ROBOTAXIS EYE

SAN FRANCISO EXPANSION

wo trailblazing ride-hailing services are heading toward uncharted territory as they seek regulatory approval to transport passengers around the clock throughout one of the most densely populated US cities in vehicles that will have no one sitting in the drivers seat. If Cruise, a subsidiary off from Google, reach their goal, San Francisco would become the first US city with two totally driverless services competing against Uber, etc.

tomers' car cameras, according to interviews by Reuters with nine former employees.

Some of the recordings caught Tesla customers in embarrassing situations. One ex-employee described a video of a man appraise of a wideo of a man appraise of a wideo of a man appraise of the completely naked. Also shared: crashes and road-rage incidents. One crash video in 2021 showed a Tesla driving at high speed in a residential area in hitting a child riding a bike, according to another ex-employee. The child

flew in one direction, the bike in another. The video kine in another. The video another in San Mate California, via private one-one chats, "like wildfire," the ex-employee said.

Other images were more mundame, such as pictures of dogs and funny road signs that employees signs that employees with a signs that employees will be such as pictures of the signs that it is supported by the signs that it is supported by the signs of the signs when the signs will be some posting them in private group chats. While some postings were only shared between two employees,

others could be seen by scores of them, according to several ex-employees. Tesla states in its online "Customer Privacy Notice" that its "camera recordings remain anonymous and are not linked to you or your vehicle." But seven former employees told Reuters the computer program they used at work could show the location of recordings — which potentially could reveal where a Tesla owner lived. One ex-employee also said that some recordings appeared to have been

made when cars were parked and turned off. Several years ago. Tesla would receive video recordings from its vehicles even when they were off, if owners gave consent. It has since stopped doing so. Tesla didn't respond to detailed questions sent to if for this report. To report this story, Reuters contact ed more than 300 word with the worked at the company over the past nine years and were involved in developing its self-driving system. — Reuters



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Rajaul Samson has blamed
the dip in momentum in the

niddle overs during their stiff

chase as the reason behind the

flow-run loss against Punjab

chasing a tricky 198-run tar

et on Wednesday, RR could

manage 192 for 7 in the end.

"We started off really well, well

mished the powerplay really

well. In the middle overs, we

were expecting to get the bound
bowled really well. That's where

I think the momentum went a

bit down," Samson said at the

post-match press conference.

"We did well to get so close

also after the fall in our run

rate. We just fell short of a six,

just one ball hit away." he added.

Riley replaces Jhye in Mumbai squad

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Mumbai Indians (MI) on
Thursday named Riley
Meredith as a replacement for
injured fast bowler Jhye
Richardson. Richardson is sufering from a homstring injury
tion of the TATA indian
Premier League (IPL).
His replacement, Australian
fast bowler. Riley Meredith has
played 5 T201s picking up 8
wickets that includes a threewicket haul. He has represented
the Punjab Kings & Mumbai
Indians in the previous editions
of the IPL.
He joins MI for ₹1.5 crore.

Shoulder trouble rules Topley out

England pacer Reece Topley
was on Thursday ruled out
of the Indian Premier League
due to a dislocated shoulder.
Topley had suffered the Injury
in Royal Challengers
Bangalore's opening home
game at the Chinnaswamy
Stadium against Mumbai
Indians.
"Topley has been ruled out of
the IPL and has flown back
home. His replacement will be
named soon," RCB head coach
Sanjay Bangar said on air dur-

anmed soon, RCB head coach mamed soon, RCB head coach mamed soon, RCB head coach ling the game against Kolkata Knight Rtders at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. He also informed that star spinner Wanindu Hasaranga is expected to join the squad on April 10 and Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood, who could not play the Test series in India due to liquix, on April 14.

GURBAZ BAL

Rahman, Shardul, Rinku power KKR to victory

Kolkata, April 6: Kolkata Knight Riders heat Roya Knight Riders beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 81 runs in the IPL here on Friday. Shardul Thakur (68 off 29 balls) and opener

Samual I and opener Rahmamulia Gurbac, 67: off 44 balls) cracked half-centuries while Rinku Singh scored a 33-ball 46 as KKR made a remarkable recovery from 89 for 5 to post 204 for 7.

Leg-spinner Cyram Charles of 10 control of 10 control

Gurbar and November 1 Comments of the 12th over the bounce and carry. David Willey exposed KKR's top-order, when the England left-arm pacer knocked over Venkatesh Iyer (3) and Mandeep Singh (0) off successive deliveries inside the powerplay. Promoted to open, Venkatesh looked out of



Kolkata Knight Riders opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz plays a shot on way to his half-century during the match against Royal Challengers Bangalore at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Thursday.

on the very first ball after powerplay. KKR looked in trouble at 47/3 but Gurbaz led the charge against the '102' Bengal pacer Akash Deep, pulling him for a six before collecting back-to-back boundaries. Overlal, he hit six fours and three

sixes. Gurbaz took a review to overturn an LBW decision on 30 and raced to a 38-ball fifty with a powerful sweep over long leg boundary. Thakur then took Akash Deep to cleaners in his knock studded with nine fours and three sixes.

Buttler injures little finger

Kolkata Knight Riders:
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Akash Deep b Sharma 57,
Venkatesh Iyer b Willey 3,
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Maxwell b Mohammed
Siraj 68, Sunil Narine not
out 0, Umesh Yadav not
out 0, Umesh Yadav not
out 0, Extras (b-4, lb-6,
nb-3, w-10) 23. Total (for
7 wickets In 20 overs)
204.

89, 5-89, 6-192, 7-198. Bowling: Mohammed Siraj 4-0-44-1, David Willey 4-1-16-2, Akash Deep 2-0-30-0, Michael Bracewell 3-0-34-1, Shahbaz Ahmed 1-0-6-0, Karn Sharma 3-0-26-2, Harshal Patel 3-0-38-1.

overs) 123. FoW: 1-44, 2-46, 3-54, 4-54, 5-61, 6-83, 7-84, 8-86, 9-96.

9-96.

Bowling: Umesh Yadav 20-17-0, Tim Southee 2-025-0, Sunil Narine4-0-162, Varun Chakravarthy
3.4-0-15-4, Suyash
Sharma 4-0-30-3,
Shardul Thakur 2-0-15-1.

Apart from Willey (4-1-16-2), none of the RCB bowlers impressed and Akash Deep conceded 30 runs from his two overs. Siraj also looked wayward and returned with 1/4 from his four overs. They also leaked 23 runs in extras.

Lucknow, April 6: Joited by a crushing defeat in their campaign opener. Surnisers Hyderabad will not their South African recruits, including new skipper Aiden Markram, when they play Lucknow Super Giants in an away IPL match here on Priday. In the absence of Kumar led SRH in their opening game, which they lost by a huge 72-run margin against Rajasthan Royals.

Royals.

But in a big boost to the team, Markram and two fellow South Africans — Marco Jansen and

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Sun keen to get out of the shade

Marco Jansen and Heinrich Klaasen — have joined the side after com-pleting their national

pieting their national duty. SRH finished last in 2021 and eighth among 10 teams last year and they will bank on Markram's will bank on Markram's results this season. However, if the opening game is anything to go by. SRH cut a sorry figure as they struggled against RR, who dominated both the powerplays—racking up 85 for 1 first and then conceding just 30 for 2 in the first six overs while defending 205 for 2 in the first six overs while defending 205 for 2 in the first six overs while defending 205 for 2 in the first six overs while a constant of the control of the con

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 Myle Mayers is the only batter to score two fifties in first two matches in IPL. The West Indian made 73 against Delhi Capitals at Lucknow on debut and scored 53 against

Chemai Ciner Views in the Chennai Super Kings in the second match at Chennai.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, with 130 wickets at an average of 25.29 and a strike rate of 20.29 in 116 innings of as many matches, is the high-est wicket taker for Sunrisers Hyderabad in IPL.

LAST YEAR'S MATCH Lucknow Super Giants beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 12 runs in Mumbai.

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looked good but other Indians — Abhishek Sharma and Rahul Tripathi – failed to open their accounts, making the top-order an area of concern. While wicket-keeper-batter Glenn Phillips and Harry Brook are welling played that the groove quickly. For LSG, skipper KL. Rahul's form is cause of concern as he failed to capitalise on his starts but Kyle Mayers produced some extraordinary hitting during his two blistering fifties in the last two matches. — PTI

Surgery may put Kane out of Cup

Wellington, April 6: New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson is likely to miss the ODI World Cup in India later this year after suffering a severe knee injury while playing his first match for Gujarat Giants in the ongoing IPI.

Welliamson returned to New Zealand and scans on Tuesday confirmed that he had ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament of his right knee. Williamson suffered the injury while fielding for Gujarat Titans against Chennal Super Kings in Ahmedabad.

According to New Zealand Cricket state-ment, the right-handed batter will go under the knife within the next three weeks.

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On receiving the news, Williamson acknowledged the support he had received from his frame from the firm of the fir

Guwahati, April 6:
Rajasthan Royals' batting
mainstay Jos Buttler has
the state of the little finger of his left
hand during team's IPL
game against Punjab
Kings and could miss his
team's next game against
Delhi Capitals on April 8.
Royals lost the game by
five runs. Ravichandran
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while taking a catch to
dismiss PBKS batter
Shahrukh Khan, was getting stitches on his finger.
Buttler ran from deep
and took a sliding catch
off Jason Holder's bowling in the last over but
immediately looked in five runs. Ravichandran
Ashwin was promoted as
an opener as Buttler, who
injured his little finger
while taking a catch to
dismiss PBKS batter
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Buttler got multiple stitches on his little finger after injuring it while taking a catch to dismiss Punjab batter Shahrukh Khan and is likely to miss Rajasthan's next game.

with a couple of balls still

The finger will certainly be sore and fielding could be an issue and hence Royals medical staff might just want to give him test a gath or two parts of the country of the

PACER WOOD LOOKS FOR REDEMPTION THIS YEAR

Lucknow, April 8: England and Lucknow Super Giants pacer Mark Wood wants to prove that he is among the best in the business in the IPL after his disappointing debut in the cash-rich T20 league five years ago. Wood bowled four wicketless overs for Chennal Super Kings, conceding 49 runs, back in 2018 in his only IPL match before this season. He is now looking for redemption, having taken eight wickets in LSG's first two matches so far:

having taken eight wickets in 1605 1631.

"Ifell like I had a bit of unfinished business, in terms of trying to come here and prove myself on a big of trying to come here and prove myself on a big "I've played for England in World Cup finals (50-over and T20 both) but I hadn't cracked in IPL, 50 this time, I'm trying my best to prove that I can be in the mix in IPL, with the best players, I will by to prove a point, that I'm up to this standard," he added.

Benzema blasts Barca out of Copa with a heady hat-trick

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Barca coach Xavi was booked for protesting a foul as tempers boiled over, while Gavi and Vinicius were also issued yellow cards as they scrapped.

Thousands of Barcelona fans chanted Lionel Messi's name in the 10th minute, amid speculation he could leave Paris Saint-Germain, and they would have dearly loved some of the Argentine's magic.

— AFP

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RAJAWAT STUNS WORLD NO. 12, IS IN QUARTERS

Orleans (France), April 6: India's Priyanshu Rajawat notched up a stunning straight-game win over top seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan to progress to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Orleans Masters Super 300 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

to the men's singles quarterfinals of the Orleans Masters Super 300 badminton tournament here on Thursday. World number 58 Rajawat showed immaculate skills and tactical acumen en route a 21-8, 21-16 Min over world No. 12 Nishimoto, who had claimed the Madrid Spain Masters title on last Sunday. Matter final contest if national champion Mithun Manjunath can get past Chinese Taipel's Chi Yu Jen later in the day.

cân get plest climese trapes of India's Thomas Cup win-ling and the was part of India's Thomas Cup win-ling the geam, came out all guns blazing, galloping to a law 100 lead in the opening game as Nishimoto found the going tough despite all his efforts, which saw him grab just eight points.

After the change of sides, the Japanese managed to move to a 62 advantage but Rajawat soon clawed back at 10-10 and then pulled away

Rashford fires Man U into top four, Newcastle net 5

Manchester, April 6:
Marcus Rashford sent Manchester United back into the Premier League top four with the winner as the Red Devils beat Brentford 1-0 on Wednesday, while Newcastle won 5-1 at West Ham to stay third.
Callum Wilson and Joelinton each scored twice for the Magpies, who remain above United on goal difference on goal difference on goal difference with the work of t

United had slipped to fifth after a run of three league games without a win and cup commitments that meant they had not registered a Premier League win since mid-Pebruary. Errik ten Hag's men also had a score to settle with the Bees after a humiliating 40 defeat when the sides last met in August. Rashford started through the middle a Then Hag's patience with Wout Weghorst finally and once the first properties of the start of the s

Marcel Sabitzer's knock-down for his 28th goal of the season. The season was a season with consecutive win edged Newcastle closer to the Champions League for the first time in 20 years. Wilson headed home the opener after just six minutes. Joellinton doubled the Magpies lead inside 13 minutes as he latched onto Fabian Schar's ball over the top and coolly rounded schar's ball over the top and coolly rounded Lukasz Fabianski before slotting into an empty net. Kurt Zouma's header just before half-time gave West Ham hope but to no avail. — AFF

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Nani joins elite club





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The actor was in his element at a press meet on Wednesday, making his first public appearance after the most recent threat to his life. He wears his 'I give-a-damn' attitude on his sleeve. He said he uses his awards as "door stoppers" at times and doesn't really care about them

alman Khan's security has been doubled after the recent threat to his life. But the actor sidestepped the question when asked about it. However, he was in a jolly mood and spoke freely about many other things in the film industry. Excerpts:

AWARDS FUNCTIONS AND MONEY

Salman had some insights to share about awards functions, and how actors who perform at them are treated. "The first time I was told I had won an award, I told my dad, and he too wore a suit and we all reached the venue — only to see another actor, Jackie Shroff, win it," he recalled. "I had been asked to perform at the event and

"I had been asked to perform at the event and when I refused, they told me that they would pay me a certain amount. I asked for five times more, and they gave me a cheque. I went backstage and found Juhi Chawla and Akshay Kumar and told them they should also ask for more because I had got it. They got paid too. I made sure that after that day, every awards function paid us to host and dance and not just do it free under the ruse of getting an award. They are all making money from sponsors, from TV telecasts; and we should do so too," he asserted.

HINDI FILMS NOT DOING WELL

"I have been hearing that Hindi films are not doing well. If you make bad films, how will they work? Everyone thinks they are making a *Mughal-E-Azam*, *Sholay*, *HAHK* or *DDLJ*. But that's not what they're doing."

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'USE AWARDS AS DOOR STOPPERS'

alman may be a show stopper, but the actor says he uses awards as door stoppers!

"Honestly, I have never been interested in these awards, because I've seen so many of them — my father Salim saab has won a lot of them. I myself got two. Sometimes, we use them as door stoppers at home. And we would give them away if we couldn't find a place for them at home. I've often lost awards to other actors after being nominated. I was once even given an award which I left behind on the stage. The organisers may have it now. I was never interested in awards. Even today, I am not," the actor reiterated. However, he went on to say, "I am interested in rewards. That's what I get from my fans and from the Hindi film audience."

— Sanskriti Media





PCJ signs Idris Elba, John Cena starrer

Heads of State is a political thriller

Priyanka Chopra Jonas seems to be the new flavour of the studio backing *Citadel* for the Russo Brothers.

In July 2020, Amazon Studios concluded a multimillion-dollar deal with her in an effort to feature South Asia on the global platform. And now, PCJ has signed a big project with John Cena and Idris Elba.

The film, called *Heads of State*, is slated to take off next month. Priyanka's spy show is expected to drop on the platform

by the end of this month. "The title

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Idris Elba and John Cena

Heads of State clearly in dicate s that the film is a political thriller. It is being billed as a marriage between Air Force One Midnight

Midnight Run, starring Harrison Ford and Robert De Niro. The idea was Harrison Query's. He developed it and handed it over to director Ilya Naishuller who has got Josh Appelbaum and André Nemec to write the script. Peter Safran and John Rickard are producing the film," we are informed. PCJ has other projects coming up,

PCJ has other projects coming up, including Love Again filmed in the UK, and Jee Le Zara co-starring Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif — the principal shooting of the latter will start in Rajasthan after Priyanka wraps her Hollywood biggin

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Sam was the original choice for Rainbow

...Rashmika came on board later

romantic fantasy entertainer, *Rainbow*, starring Rashmika Mandanna. which was launched a few days ago, will commence shooting on Friday However, apparently, Rashmika wasn't the original choice for the female-centric film. It was Samantha!

Sam was approached for the part one-and-a-half years ago, and it was assumed that she was on board. But that's not how things turned out.

Sam was excited by the offer, but it came at around the time when she and Naga Chaitanya decided to separate, and

> fered s o m e health problems, which

she SHF-

Telugu-Tamil vented her from taking up work. Since she didn't want to keep the filmmakers waiting, she asked them to look at other options.

"Samantha herself advised the producers to go ahead with another actress, because she wanted her space, she didn't want to overwork herself during that time, says a source. And even when she returned to work, she had pending projects to complete, like Citadel and Khushi. Since the heroine of Rainbow, directed by Shantharuban, is strong character, the makers wanted someone suited to that part. They believed Rashmika, who has risen to stardom in the last two years, would be an ideal choice.

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'I WANTED **TO BREAK ALL INHIBITIONS'**

...Sushanth reflects on his filmography

When the makers of *Ravanasura* approached Sushanth Anumolu for a significant role, he was excited about coming on board. He, however, suggested they tweak his role a bit so that it would be more impactful and add intensity to the narrative.

"The produc-er Abhishek Nama agreed that the new layer / dimension to my character validates my role and was happy to incorporate it," shares Sushanth.

Ravi While Teja Teja plays Ravanasura in Sudheer Varma directorial, Sushanth plays However, says all the characters in the film have

grey shades.
"I felt my role in the film stands out, and I believed Ravanasuara would give me a chance to showcase a new me," he explains, adding that he was equally excited to see Ravi Teja in a character he hasn't done so far.

After playing a vital role in Valkuntapuramlo (2019), Sushanth will also be seen in Chiranjeevi's upcoming film Bhola. "I wanted to break all my inhibi-

tions and am game to push myself to do tons and am game to push mysel to do something quirky. I have been picking different roles from what I am. I felt I needed to prove something as an actor and believed *Chi Law Sow* gave me that break. Then *Ala Vaikuntapuramlo* happened," he reveals, adding that sharing screen with the Megastar in Bhola was like

Virinchi's period drama

...Script work in progress

ris first two films *Uyyala Jampala* and Manju went on to become super hits. Both belonged to the romance genre. But now, director Virinchi Varma wants to move on to something else. We learn that the film-maker is working on the script of a period drama. It is reportedly set in the 1970s and Virinchi is currently doing the nec-

essary research.
"The director is gathering references relating to that period from libraries and newspaper clips and meeting people, says a source, adding that an official announcement is likely to be made soon. "The film, currently in pre-production, will be headlined by a star hero, the source adds.

There's hardly anyone from the film industry who hasn't raved about Dasara. The Nani-starrer has been getting Dasara. The Nani-starrer has been getting positive reviews from Rajamouli and Prabhas to Mahesh Babu and Chiranjeevi, ever since its release last week.

The Srikanth Odela directorial has become a humongous hit at the box office and has joined the `100-crore club. This is the first time a Nanicatarray has entered this league. The

starrer has entered this league. The cash registers have been ringing

cash registers have been ringing overseas too.
"What worked for the film was Nani's unique characterisation," comments the director, adding that the freshness in the rustic story complemented the characters well.

Talking about the super success, Nani said the collections were a validation of how important it is to stay true to the script. "We were honest in our storytelling and gave our best shot. The characters were designed meticulously keeping the story in view," the actor shares.







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Men and the statement necklace

It might be tempting to dismiss men's jewellery as something that only a Ranveer Singh or a Harry Styles could wear. But the fact is, the trend is growing. So much so that it is being made abundantly clear that jewels are not just for the ladies.





LIL NAS X This singer's Instagrammable bejewelled looks måke us wonder what else he's capable of.



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ellery his signature

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PITT Nobody makes a better case for men's jewellery than veteran actor Brad Pitt.



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THE ASIAN AGE

Brown Munde singer AP Dhillon and Hrithik Roshan recently turned heads with their neck jewellery at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) fash-

ion gala. The singer wore a pair of necklaces from Mahesh Notandass F i n e Jewellery with his red Gucci blazer and black Tshirt while the actor

ellery

and





wealth and style. Even today, men in several subcultures of India wear *balis* in their ears. Hip hop artistes all over the world have made men's bling fashionable," says Samarth Bajaj, Co-Founder &



eclectic ensembles aren't complete with-out jewellery. The actor has worn everything from dainty neckpieces to lay-ered, chunky ones, as well as dangler earrings and ear cuffs



PORTER'S dazzling diamond and emerald necklac worn at Emmys 2021 red carpet was worth \$1 million. He also wore diamond bracelets and ear cuffs





enjoys shimmer and glitter. His red-carpet looks are nothing short of a visual feast. He doesn't often wear jewellery, but when he does, he does so elegantly



MACHINE GUN KELLY opted for a corsetstyle Dolce & Gabbana top and vinyl leather trousers for his red carpet walk, teaming it with a gem-set choker by House of

Emmanuele

AN JAFRI wore a heavy necklace at NMACC event recently



PETE DAVIDSON The comedian has been sporting some very fashionable beaded accessories of



AŞAP ROCKY is the undisputed champion of men's jewellery. As someone who has always been a 'fashion killa,' he was the first to jump on the jewellery bandwagon. Rocky wears jewellery like it's no big deal on the red carpet or at a runway show

CEO, The Designer's Class.

Yes, there was a time when iewellery was considered primarily a feminine adornment, but this isn't the case anymore. Men's jewellery is an extremely exciting space right now, and it allows men to express their fashion identity. It lets the men have fun

with their looks, add an element to their personalities and style statements, and make them look extremely cool.

Jewelry for men has been around since the beginning of time, particularly in India. "Men have avoided wearing jewellery in recent decades because there

has been discussion about, and so many questions raised about Masculinity — how a man is supposed to look, how a man is supposed to dress, and all of these regressive thoughts that have been prevalent in recent decades," says the ace Bollywood designer Kunal Rawal. "And

what you're seeing now in this decade is a beautiful evolution, evolution in young India, evolution in thinking and prejudices that have gone off the rails. It's liberating and refreshing to be a young designer in India, especially if you do menswear.

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My film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan is coming up and if it is not good, you are going to throw my comment on bad content back at me. But the truth is that we have worked hard on this film. Films that have done well have been those that families have gone to watch," said Salman.

GEN NEXT ACTORS

Talking of the younger genera-

VINTAGE SALMAN

tion of actors, he said, "these guys are talented but we five are not going to give up so easily -Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir, Akki, Ajay and me. We are going to give them a run for their money, tire them out. Our films do well and we increase our prices. When filmmakers can't

afford us, and go to them, they increase their prices.

VULGARITY ON OTTS

"I agree with the view that a lot of actors who did not get work at one point found work on the OTT. It happened when TV started too. Parallel cinema has now

become OTT and people think it is a lot cooler. I think Ram Gopal Varma was the first one who made digital content and then people started watching it," said Salman, who is known to abhor OTT content. "I have been here since 1989 I have never done this kind of stuff. I think there should be censorship for OTT and the vulgarity, nudity and expletives should stop, because everyone has this on his phone. There are 15 and 16-year-old boys

watching it. How will you react when your young daughter watches this under the pretext of studying? It will be good if the content is clean," he stressed. "We have censorship for films

and when there is more blood or action, we get an A certificate. Censorship works on TV also. I host *Bigg Boss*. There are many expletives used and there are physical fights too. But we cannot and do not show

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Poor gut health is the cause for many ailments

On this World Health Day, take a pledge to take care of your gut and your mental health. You must've heard people say, "You are what you eat." There is a significant amount of truth in this saving.

ANJALI KOCHHAR

you've been worrying a lot or have been depressed for a long time, you might be having gastric issues as well. Though the real reason behind it is still debat ed, doctors, through studies, believe that anxiety and depression can cause serious gastric issues — especially acid reflux. A famous saying among many doc tors is that 'worry, hurry and curry can cause gastric ulcers'

While your anxiety is causing gastric issues, you must also know that your depres sion may be directly linked to your stomach. Studies have shown that people who don't eat regular and healthy diets are most likely to develop psychiatric issues like depression and anxiety. If your diet lacks essential vitamins and minerals, their deficiency can cause serious mental health issues. You may feel that something is seriously going wrong in your life leading to your depression, but more often than not, it is the unbalanced diet that causes these problems.

Few things to keep in mind

Eat a balanced and healthy diet



body and a healthy mind. The lack of essential nutrients in your diet is likely to first affect your mental health and then your physical body. So if you've been in a terrimood and can't find the reason change your eating habits, and you might be surprised with the results. The deficiency of iron can cause atigue and a sense of not being able to cope with routine. Or the slowburning fibre from vegetables and whole grains that lend the prebiotics needed for a well-function-ing gut that eventually benefits mental health," said **Anupama** Menon, wellness coach and founder of Right Living. Dr Saumya Mudgal, Senior Consultant-Psychiatry, Max Hospital, Gurugram, believes Vitamins like B12, B1, B6 have a major

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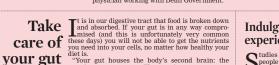
"Like thiamine deficiency in Alcoholics can cause psychosis, B12 deficiency can cause a tingling sensation in arms and feet also multiple aches and pain. Minerals like manganese and magnesium are again important for neurotransmission and brain well-being, mode sta-

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Go out in the sun

tiamin D is a nutrient that is essential for the proper funcnificantly lower one's happiness quotient. Since the Sun is the only source of Vitamin D, you may want to spend more time outside in the sun. If your job requires you to stay in or work from home, take out time from your routine to especially be under the sun. If things have already gone out of hand, you may want to consult a doctor and get tested for nutrients you're defi-cient in. The doctor may be able to help you regain those nutrients through supplements or a diet chart.

"One must have good exposure to sunlight to avoid having Vitamin D deficiency as it leads not only to calcium deficiency but also many systemic and mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, asthma in children, neurological problems in the elderly, cardiovascular dis ease, diabetes, and eclampsia in pregnancy," says Dr Deepika Malik, a general physician working with Delhi Government.



"Your gut houses the body's second brain: the enteric nervous system. The enteric nervous system and your brain are in constant communication and any issues within the gut can impact your mental well-being," says **Monique Jhingon,**Functional Nutritionist and Lifestyle

> Jhingon adds. "You have an entire ecosystem of microbes in your digestive tract. This microbial community, also known as the gut microbiome, impacts many of your body's biological processes, hor-mone and neurotransmitter levels and your brain

chemistry." Hence, restoring bal-ance by eating a diverse, whole foods diet with plenty of colourful plant ed foods has a positive ripple effect on our general and mental health and well-heing



Studies have shown that people who indulge in more flow experiences a day are happier in comparison to ones who have none. If you feel sad, or depressed, you may also feel like you have no purpose. Indulging in flow experiences gives you purpose and makes you feel fulfilled. Activities like sports, reading, singing, playing music, and listening to podcasts are some of the many ways you can start experiencing flow. Flow is the same thing that you experience after a competitive game of tennis or while fin-ishing a suspense novel.



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Practice voga and meditation

routine yoga and meditation practice can help A young people to manage stress and improve focus and concentration. The latter is an extremely helpful skill for those trying to succeed academically. It can help them become more selfaware and better able to understand and regulate their thoughts and emotions. Regularly practising yoga and meditation can also help in improved sleep quality, which is important for overall mental health and wellbeing.

Nimish Dayalu, CEO and co-founder of Zoga Wellness App says, "Traditional Hatha yoga is good for youth. This type of yoga focuses on physical postures and breathing exercises. Restorative yoga focusing on slow, gentle movements is especially helpful for those suffering from anxiety or depression. It helps practitioners get fitter and healthi-

er on the inside -out."

"Gratitude meditation which involves sending feelings of love and compassion to oneself and others can help young people to develop positive relationships with them



linum. These bacteria multiply by giving off spores, which produce the botulism toxin. C. botulinum differ from other bac teria such as E coli listeria and salmonella, in that they can grow without air (oxygen). In addition, the botulism-producing spores are heat-

resistant. Food preservation tech-niques such as canning must include a heat treatment that lasts long enough to kill C. botulinum, knocking out the ability to produce spores. Ten minutes of boiling will destroy the toxin that causes the disease. Outbreaks of botulism from canned foods are usually traced to inadequate heating times or temper

Placing food in an airtight container does not increase the risk of botulism unless the bacteria are already present. It's doubtful that these par ticular bacteria would be a problem in cooked foods when good sanitary practices have been followed. In fact, leaving the lid off increases the chances that other airborne bacteria can enter any nutrient-rich food or broth. It also increases the likelihood of picking up errant room or refrigerator odors.

It's a good practice to refrigerate leftovers immediately in a sealed container. By rapidly cooling leftovers to refrigerator temperature (40 degrees F.), you help ensure that the food will remain safe. Consider cooling your broth in a covered container with a large surface area such as a shallow baking dish. One technique I use is to have several flexible, reusable ice packs at the ready in my freezer. That way, when some food needs to be chilled rapid ly, the ice packs can be placed under, around or on top of the

container Other sensible approaches are never eating or tasting from containers with bulges, or from any that spurt liquid when opened. (Note that this is different from vacuumpacked items, which suck in air when opened for the first time.) Find out more about botulism at h link/hv67cc

HOW TO WASH FRUITS AND VEGGIES

DEAR DR. BLONZ: You, and other experts, always say to "wash your fruits and vegetables." But I haven't seen much about what that really means: Splash them with water? Run water over them for an amount of time? Do the rules change for produce sprayed with pesticides, or for members of the so-called "dirty dozen"? Should any be washed with

NUTRITION FAQS: BY DR BLONZ

A lid on hot broths or gravies — Yes or No?



dish soan or is water sufficient? heard once that fruits and vegeta bles should be scrubbed as well as rinsed. That seems to make sense for veggies like potatoes, which have relatively hard surfaces, but what about delicate fruits such as raspherries and blueherries?

How about a one-time primer on what exactly "washing" fruits and

DEAR A.F.: Produce has lots of opportunities to pick up unwanted elements: from the soil, or from various local animals, while it is growing; at the store where it is stored and sold; and even in your vehicle on the way home. Doing a wash at home

helps remove any contami nants hitchhiking on your whole some foods. This is even more important for children, the elderly or anyone with an ailment or condi tion that might weaken the immune

I worked in the produce depart-ment at a local supermarket while in high school, getting fresh fruits and vegetables ready for customers and removing any produce past its prime. Fruits and vegetables are usually washed before being packed, but the handling from field to store is always a bit of a wild

card. There is nothing wrong wit any added measure of cleanliness.

Wash produce with clean hands in a clean area — one that is not used as a resting place for dishes waiting to be washed or other questionable items. Rinse items in cold, potable running water for at least 15 sec onds. Do this before the produce is sliced, as cutting can transfer unwanted elements from the sur face into the flesh. (Cutting tools should also be freshly washed.)

If the flesh of the produce is eaten and not the peel - think citrus, bananas, melons, avocado and pomegranates — a wash of the out sides is prudent. A produce brush can provide extra abrasion, but ensure it, too, gets cleaned and is allowed to dry between uses.

Regarding delicate fruits, I typical-ly have berries with my breakfast. After purchase, I give them a cold soak for several minutes, gently agi tating with a clean hand, followed by a generous rinse in a colander. I then transfer them to a container

with a good-fitting lid. Fruits and vegetables are not waterproof, of course, and can absorb liquids to varying degrees. Any fluid you use to wash your veg-etables should be approved for food use; dishwashing detergents, for example, are not generally advised

(Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and an assistant clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco) Copyright: Asia Features



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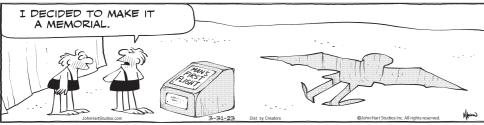








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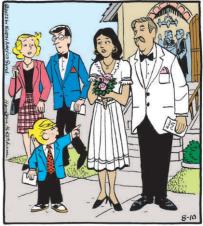
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Dennis the Menace



"Wow, HE MUST HAVE A LOT OF MONEY IF THIS IS HIS SECOND WEDDING. MY DAD STILL CAN'T AFFORD HIS FIRST."

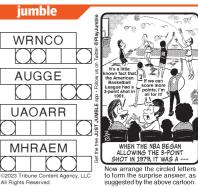
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Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: I. Back of chair is narrower. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Earring is smaller. 4. Hairband is moved. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Curtain is not as wide.



suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: ONION HOIST WEIGHT ROTATE
Answer: He was gradually going bald because his follicles were vanishing — INTO THIN "HAIR"

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Your day today

By Dr C.V.B. Subrahmanyam



Aries: Good opportunities could be missed if you don't let go of your inhibitions. Be diplomatic. Your financial position will be strengthened but don't overspend.



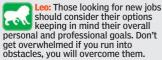
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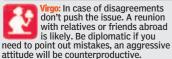


ini: Have confidence in vour abilities and don't go out of your way to seek approval from others. Certain situations may leave you irritated, don't be impulsive.



ncer: Effective use of your time and resources will bring desired results. Your efforts to strengthen relationships at work will be productive. Pay attention to elders.





You share your b'day with

Jackie Chan is a Hong Kong actor, filmmaker, martial artist, and stuntman Known for his acrobatic fighting style and comic timing, Chan has starred in more than 150 films in a career of over 50 years. He is regarded as one of the most popular action stars of all time.





Libra: Creating the right balance between work and family commitments will be on your mind. You may also feel the need to focus more on work. A good time to set a foundation for your career goals.



Scorpio: A good day to formalize a romantic alliance. Pay attention to subtle nuances and undercurrents so that you can nip misun-derstandings before they escalate.



Sagittarius: Minor disruptions can make you irritable. Career and domestic priorities may be leaving you with no time for personal activities. Work pressures could ease.



pricorn: New opportunities on the work front are possible especially if you have consis-tently delivered results. You will find innovative ways to work around obstacles and challenges.



Aquarius: Weigh all your options carefully on both, the work and personal fronts. Don't allow pressures to get in the way of focusing on the details of important



ces: Stressful moments with colleagues is possible. Maintain a fine balance between being firm and assertive. Be clear and precise in your interactions to prevent

anyone from misinterpreting your actions.

projects. Avoid arguments.

QUICK CROSSWORD

bridge

What is the worst aspect of present-day

In a way, these are all

crimes. If only we had no

crime, the world would be

a much better place in

One country that has

remarkably little crime is New Zealand. Today's deal

was played by Phil Lennon, a Kiwi from

Christchurch. He acted like a bare-faced burglar,

but rather than arrest

him, the local constabu-lary admired his larceny.

To pass on the first

round and then to sacri-

fice in front of partner on the next, as North did here, is bad bridge. A

supine two clubs or a pre-

emptive three clubs on the

first round communicates

the key information about

society?

Drugs?

Vandalism?

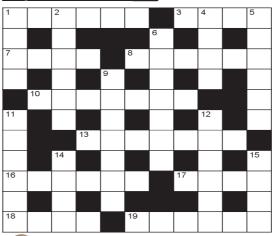
which to live.

PHILLIP ALDER

is the worst

Corruption?

Terrorism?



YOUR MONEY OR

YOUR STRIFE

North's hand: club support. Then North can leave

the final decision to his

West led the heart king.

Declarer won with the ace.

ruffed a heart in the

dummy and played a trump to his queen. When

West followed with the

three, declarer felt sure

that four hearts was fail-

ing. However, rather than demand his partner be

charged with some crime,

Lennon set out to make his contract. Impossible, you

Declarer ruffed his last heart in the dummy. Then

he played a low diamond

to his 10 and West's jack.

Back came the spade queen, which declarer

ducked! Despite his part-

ner's discouraging two,

West was hoodwinked. He

continued with another

spade. South won with the

say? Watch.

partner.

Across

1.Small glass ball (6) 3. Surgical sponge

7. Diplomacy (4)

8. Salve (6)

10.Enchant (7)

13. Keep up (7)

16. Red wine (6)

17.Extra (4)

18. Kidney fat for cooking (4)

19. Crude dwelling (6)

Down

1. Silent (4)

East

South

★ A K 7
★ A 7 2
★ 10 3
★ A Q 8 7 4

Dealer: South Vulnerable: East-West

West North

1♥ Pass

4♥ 5♣

ace, cashed the club ace

and spade king, led a

trump to the dummy and

discarded his diamond

three on dummy's spade

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♦ A Q 6 5 ♣ K 6

East 3♥

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♠ Q J 10 ♥ K Q 8 6 3 ♦ K J 7 2

South

2. Missile (6) 4. Low dam (4)

5. Good-humoured teasing (6)

6. Embargo (7)

9. Small stream (7)

11. Travelling show (6)

12. Repudiate (6)

14. Coop up (4)

15. Flock of quails (4)

Across: 1. Replenish, 6. Clear, 7. Usage, 9. Iota, 10. Defend, 12. Fussed, 14. Bear, 17. Nerve, 18. Worse, 19. Employees

Down: 2. Event, 3. Lard, 4. Nausea, 5. Scare, 6. Chiffon, 8. Endorse, 11. Reveal, 13. Serum, 15. Eyrie, 16. Sway.

Word Mine

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each word must contain the letter at the top of the pyramid. There should be at least one nine letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed.



SU*DO*KU

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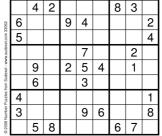
WHAT TO DO

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Every puzzle has only one correct

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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SU•DO•KU 2



Did you think the SU*DO*KU

on the left was easy? Try this. Check the solution tomorrow. Tips available at www.sudoku-xls.com DC-AGE SU DO KU FORUM: Discuss th SU DO KU puzzles

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

5	6	3	8	9	7	4	2	1
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1	7	2	9	5	8	6	4	3
3	5	6	2	4	1	7	9	8
8	4	9	6	7	3	2	1	5
9	1	5	7	3	2	8	6	4
6	3	4	5	8	9	1	7	2
2	8	7	1	6	4	3	5	9

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O ₁ D ₂ M ₃ D ₂ N ₁ I ₁ A ₁ Triple Word Score	RACK 1
S ₁ D ₂ L ₁ M ₃ T ₁ I ₁ A ₁ 3rd Letter	
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	RACK 3
	RACK 3
H_4 D_2 E_1 T_1 C_3 M_3 A_1	RACK 4

FOUR RACK TOTAL =

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble words (Chambers). JUDD'S Solution Tomorrow

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D ₂ A ₁ W ₄ N ₁ E ₁ Y ₄	RACK	1	= .	26
P ₃ U ₁ L ₁ S ₁ A ₁ N ₁ T	RACK	2	=.	77
R. I. O. T. E. R. S		3	=	57
F. A. C. T. U. A. L		4	=	68
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matinee

Delhi Age



'Connection with the audience is my validation'

Actor Aditya Roy Kapur says he gauges the impact of his work not by box office collections or the views on streamers, but through the appreciation he receives from his fans

of his next film Gumraah, is on cloud nine after garnering praise for his debut series *The Night* Manager, adapted from John le Carre's novel of the same name. "People seem to like and appreciate the work. Things are good and positive for me. The most important feedback or validation is my connection with the audience. There's been an appreciation for the work that has been put out in the last two-three

years.
"There's box office and OTT where you get to understand if something is doing well. But the feeling that you get from people in general who are watching your work is an old-school way to gauge if they liked you, and it works. As an actor, I am working for the audience. I am not putting out work in a vacuum, so I care about what the audience thinks," Roy told.

The 37-year-old actor, known for Aashiqui 2, Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani, and Malang, said he is fortunate to have been given opportunities to experiment with different genres.

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look similar but they had to feel different.

"Like, their mental state was their different, their background, the way of speaking was different. It was a fun challenge. the Daawat-e-Ishq star says in conclusion.





Varun Dhawan dislocates jaw

...Run of injuries on sets continues

Varun Dhawan, who injured his arm while shooting for the Indian version of the web series Citadel, has suffered another injury on the sets. "I had a minor jaw dislocation," he says. The problem has been corrected. But this is the 11th time in five years that Varun is being injured on the sets.

Meanwhile, the actor is thrilled about being part of the Indian version of the show starring Privanka Chopra in the international iteration, which premieres later this month. The Indian project with Samantha Ruth Prabhu is

directed by Raj and DK. "It is great to work under the leadership of Raj and DK, not just for me, but for Samantha as well. It is amazing to be a part of the process created by the Russos. What can be better than the Russo Brothers coming together with Raj and DK?," s a y s s a y Varun. He says it was who

approached them for work. "Everyone went Wow! about The Family Man. I remember messaging and speak-ing to DK about it, in 2021. It has been a long time coming; we had a lot of discussions, readings and training. We can't wait to bring our show to the audiences after *Citadel* (America) comes out," he adds.

Varun however refuses to

divulge anything more than Priyanka did at the press meet a few days ago.



'Honoured to be part of a music video'

TETE-E-TETE

LIPIKA VARMA

Maliaka Arora shares her latest experience of doing a after experience of doing a video album, *Tera Ki Khayal* after many years. She remembers her peppy and foot-tapping number, *Chal Chaiyya Chaiyya* with Shah Rukh Khan that became a sensational hit 25 years ago!

Excerpts from a tete-e-tete

FEW ACTORS WHO WERE OFFERED

CHAIYYA CHAIYA... (IN 1998) REJECTED IT. AND THEN YOU WERE OFFERED...

(smiles) It proved beneficial for me. I believe in luck, it was meant to happen. I got to work with the best technicians and actors. Right from Farah Khan to Shah Rukh Khan, Mani sir A.R Rahman, I had the opportunity to work with the best. 25 years later too, if people from this generation also love it and feel like dancing to this song, I

would say I am loving it as they are showering so much love on me. I feel happy that the song is still loved by this generation.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW ALBUM. TERA KI KHAYA

This is a wonderful music video. The experience of performing in a music video is interesting and I felt a kind of nasha performing to Guru Randhawa's music. He has a beautiful voice. I felt happy and honoured to be

this Choreographer Bosco has killed it. I hope the audiences will love it like we have. Also, doing a video after such a long time — good to keep audiences waitgood to keep audiences war-ing because they will now look forward to watch it more. There needs to be cer-tain mystery for the audiences to feel hungry to watch us after a long gap. I had a gut feeling from within that I should do it and here we are.