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RBI pauses repo rate hike

Mumbal: The Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India on Thursday decided to hold the policy rates while retaining the monetary poli-cy stance at "withdrawal of

Full report on Page 13

Why is Bandi's name not on FIR, CJ asks state Bail for Bandi after 8-hr session, to be free today

PULI SHARATH KUMAR AND VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC WARANGAL, HYDERABAD,

APRIL 6

After eight hours of arguments, Hanamkonda principal civil judge Rapolu Anitha granted bail to BJP state chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar in the SSC paper leak case. He will be released on Friday. Sanjay was arresisted and remanded to 14 days in judicial custody. The BJP legal cell had filed the ball petition in the court in the afternoon. The Warangal police filed a counter, urging the court to grant permission for taking Sanjay into custody. They said Sanjay into custody. They said Sanjay into custody.

Bandi Sanjay Kumar

could manipulate evidence if he was released on bail.

The court up took the case for hearing after lunch. After hearing the two sides for about eight hours, the judge granted conditional bail to Sanjay with two sureties and \$20,000 as guarantee.

Earlier, the Telangana High Court had refused to suspend the judicial

remand of Sanjay. The court, however, issued notices to all the parties concerned and posted the matter to April 10. On Sanjay's request to grant bail, Chief Justice

grant bail. Chief Justice Ujial Bhuyan, who heard the lunch motion moved by the former, asked him to move the local court or the High Court.

The court wondered whether the incidents could be termed as a leak-age since p

commenced.
On the charges of Sanjay sharing the paper in WhatsApp, the CJ: "Where is the name of A1 (Sanjay) in the FIR."

Page 3: Can it be called

LS. RS ADJOURNED. **OPPOSITION UNITES TO STAGE PROTEST**

DC CORRESPONDENTS with agency inputs NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

The Budget Session of Parliament concluded on Thrisment Concluded on Thrisment Concluded on Thrisment Concluded on the Session of Parliaments of the Session over demand for a Joint Parliamentary Commete (JPC) probe the Session over demand for a Joint Parliamentary Commete (JPC) probe the Session over demand for a Joint Parliamentary Commete (JPC) probe the 'democracy under attack' comment by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in the United Kingdom. Gandhi was disqualified as MP during the session. The Budget of \$50-lakh crore was passed fluring that the session. Prime Willister Session Session Constitution of the Session Session Constitution of the The Budget Session of Parliament concluded on

parties in Parliament after the session ended. Meanwhile, in a sem-blance of Opposition unity, about 20 parties, participated in a "Tiranga March' from Parliament to Vijay Chowk.

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BJP's growth will rile Oppn: Modi

Urges BJP cadre not to let down guard

YOJNA GUSAI | DC NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Cautioning BJP leaders and

Cautioning BJP 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 attacked the Opposition attacked the Opposition attacked the Opposition 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 Adant issue and misuse of constitutional Institute. The Modi government of the Adant issue and misuse of constitutional Institutes of constitutional Institutes 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 had recently cautioned BJP leaders that the more the party wins electorally, the more aggressive the Opposition's onslaught would get.

FILL OF hate, these people (Opposition) 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 'Modi Drawing parallels between Lord Hanuman, whose birth anniversary

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whose birth anniversary is being observed on Thursday, Modi asserted that the BJP believes in the ideals of selfless service, something with which the Ramayan character is identified.

He attacked those with a 'badshahi' mindset for insulting the poor and backward

NARENDRA MODI,

Addressing BJP members at the party's 44th foundation day celebrations, Modisaid those fighting an "existential battle" had become "desperate" after the exposure of their corruption and were, therefore, conspiring against his government, that was committed to taking tough steps to rid India

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 'Modi teri
kabar khudegi'. They are
issuing threats to dig (my)
grave," he said.

BRS' 'devious plans' won't frighten BJP cadre: Bandi

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC HYDFRABAD, APRIL 6

Hanuman jayanti fete

• SANJAY STATED that his arrest in the SSC paper leak case was part of a larger conspiracy by Rao to demoralise the party and the cadre.

causes and that he was arrested because he had questioned Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's continued silence on the issue of paper leaks, putting the future of about 30 lakh youth at a Rao's grave risk. Sanjay, who released the letter through his brother Bandi Sravan Kumar, stated that his arrest in the SSC paper leak case was part of a larger conspiracy by Chandrashekar Rao to demoralise the party and

demoralise the party and the cadre, but that they would not be intimidated by the ruling party's "devious plans."

Page 3: Being framed under false charges: Bandi

Devotees participate in the Veera Hanuman Vijaya Yatra, from the Gowliguda Rama Mandir to the Report on Page 8



Full report on Page 13



New Delhi, April 6:
Prices of CNG and piped
cooking gas will go down
by 10 per cent after the
Union Cabinet on Thursday approved a revision
day approved a revision
imposed cap or ceiling
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price. Natural gas produced from legacy or old
fields, known as APM
gas, will now be indexed
to the price of imported
crude oil, Union 1&B minjaste Anurag Thakur
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The CNG price in Delhi
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POLL | MODE | Over 6,000 local bodies' seats lying vacant since 3 yrs

TS likely to go for bypolls soon

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

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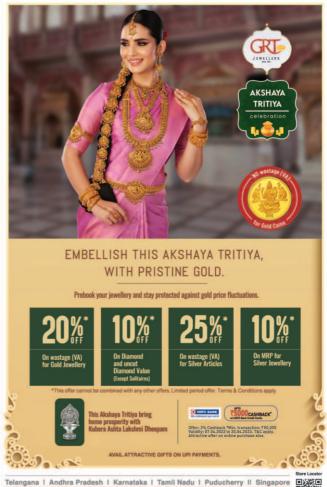
Commission (TSEC), order-ing them to reply by April

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ment as well as In the last three years, the Election TSEC has written to the

sarpanchs, 246 sarpanchs, 120 mandal parishad terri-torial committee (MPTC) torial committee (MPTC)
members, six mandal
parishad presidents
(MPPs), three vice-MPPs,
three ZPTCs, two MPP cooption members, on 22
vice-chairperson and 21
councillors/corporators,
according to TSEC data
In the elections held in
2019, the TRS won nearly 95

per cent of the seats. After winning the Dubbak and Huzurnagar by elections and its good show in the GHMC polls, the BJP establement of the BJP in Munugode in November of last year. Following this, the BRS is now eager to flast year. Following this, the BRS is now eager to the BJP establement of last year. Following this in a majority of these seats it will not only be able to check the rise of the BJP and Congress in Telangana before the Assembly elections but also energise the cadre.



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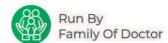


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BEING FRAMED UNDER FALSE CHARGES: BANDI

Stating that there was no question of succumbing to the conspiracies of Chandrashekar Rao and giving up the fight, Sanjay recalled how Prime withstood similar conspiracies hatched by the previous ulers against him post-Godhra violence in Gujarat in the form of court cases and malicious campaign in the media. "Yet, Modi did not backtrack and bounced back to power to become the Prime Minister with the support of party workers," he said.

Big Powieer is like hitting the ball to the ground. We shall bounce back with the same latter than the force," Sanjay said in the letter.

Sanjay stated that the time

bounce back with the same force, "Sanjay said in the letter.

Sanjay stated that the time had come to depose the corrupt Chandrashekar Rao goving the same said of the same said of the sa

Intermediate students due to malpractices in spot valuation in the past" and now, it was playing with the lives of SSC students. "It was the B.P which had raised its voice in Parliament over the sacrifices of the youths during the move-ment for separate state. Now, it is the same B.P which is fight-is the same B.P which is fight-bell to the sacrifices of the units of the played and the students," he asserted.

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Sanjay expressed regret that he would be unable to attend the Prime Minister's official programmes and public meeting in Hyderabad on April 8, and urged party leaders and workers to mobilise large crowds, including unemployed youth to make it a grand success.

JAIL FOR PEOPLE WHO QUESTION LEAK: SRINIVAS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

While questioning the Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao about his commitment to unemployed youth and putting an end to irregularities in TSPSC, the national president of Youth Congress B.V. Srinivas felt that those who were questioning the paper leaks were being put behind bars.

lears were being put benind bars. Speaking to media persons at Gandhi Bhavan here on Thursday, he said that it was Sonia Gandhi who gave Telangana State as the party's vow to fulfill aspirations of the people.

Telangana State as the party's wow to fulfill aspirations of the people.

"Rao, who promised jobs to every household, has failed miserably There have been miserably There have been meditive exams. BRS and BJP are playing cheap tactics in the name of SSC paper leaks. They are only trying to divert public attention from the real issues," he alleged. Scrinivas Earlier in the day, jail where state Youth Congress president Shivasena Reddy and NSUI president Venkat Balmoor have been lodged. The Youth Congress president and NSUI president were released on bail late in the evening.



Police arrest PDSU-PYL activists who were staging a protest at Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) office in Nampally in Hyderabad on Thursday, demanding that the TSPSC board be purged and the chairman be

Can it be called paper leak: HC

The HC was also not inclined to direct the trial court at Warangal to dispose of the ball period of the trial court at Warangal to dispose of the ball period of the trial court wondered whether the court wondered whether the incidents could be termed as leakage since the question paper was shared much after the exam had commenced.

On the state's charges of Sanjay sharing the question paper summed as tracent to the country of the court of the country in the court of th

BANDI CHARGES SURPRISE

RAGHUNANDAN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

BJF MILA M. Raghunandan Rao asked how BJF state president Bandi Sanjay could be made accused number one (Al) in the SSC paper leak case when the exam began at 9.30 am and, as per the police version. Speaking to reporters at BJF state office here on Thursday, Raghunandan Rao alleged that BRS government had fabricated false cases against Sanjay Marangal police commissioner all police commissioner and office the same proper with various groups, police should reveal the details," the MLA said. He asked what the police on duty doing when the question paper was leaked the case of the leakage, he said. "If the accused Shiva Ganesan had shared the paper with various groups, police should reveal the details," the MLA said. He asked what the police on duty doing when the question paper was leaked He called the case a

doing when the question paper was leaked He called the case a conspiracy to implicate Sanjay as Chief Minis-ter K. Chandrashekar Rao was unable to digest

the growing popularity of the BJP. Raghunan-dan Rao claimed he did not make any objection-able remarks against DGP Anjani Kumar.

quashing of the remand report and subsequent order by the local court remanding him to 14maintaining that there were limitations to the High Court in giving orders with regard to quash petition, the CJ said notices should first be issued to all the parties concerned, including the control of the country of the control of the country of the country

defame the government and the MP's endeavour in encouraging the accused to leak the SSC question paper and splash it on various social media platforms, clearly shows that this is a maligned intention of the powernment on all fronts. He should have handed over the mobile phone, if he had no part in the conspiracy, he said.

Meanwhile, another division bench comprising Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavilli and Justice Pulla Ka chils can be a state government in a habeas corpus pettion filed by Bhagyanagar BJP district president seeking release of Sanjay Kumar and adjourned it to after four weeks, Senior counsel for the government Mujeeb Kumar Sadasium submitted to the bench that Sanjay was ordered to be remanded and the Chief Justice had given the sanday and the counsel for the government Mujeeb Kumar Sadasium is submitted to the bench that Sanjay was ordered to be remanded and the Chief Justice had given the same counsel for the government die to be remanded and the Chief Justice had given the same counsel for the government die to be remanded and the Chief Justice had given the same counsel for the government die to the power ment die to be remanded and the Chief Justice had given the same counsel for the government die to the power ment die to the power ment die to the counsel for the government die to the power ment die die the power ment die the power d

Chief Justice had given him the liberty to file the bail petition. The court issued notice before its admission and adjourned it to after four weeks.



Sanjay Kumar, speaks to mediapersons after meeting him in the Karimnagar jail on Thursday.

Bandi's wife faults arrest

The midnight arrest by the police and dragging the name of B.Ip state chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar into the SSC Hindi question paper leak will not deter us, averred his wife Bandi Aparna. Accompanied his problem of the properties of

advocate advocate advocate advocate advocate advocate and BJF general secretary BJF general secretary and a secretary advocate and a secretary and a secretary

who was taken away by the police from her mother's house in Karimnagan health as been inquired about his health as gome health

EXAMS I ROW Leadership to spread word on question papers' leak

BRS says go all-out on BJP

The BRS leadership has asked its top leaders to aggressively take the BJP's alleged role in leaking TSPSC and SSC question papers to the people. They were told not to confine themselves to press conferences or issuing media

statements on this issue but hit the streets along with party workers BRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and party working president K.T. Rama Rao are both holding teleconfer-ences with ministers and district in-charges to finalise their plan of action. Party leaders have

been told that the investiga-tion agencies probing the two incidents have found enough evidence about the role of B.IP leaders. They should expose how the B.IP was playing with the lives of students and unemployed persons. The party leader-ship expressed satisfaction at the manner agitation programmes were held

soon after BJP state president Bandi Sanjay was arrested on Wednesday. The ministers, MLAs and district in-charges have been directed to maintain the tempo for the next few days by holding agitation programmes against BJP and burning effigies and massive campaigns on social media platforms.

MINOR DEBARRED FOR 5 YRS FOR 'ROLE' IN HINDI PAPER LEAK

DC CORRESPONDENT

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WARANGAL, APRIL 6

The education department on Thursday debarred a minor student of the Government Boys High School from writing examinations for five years for his alleged role in the leak-tage of the SSC Hindi question paper in the management of the signal paper of the

 THE STUDENT said that he was THE STUDENT said that he was being punished for a mistake he had never made. He added that On April 4, when the Hindi examination was going on, one person came to the window of the hall and asked him to give the question paper. When the student refused, he snatched the paper, took photos and then left. The person warned him not to inform anyone, he said.

Etala, PAs get notice from Warangal cops

WARANGAL APRIL 5
WARANGAL Delice issued notices to Husurabad RuP legislator Etala Rajendar and two of his personal assistants, Raju and Narendar, In the SSC Hindi question paper leakage case here on Thursday.

In their remand report on the issue, police named BJP state chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar as accused number one and former journalist Boora Prashant as accused number two in the SSC question.

Prashant sent the question paper to Rajendar, Raju and Narmant and Sangar to Sangar to

Etala Rajendar

associates.

Meanwhile, police officials are investigating the reasons for choosing the Government Boys School in Kamalapur for leaking the Telugu and Hindi question papers. As Rajendar is a native of Kamalapur mandal, the police doring the Telugu and Hindi question papers. As Rajendar is a native of Kamalapur mandal, the police official for more information regarding the leak. Police officials said that they will issue notices to the group admins of WhatsApp groups which carried the paper. Rajendar said he would take a decision after discussing it with his lawyers.





PRATHNA SABHA

SHORT TAKES



Sub-inspector K. Srinivas and his wife Swarupa during happier times. - FILE PHOTO

SI ENDS LIFE **AFTER WIFE DIES** BY SUICIDE

DC CORRESPONDENT

WARANGAL APRIL 6
A recently promoted subinspector K. Srinivas, 55, died
by suicide after his wife
Swarupa, 50, ended her life
stere a quarrel in Jangaon district on Thursday.
Police said that Swarupa
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died by suicide. When Srinivas
saw her body, he informed his
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ACP Devander Reddy and
inspector Nagababu visited
his house and tried to console
him. Later, Srinivas went to
the washroom and died by suicide.

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Srinivas was from
Godavarikhani and Swarupa
was a native of Jammikunta.
They had married 32 years

They had married 32 years ago. Their two sons who are married and reside in Hyderabad. Police registered a case under relevant sections and started an investigation. Further probe is under way.

MAN HELD FOR TRYING TO SELL ELEPHANT TUSK

DC CORRESPONDENT

The south zone task force and forest officials on Thursday arrested a man who tried to sell a piece of an elephant tusk to a customer here. The accused, a 40-year-old beef shop owner Mohammed Rehan alias Deepak Thapa, a native of Nepal and resident of Rahmathangar here was

Rahmathnagar here was Rahmathnagar here was Rahmathnagar here was Rahmathnagar here was Malakpet. He said he had come in contact with a Mumbai-based poacher, Mirza Saquib Baig and had purchased the tusk from him and tried to sell it to a customer for 115 lakh, from him and tried to sell it to a customer for 115 lakh, Chanke, Deputy Commin. To ser of Police said. Further probe is on.

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Will release WA chat on Man gets 3-year ₹15 cr to BRS: Sukesh

Threatens to share messages between him and Kejri

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

Sukesh Chandrasekhar, the jailed comman, issued a fresh letter to Delhi Chiler Minister Delhi Chiler Minister and the suke of the

VAKAPALLI CASE:

13 GREYHOUND **COPS ACQUITTED**

The special court for SC and ST cases acquitted all 13 Greyhound personnel accused of gangraping 11 tribal women in Vakapalli, G. Madugula mandal, ASR district, in 2007.

assault and other crimes since 2007. In 2007, 11 tribal women from Vakapalli in Nurmati panchayat in Nurmati panchayat in Nurmati panchayat in Varea claimed that 20 Special Branch police personnel had raped them. Two of the 11 victims died of illness. Eight personnel were exonerated, while 13 were charged. At the time of the incident, chief of the Special Intelligence State of the Vakapapan Combining operations in the villages G. Madugula and Vakapalli. The special court examined 36 witnesses during the trial.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

show the token of acceptance and confirmation from the TRS leader which was instructed by you (Kejriwal) and AAP leader Satyender Jain (sio)". He threatened to share a series of messages between him and each of the total properties of the total p

The chat which I am first releasing is a chat between me and a senior leader of TRS. So this chat is for starters," Chandrasekhar stated in his letter addressed to the Delhi CM. Stating that the screenshot of WhatsApp Chat was being released only for a contract of the Chandrasekhar stated in Stating that the screenshot of WhatsApp Chat was being released only for a contract will be Michahin style blockbuster. So, Kejriwalij, prepare yourself with your associates for the teaser (sic)," he said. "The chat will clearly show and confirm your nexus with the "South Group' and its leader of the TRS, who is under the investigation in liquor gate, also the chat screen."

shot will show how the leader of 'TRS instructions to deliver 'Tis crore to an associate AP @
Arun Pillai, who kept the boxes of cash in a black Range Rover Sport 6000 with a MLC sticker on the front windshield parked inside the TRS, Chandrasekhar swites.
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Chandrasekhar writes.
Chandrasekhar awite will be was ready to undergo narco and polygraph tests 'with all of you.' "Thereafter, let the law decide, because I am not going to only talk. I am giving evidence, proof for every single statement, every proof from 2015 to 2003;" Chandrasekhar said.

Divine blessings



Hyderabad police commissioner C.V. Anand pays visit to Gow Mandir and offers special prayers on Hanuman Jayanti on Th Gowliguda Sri Ram

Passengers attack cabbie, steal car

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

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Two passengers assaulted 21-year-old cab driver Mirza Azam Baig and made away with his whicked and the search of the same and th

phone to a colleague, entered the centre and asked Chauhan not to carry the phone inside. Later the commission-er rewarded Kalpana for performing her

front seat pulled out a sharp metal object and tried to attack Baig.

Baig swerved to the right and tried to jump right and tried to jump out, even as the accused attacked him. As he fell on the road, the duo took over the car and took a U-turn. On seeing this, Baig tried to stop them but they attempted to run over him and sped away.

Baig received a severe injury on the head and was undergoing treat-ment in a private hospi-tal.

Pahadishareef inspec-tor Kashi Vishwanath said a robbery case had been registered against the duo and a hunt was on to nab them.

514 GRAMS GOLD **SEIZED AT RGIA**

Sleuths of Customs department's Air

Sleuths of Customs department's Air Intelligence Unit at the RGIA on Thursday detained a male passenger who had arrived from Riyadh and seized 514 grams of gold worth 622,06, 902 from his possession.

The control of the Customs department, the officials grew suspicious and searched the passenger subjected him to tests and found that he had concealed the gold in paste form in his rectum in the form of three capsules. The officials seized the smuggled gold and detained the passenger.

MAN GETS LIFER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

Harisha, IX Additional District Judge cum Special POCSO Court Judge at L.B. Nagar on Thursday sentenced a man to three years imprisonment for stalking, threatening and blackmailing a milnor girl. Prem Kumar, 23, was stalking the victim and forced her to marry him. On October 14, 2017, Kumar entered the victim's house, quarrelled with her mother and threatened to kill the victim after she refused to go along with him. The victim longed a complaint with the L.B. Nagar police on October 16. She said that he had OBITUARY

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OBITUARY LYNCHING OF **DALIT MAN: 7 FARMERS HELD**

MOULI MAREEDU | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

DC CORRESPONDENT

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HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

Seven farmers were arrested on Thursday for allegedly lynching a Dalit man last month in Gummadidala, Sangareddy district, for purportedly interest from an agricular set from an agricular set for an agricular field in Gummadidala when coursed in an agriculture field in Gummadidala when several farmers allegedly caught M. Mallesham, 39, with wires and farm equipment.

The accused were

wires and farm equipment.

The accused were identified as K. Sudhakar, Kummari Mallesh, Y. Sanjeev Reddy, K. Mallesh, K. Anjaneyulu, K. Srinivas, and M. Beerappa.

The victim, Mallesham, a local resident who was married and bad true children

dent who was married and had two children died on the spot receiving serious injuries.

The accused thrasher.

The accused thrasher in the serious injuries.

The accused thrasher in the local sythu Sangham office in the village, where he was mercilessly beaten again, according to police. Mallesham collapsed at the spot. Local police were alerted and the spot. Local police were alerted and example of the serious control of the seriou

To prevent untoward incidents, police also set up a police picketing in Gummadidala village.

FOR CLUBBING **GIRL TO DEATH**

jail for stalking Chauhan said.

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HYDEMABAD, APRIL 6 A constable, K. Kalpana, stopped Rachakonda police commissioner Ds. Chauhan from carrying his cellphone at a Class 10 examination centre, on Thursday. L.B. Nagar constable Kalpana, posted at the Kalpana, posted at the Chaupana control of the Chaupana tor performing her duty. During the inspection Chauhan appreciated the work of women police personnel posted at the exam centres. L.B. Nagar Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Sai Sri, assistant commissioner mulica

Cop stops CP from carrying cell

Budvel land: HC suspends GO L RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, APRIL 6 GOURAVELLI: CS URGED TO STOP WORKS BOARD AT SEC'BAD COURT IRKS HC

Justice Surepalli Nanda of the Telangana High Court on Thursday suspended an order of the government resuming around 12 acres of land that was eatiler allotted by way of sale to the Latinitute by the sure of land that was eatiler allotted by way of sale to the Latinitute Institute for which the land in Budwel was earmarked. Twelve acres in Vattinagulapally was allenated in favour of the comment of the same of t



commissioner police Sridhar Reddy appreci-ated Kalpana.

government in 2006 and stamp duty was received in 2007 and a draft deed was ready but not registered. In February, the government issued the order cancelling the allotment, which the petitioner complained was both arbitrary and in violation of the principles of natural justice. Justice Surepalli Nanda in the interim order also directed the authorities not to interfere with possession of the property and not to affect any allenation of he property

TO STOP WORKS

Justice S. Nanda of the Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the Chief Secretary to consider a representation from Gudipatipally villagers to stail the ongol connected with the Gouravelli reservoir.

The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Bhaskar and others complaining that the government was proceeding with construction of other reservoir. The NGT and the Centre had injuncted the government from carrying out the construction. The PGT and the Centre had injuncted the government from carrying out the construction. The petitioners contended that in spite of orders from the NGT in the government of the NGT in the

A two-judge bench,

L.B. Nagar constable K. Kalpana is awarded ₹500 as a mark of appreciation after she asked Rachakonda police commissioner D.S. Chauhan not to enter an SSC exam centre with his phone, in Hyderabad on

A two-judge bench, comprising Chief Justice Ujial Bhuyan and Justice N. Tukaramji, took suo motu notice of an unauthorised board, which was placed by the revenue authorities at the city civil court in Secunderabad. The court wanted the authorities to the city civil court in Secundershad. The court wanted the authorities to wanted the court and put up the notice. It is stated that when the Chief Judge of the city civil court was in her chamber, the deputy nazir informed her that revenue officials and Marredpally police installed the notice the court of the court

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

Judge Y. Jayaprasad at the LB Nagar criminal court sentenced a man, Anthati Shekar, to life and the sentence of \$50,000 for murdering a BTech student, Maddipatla Divya, with a baseball bat at his house in Vanasthalipuram on September 19, 2010. The sentence of \$50,000 for murdering a BTech student, Maddipatla Divya, with a baseball bat at his house with a baseball part and pare planter saw messages from another person in Divya's phone, a native of Kolkata, and murdered her. "Shekar had pre-planned it and had invited Divya to his house with an intention to kill her," said the police.

Gattu Devendra Kumar
Left us all on 07-04-1983

*** Your life was a hlessing
Your memory a treasure

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Right to Health in Rajasthan



Rajasthan has emerged as a Model State in the field of health by strengthening medical facilities up to villages and hamlets along with providing free treatment up to Rs 25 lakh in the Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana, Free Medicine and Tests Scheme, Nirogi Rajasthan Abhiyan and with the excellent management of Covid. Now we have given the benefits of these schemes to the people of the State in the form of the Right to Health by providing legal guarantee. It is a progressive law that guarantees the Right to Health according to Article 47 and Article 21 of the Constitution. On World Health Day (April 7), I expect that every citizen of the country gets the Right to Health.

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

Schemes that are currently operated for the better health

Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana

Free Health Insurance for

along with Accident Insurance for Rs 10 lakh

Mukhyamantri Nishulk Nirogi Rajasthan Yojana

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including indoor, outdoor, all types of tests and medicines in all government medical institutions.

Cashless Medical Facility to personnel and pensioners of the state under Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS)

Now the people of the State got the legal guarantee of free health schemes Right to Health (RTH)

Important Provisions of the Right to Health Bill

- . OPD, IPD, Consultations, Medicines, Tests, Transport, Procedures, . Right to seek opinion about the treatment from some other and Emergency Care are free in Government and Designated Private Medical Institutions.
- If the patient does not pay the hospital after emergency treatment, the government will reimburse it.
- Treatment will be given even if the police report is not received
- Right to get complete information about treatment.
- There is also a provision for grievance redressal mechanism in the
- Provision of auto-approval for timely payment to private medical
- Right to go to civil court against the decision of the authority
- Right to choose the place to get medicine or get tested.

All government medical institutions along with designated private medical institutions are included in RTH. The reach of the designated hospitals will be increased in a phased manner. It is proposed to provide additional facilities to the designated private hospitals included in RTH

Medical personnel and doctors have an important role in the effective implementation of the Right to Health. Therefore provisions related to their dignity have been kept in RTH, along with have also mentioned the rights, duties and responsibilities of hospitals, medical personnel and citizens. It is the responsibility of all of us to respect the medical personnel.

Protection to Doctors through the Rajasthan Medicare Service Persons and Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act, 2008 and SOPs issued on 29 May, 2022.









Thronicle

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 and imposed on MediaOne, a Kozhikode-based Malayalam satellite news channel, and directing the Union ministry of information and satellite news channel, and directing the Union ministry of information and satellite news channel, and directing the Union ministry of information and that the cheeks and balances its founding fathers had instituted still work. And by making it clear that the government cannot push its agenda unilaterally under some pretext or the other at the cost of fundamental rights, the apex court has lived up to its image as the north star for the India's democrate younge, as the Chief Justice of India who authored the judgment often describes the apex court. The court has reminded the government are government and the idea of democracy and encoracy and apuralistic society, and hence unacceptable.

The takeaway for the government and apuralistic society, and hence unacceptable. The court has carefully assessed each one of the judgment is one and the same—fundamental rights are the foundation of our democracy and hence must be handled with utmost care fundamental rights are the foundation of our democracy and hence must be handled with utmost care fundamental rights are the foundamental rights are unacceptable. The court makes are the foundamental rights are the foundamental rights are the foundamental rights are the foundamental rights are as a foot to describe characteristic and the const

BRS must answer for leak

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The Telangana state police have arrested BJP state president Bandi
sanjay Kumar in utmost haste, past midnight, accusing him of being a
principal conspirator in a SSC exam paper leak. There have been a
series of paper leaks in the state, starring with the Telangana state public serlakis of students in jeopardy.

The Class X exams, which are taken by over half a million students, and
heir 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 distract
attention from their own responsibility and failures.

The final responsibility of the safety of question papers, that of the answer
sheets submitted by students and the subsequent process till results are
announced is the responsibility of the BRS government. They have failed,
Blaming the Opposition leader and effecting a dramatic arrest will not serve
the purpose of either cleansing the overall process or giving confidence to
students, baractis, teachers and the general public.

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the purpose of either cleansing the overall process or giving confidence to
students, baractis, teachers and the general public.

Legal experts have already pointed out the flaws and loopholes in the
remand report. It is, of course, within the powers of the police to register
cases, and for the parties accused to submit to the process of law while the
courts take a decision. But amidst all this politicking, let us hope that justice
is done to students who deserve that the integrity of the exams ahead is not
compromised.

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



Indranil Banerjie

Former President Donald Trump appeared before a New York court on Tuesday where he was formally charged with the crime of fastiving business records in an alleged conspiracy to influence the 2016 presidential election by suppressing past extramarital affairs. Mr Trump has pleaded not guilty to the 34 felony charges in the case and has claimed he is the victim of a political "witch hunt". On his personal social media s

apointeal witten furt. On his personal social media his personal social media helieve this is happening in America MAGA!"

No matter what Mr Trump does or does not believe, the fact is that he is set to rewrite American history by becoming the first former US President First former US President First former US President First former US president his person with the actual trial might take longer to start. In fact, many have predicted that the hearings could drag on even after the US presidential electron to the US presidential electron with the

House immediately only 15 have been

political one, with all the elements of a sordid coverup involving sex and money. According the political coverup involving sex and money. According the political coverup involving sex and sex and political the political coverup and the political coverup in the political

Trump case.

Columnist Wan Weng, writing for the South China Morning Post, commented:

"Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address,

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

declaring the ideal of a 'a government of the people, by the people people, by the people people people, by the people people people people, by the people pe 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 disquali-fied only selectively as in the case of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was indicted by a Gujarat court indicted by a Gujarat court for defaming people with the surname "Modi" and was awarded the maxi-mum possible sentence of two years. At the same time, hundreds of legisla-tors suspected of heinous crimes, including murder and blackmail, are sitting

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 crimimals from entering politics
anything to prevent crimimals from entering politics
in response to 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

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Not an inspiring record Thomas and the political ecosystem that surrounds it is certainly not inspiring 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 courrhouse to face criminal charges suggests that some things are still not broken in the US political system. The pill lars of America's democracy might appear who bly from time to time, but they appear who have endured a lot better than anywhere else.

LETTERS

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather scientists have been on the dot in thei forecast over the last few weeks (Thunderstorm, rains to hit state for next 2 days, DC, March 6). The accuracy is praiseworthy. Keep up the good work.

S. Vasudevan

WAR ON CORRUPTION

The sincerity behind the war on corruption is what counts (War on corruption is welcome, DC, April 9). It is a fact that the war is only tat he is a fact that the war is only tat he is a fact that the war is only taking against those accused of corruption like Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma who switched over to the BJP, dilution of Prevention of Corruption Act, changes in electoral funding system, etc. raise genuine doubts.

L. P. Prabhakar Hyderabad

PM'S DEGREE

If Prime Minister Narendra Modi graduated from a university it would be a matter of pride for that educational institute (HC quashes CIC order seeking Modis degree, April 1)? Why has it become such a controversy? Why is no university coming forward and declaring that Modi was their former student? J. Arnold E.C. J. Hyderabod

PAPER LEAKS

In the last couple of days, teenage students preparing for their first public exam are under strain because of politicians trying to score over the other much to the agony of their parents. Senior politicians perhaps can advice their party leaders to keep off stu-dents and their careers.

neir careers. Jaladi Ramakrishna Secunderabad

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Iraq to supply crude
oil to India
NEW DELHI April 6
Iraq has agreed to supply India
30 million tonnes of crude oil over
10 years to meet the needs of the
Mathura refinery. This is under
one of the five agreements signed
between the Iraqi Minister for Oil
and Minerals, Dr. S. Hammadi
and the Indian Ministers-D.P.
Dhar, Mr D.K. Barooah and Mr
D.P. Chattopadhyaya.

Ravichander



mount parchment 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

scope that will releace this pointsopy is surely Article 21. The right to life as enshrined in our Constitution is cryptic and skeletal: No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law. This implies that if 'life or personal liberty' is to be denied than there must be a procedure which is "by law established". The corollary is that such law must be live up to constitutional tests and judicial scrutiny. While in its very limited wording 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 it has come to be the fullerum of civilised existence as well as limited governance.

Apush of the recall button would reveal that this guarantee was in Article 15 of the embryonic parchment. A good part of the debate hovered around whether the phase "procedure established 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 1850 in A.K. Gopalan vs State of Madras when the communist leader was detained and challenged the Preventive Detention Act 1. In that case, the

Supreme Court ruled that Article 21 of the Constitution did not require Indian courts to apply a due process of law standard. It also held that there is no connection between Article 21 and Article 19 (rights to freedom 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 Union of India (aka the bank nationalisation case) and then, later, in Maneka Candhi to Minima (and the Court would conclude that Article 21 and Article 19 did not collude and need independent examination, RC Cooper, however, stuck to the limited interpretation that there will be a considered that the court tupled the government's power to nationalise. In the celebrated case of Maneka Gandhi (1978) which she filled when her passport was impounded, post-Emergency India witnessed the judiciary turn into a vigilant watchdog to ensure that the blunder of Emergency does not repeat itself. Ms Gandhi had alleged violation of Articles 14 (right equality, 19 and 21. The activits tilm of the judiciary introduced flesh and blood to the seemingly pedantic sweep of Article 21. The seizure of the passport without assigned reasons (due process) and the process of the passport without assigned reasons (due process) of the passport without assigned reasons (due process) of the process of the passport without assigned reasons (due process) of the passport

More milestones followed the first blush of Article 21's meaningful Interpretation. The idea that the right to life encompasses far more than her right to mere animal existence was iterated by the apex court often. In a case filed by People's Union for Civil Libertes (2001), the court held that the right to food is essential and the State cannot escape the responsibility to ensure it. A few years before that in Chameli Singh (1995), the court went 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 Vand expression through Chief Justice and the state of the provided for the right to speedly justice. The seeds of the Right to Education Act, 2008, were contained in the judgment to the 1992 Mohini 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 Proneering the cause of the clean environment Proneering the cause of the clean environment Further evolution of the right to life to ever 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 Center (1985) wherein the health and safety of workers exposed to asbestos was brought in the ambit of the right to life. Even handand safety of workers exposed to asbestos was not 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 violation of this right. Sexual choices found a sensitive watershed in Naviej Singh Johan Singh Johan Carlos, The duty of the state to compensate a citizen who dies in prison was a further recognition of this right. The right against prison torture and against solitary confinement for death row prisoners was recognised in Singh or death row prisoners was recognised in Singh pensation against illegal and unlawful detention in Rudal Shah to State of Bhart (1983).

A draft of fresh air is blowing through Western In Rudal Shah to State of Bhart (1983).

A draft of fresh air is blowing through Western life in the context of data protection. When it will be recognised in our jurisprudence time will tell. However, more important in India is the right to political opinion. A growing tendency is being witnessed to move our against political statements. Such cases must be quashed on the ground that measurement of the production of th

The writer is a senior counsel of the Telangana high court



Incorporate right

to political opinion in the right to life











15 TRIBAL STUDENTS TEST **COVID POSITIVE**

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, APRIL 6

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Fifteen students of the Tribal
Welfare Residential School
tested positive for the coronavirus in Mahabubabad district on Thursday.
When some students complained of illness, the administration assumed it was seasonal diseases and gave them medcine. When other students
started complaining of body
pain and fever and began to
all students.
Results revealed that 15 students had contracted Covid-19.
They were shifted to the government hospital where an
isolation ward was created for
them. The school informed
their parents who went to the
hospital but were not allowed
to meet the children as they
were kept in isolation.
Tribal welfare minister Satyavathi Rathode called health
the condition of the students.
She directed them to provide
good treatment and diet.



IT minister K.T. Rama Rao with Samhith Chithajallu.

KTR RELEASES A **FIELD GUIDE BOOK BY 9-YEAR-OLD**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

IT minister K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday released a field guide compiled by nine-year-old student Samhith Chithajallu, titled 'Winged Friends — Birds of Botanical

Chithajallu, titled 'Winged Friends - Birds of Botanical Gardens.'
In his first attempt to publish a book, Samhith catalogued the birds at the Botanical Garden in Kondapur, Hyderabad. The event took place in the presence of law mer law secretary C. Durga, at Pragathi Bhavan on Thursday. It all started with us leaving grains and food outside our home and enjoying the sight of many birds (that came to eat 1), We then started visiting the Botanical Garden to spot more added that his favourite bird was the black drongo.

He said his small took one year of research and two months of writing with a little help from his parents who, Samhith said, weren't avid birders. His family of three and when he isn't there, he can would be reading a book, or is busy playing with his dog, is is second third favourite animal after birds and tigers.

HC: WHY ARE INFO COMMISSIONERS' **POSTS VACANT**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

The Telangana High Court or The Telangana High Court on Thursday questioned the state government as to why it had not appointed chief commis-sioner and commissioners for the TS Information Comm-ission (SIC) under the Right to

ission (SiC) under the Right to Information Act. Chief Justice Ujal Bhuyan observed that it was mandatory under the RTI Act that commissioners shall be appointed. The division bench, headed by the Chief Justice, was deal-ing with a PIL filed by Forum lenging the non-filling up of RTI Commissioners posts in the state.

RTI Commissioners posts in the state.

Sarasani Satyam Reddy, senior counsel representing the petitioner, said the SIC was without a chief commissioner and commissioners since February In the meantime, appeals under RTI are pilling up before the commission, he said.

The court directed ponse by June and it also said if the government intends to fill the posts during this time, pending of PIL will not be any barrier.

• THE DIVISION bench, headed by the Chief Justice, was dealing with a PIL filed by Fo-rum For Good Governance ch-allenging the non-filling up of RTI Commissioners posts in TS.

Kishan: KCR following MIM agenda, policies of Nizam

Says BJP came to power with the commitment of party activists, sacrifices

HYDERABAÖ, APRIL 6

The BRS, led by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, hasbeen a safe haven for antisted to the control of t

Shyam Prasad Mookerjee Bhavan, that the BRS government was carrying out the policies of the erst-while Nizam and that the people, "fed up with the nine years of autocratic, due to the policies of the erst-while Nizam and that the people, "fed up with the nine years of autocratic, due to the control of the policy of the policy of a control of the policy of the poli

with the commitment of party activists and sacrifices. By facing extremism and terrorism, BJP strengthened its base," he said. Responding to the detention of BJP state president Bandi Sanjay,

AMBEDKAR STATUE

ARRANGEMENTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6
Chief Secretary A.
Santhi Kumari instructed officials to make clabricals and the second of the 125-feet Dr. B.R.
Ambedkar statue on April 14, Ambedkar jayanti, on the directions of Chief Ministers and the second of the second of

kiosks and supply of flowers.

The GHMC was tasked with beautification of the venue and keeping the surroundings clean and arranging for mobile toilet. With one lakth people was told to issue an advisory to the public in advance to avoid confusion regarding traffic diversions.

Other civic depart-

consuson regarding traffic diversions.
Other civic departments were similarly tasked. In view of the heat, the health department was told to arrange for ORS packets and place ambulances on standphi Kumari directed officials to jointly inspect the premises on Friday to firm up the seating, parking and other logistics plans.

CS REVIEWS



Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy hoists the party flag at the state BJP office in Nampally on Thursday on the occasion of BJP Formation Day. — P. SURENDRA

sharply to the Warangal police notice issued to party MLA Etala Rajendar, alleging that a few police officials had become pawns of the BRS, adding, "We are public representatives, not slaves of

Avoid Monappa (Rajiv Gandhi statue) circle, Gre-enlands, Prakashnager, Rasoolpura, CTO, Plaza Compando, SBI, YMCA; St Open St. Shara, Sanged crossroads, Alugaddahavi, Mettuguda, Chilkalguda, Brooke Bond Colon, Tivoli crossroads, Balam-rai Sweekar Ilnkaar Sec-

Brooke Bond Colony,
Tivoli crossroads, Balamrai, Sweekar Upkaar, Seuunderabad Club, Trimulgherry, Tadbund and
Central Point junctions.

• Roads from Tivoli
crossroads to Plaza crossconstruction of Plaza crossSweekar Upkaar junction
will be closed for general
traffic.

• Police advised those
travelling from the Secunderabad station to start
early. Entry to the station
from Platform 10 on the
Cestricted All passengers
are to enter the station
from the main entrance
leading to Platform No. 1.
Police advised commuters
to not use roads from
Secunderabad station to
Patry, Paradise junction,
Pagumpet and Imjagutta

• Movement restricted
from St John's rotary,
Sangeet junction, Rathfile T-junction and Chilkalguda junction, rail passengers were requested to
use the road via Clock
Regimental Bazar
Regimental Bazar
Road to reach the station.

• Further, traffic to and
from the Secunderabad
railway for railway passengers would be diverted

occasion of BJP Formation Day.

Kishan Reddy remarked that the government had concocted false accusations against him and imprisoned him in order to intimidate and muzzle the voice of the BJP leader who has been exposing the BRS government's fallings. We will fight the BRS government's fallings. We will fight the BRS government's fallings. We will fight the great the proposed of the BJP leaders will have no effect on the BJP leaders as they are ready to fight the misrule of the BRS government and people are behind the party in the endeavour," he stated. Kishan Reddy reacted sharply to the Warangal police notice issued to that members of the KCR was the state of the BRS government and people are behind the party in the endeavour," he stated. Kishan Reddy reacted sharply to the Warangal police notice issued to that members of the KCR was the state of th that members of the KCR family and BRS leaders were causing substantial

Kishan paints blooming lotus

Slogans like 'Is bar Telangana main BJP ka sarkar' rent the air as Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, painted the lotus in full bloom on a wall at Gunfoundry to mark the 44th Foundation Day of the party

44th Foundation Day of the party.

As a tradition, Kishan Reddy visits his constituency and draws the party symbol on a wall. Later, he felicitated senior members of the party. Reddy's visit rang in a festive spirit with the party cadre showering flowers. The Union minister assured them that soon the BJP would be running the state.

Tracing history the his-



losses to Singareni Collieries Company Union minister G. Kishan Reddy paints a lotus flower on their lands.

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy paints a lotus flower on their lands.

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy paints a lotus flower on their lands.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

PCC to finalise mandal level committees

MD. NIZAMUDDIN I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

The state Congress has expedited the process of constituting 30-member mandal-level committees, which are likely to be finalised by the monthend, in preparation for the Assembly elections towards the end of the

the Assembly elections towards the end of the year.

According to party leaders, PCC vice-presidents who are incharges of Lok Sabha or Assembly converse as the converse of th

years. "The Raipur plenary has set a benchmark, which will be followed while setting up these committees. Rahul Gandhi is very keen about proper representa-tion, and the composition



A Revanth Reddy
will be based accordingly," Informed a senior
plant and a senior
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Bhongir MP: Not leaving Congress

Congress Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Thursday denied rumours that he would be leaving the would be leaving the that he remained a loyal Congress worker, and referred to his recent party activities in the city and his constituency. Brushing aside the reports, Venkat Reddy warned those spreading the "fake news": "I have Congress for "5 years and resigned as a minister for the sake of Telangana. If this continues, they will Congress Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkat

have to pay the price."He said he had taken part in the protest programme in support of party leader Rahul Gandhi in Gandhi Bhavan and conducted the protest programme and protest programme and protest prote

Aruna: KCR into diversion politics

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6
BJP vice-president D.K.
Aruna alleged that Chief
Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was engaged in
diversion politics to cover
up his failures. To divert
the attention of the peopile from leakage of
TSPSC and SSC question
papers, the government
had arrested BJP state
president Bandi Sanjay
president Bandi Sanjay
resident Bandi Sanjay
added, "No tactics can
save Rao from defeat."
Speaking to reporters
here on Thursday Aruna
alleged that Rao was
harassing Opposition
leaders and foisting false
cases against them.
Aruna said that power

• ARUNA SAID that minister K.T. Rama Rao has gone one up over his father when it came to using abusive language.

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in the hands of Rao was akin to a stone in the hands of a mad person.

The BJP leader said that LAS and IPS officers should act impartially and not bow to the diktast of the government. She said that the attrocities of the Kalvakuntla family is being watched across the country, she said.

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gone one up over his father when it came to using abusive language

Power utilities ask labour dept help

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

D. Prabhakar Rao, chairman and managing director of 'TS Transco and Genco, on Thursday requested the labour commissioner to intervene for intervene for the commissioner to intervene for intervene for the commissioner to intervene for the commissioner to intervene for power utilities and trade unions to prevent the proposed strike by the staff from April 17.

He said that the TS power employees' joint action committee (TSPE-JAC), an unregistered organisation, had served a strike notice to the

 D. PRABHAKAR RAO, chairman and manager chairman and managi director of TS Transco and Genco, said the management had explained its financial position to the employees at several meetings.

from Punjagutta via Khai-ratabad junction, IMAX rotary Telugu Talli fly-

power utility manage-ments demanding hike in

ments demanding hike in salaries. He said the manage-ment had explained its financial position to the employees at several meetings. The strike would adversely affect the people and several sec-tors, he said.

Traffic diversions for Modi's visit

The traffic police advised people to avoid the above routes (marked in red) when Prme Minister Narendra Modi visits Hyderabad on April 8, Saturday to flag-off the Vande Bharat Express at Secunderabad and address a public meeting at Parade Ground, Secunderabad. The roads marked in black have been closed to public. The traffic restrictions are in place from 9 an to 2.30 pm. — POF HYDERABAD CITY POLICE

road, RTC, Musneeranad and Chilkalguda crossroads.

The would be diverted via Old Gandhi crossroads, Monda Market, Chasmandi, Bible House, Karbala Maidan, Tank Bund, Antother route would be via Clock Tower, Pathy, Bible House, Karbala Maidan, Tank Bund.

• Vehicles from Uppal towards Punjagutta were directed to travel via Ramanthapur, Amberpet, Himayatnagar, Khairatabad junction. Police advised commuters to not use the road via Tarnaka and Rail Nilayam due to hard and see the road via Tarnaka on Rail Nilayam due to Arrette from Tarnaka communication.

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ce from 9 am to 2.30 pm. — I kalguda, Musheerabad, Kavadiguda, Lower Tank Bund, Iqbal Minar, Lakdikapul, Traffic from Panjagutta and Ameerpet towards Tarnaka and Panjagutta and Ameerpet towards Tarnaka and Panjagutta towards Khairatabad, Iqbal Minar Tehi-ugu Talli flyover, Lower Tank Bund, K a v a d i g u d a , Musheerabad, Chilkalguda rotary and Mettuguda. Traffic from Medchal and Balanagar towards diverted at Bowenpally crossroads towards Dairy Farm road, Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry, RK Puram, Meredmet, Malkajgiri, Mettuguda.

Traffic from Karkhana o'Traffic from Karkh

Church, Trimuignerry, RK Furam, Neredmet, Malkajgiri, Mettuguda. • Traffic from Karkhana and Trimulgherry towa-rds SBH-Patny will be diverted at Trimulgherry crossroads towards RK Furam, Neredmet, Malkaj-

giri and Mettuguda

— Motorists heading to
and from the Karimnagar
Highway (Rajiv Rahadhari) to Amerpeet were
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All and Nacharam.

— Public coming from
Karimnagar can take the
framaka to enter the city
Motorists were advised to
avoid Trimulpherry crossroads, JBS road and
instead use the ORR to
enter at Gachibowil,
Patancheru, Medchal,
Keesara and Ghatkesar.

BLACK | GOLD | Demand to roll back Centre's decision to auction SCCL mines

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

BRS working president and IT minister K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday picked April 8, the day Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the city, to hold a visits the city, to hold a continuous continu

activists along with Singareni employees will protest against the Centre in Mancherial.

KTR calls for 'Maha Dharna' tomorrow

that the Centre was conspiring to push the profitable SCCL into losses by not allocating it coal mines and insisting that it purchase them in an auction. He alleged that the Vizag Steel Plant (VSP) was similary pushed into losses by not allocating it captive mines.

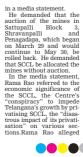
Chandrashekar Rao had

Chandrashekar Rao had written to the Centre stating that the SCL needed allocation of coal mines; Singareni employees had placed a similar demandiplaced a similar demandiplaced a similar demandiplaced a similar demandiplaced in the earlier auction the mines. He said a large number of lignite mines were allocated to the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) following the nomination method. Rama Rao alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was generous towards Gujarat but was discriminating pro-

gressive Telangana. He said that Modi who visited said that Modi who visited Ramagundam on November 11, 2022, had assured that Sinagreni would not be privatised but did not stand by his promise.

would not be privated but did not stand by his partial Rao said that privatising SCCL would affect the CMS determination to provide 24-hour free electricity to farmers. He said that the Centre was not able to digest the appreciation to project had been receiving and was plotting to deprive it of power supply by privatising SCCL.















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Secunderabad to St
George's Grammar School,

Young Indians NMT Meet Time: 8 am Venue: Taj Krishna

Prayas Kathak workshop Time: 9.30 am Venue: Shilparamam, Hited City

> Mohahhat Zindahad Time: 6 pm Venue: Bhaskara

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SHORT TAKE

3 DEVOTEES DIE AT SALESHWARAM **TEMPLE JATARA**

DC CORRESPONDENTS HYDERABAD, KURNOOL, APRIL 6

Three persons died at the Salesswaram Lingamiah Swamy temple festival at Amarabad of the tiger reserve in the Nalla-Grant of Nalla-Grant



Ice from a hailstorm dots the road in the city, which was lashed by heavy rains city on Thursday, bringing relief to the people from the scorching summer heat but also affecting traffic and causing power cuts.

Hailstorms lash city for 3 hours

RACHEL DAMMALA I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

The city received a hai-The city received a hair storm in many parts and heavy rain all across on Thursday, accompanied by gusts of wind. Halistorms were reported from Nall-akunta, Vidyanagar, Amberpet, Ramanthapur, Uppal, and other parts of the city including parts. Sithaphalmandi, Tadmaraonagar and Osmania University. The rains began at about 3 pm and lashed he city for more than three hours. Scattered rains continued for

rains continued for most of the evening-/night in several plac-es in the city. Thunder-showers occured at Rajendranagar, Tolich-

owki, Attapur, Karwan, Golconda, Shaikpet, Olichowki, Aramban, Charles, Arambanikonda. The rain caused traffic jams throughout the city, where restrictions were in place for the Hanuman jayanti procession. Several people were caught of forecast of the IMD.

The IT corridor and Koti, Narayanguda, Himayatnagar and Tilaknagar seemed to have been the worst hit. Waterlogging issues pre-

been the worst hit. Waterlogging issues pre-vailed in certain parts of the city including Attapur, from where a picture of a semi-submerged car went vir-al on social media. The rains also played spoil-sport for those trying to reach churches to observe Maundy Thu-

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Hyderabad on April 8, Saturday, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a series of functions in the city It said thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and winds gusting to 40 kmph were very likely to occur at isolated places. rsday. For Friday, the IMD predicted more h-ail, thundershowers in some areas and winds gusting to 50 kmph.

YELLOW ALERT

IN HYD DURING

MODI'S VISIT



A group of people offer butter milk to people taking part in Hanuman Jayanti yatra at Narayanguda. — S. SURENDER REDDY

Processions dot city for Hanuman jayanti

Hanuman jayanti was celebrated with enthu-siasm as devotees recited 'Hanuman Chalisa' in various temples. Hailstorm and thundershowers did not deter devotees. While two mammoth processions wound

While two mammoth processions wound their way through the city, 171 tributary processions originated from places; 50 processions from Cyberabad and Rachakonda commissionerates conserved in the processions of the contract o issionerates con-erged in the main

commissioner C.V. held across the temAnand said, "In view of the disturbances all over the country, the city police mined their data, last year experiences and current hapenings from all the intelligence sources to organise a peaceful procession." He partic hapten in the procession in the morning. In addition the procession in the morning. In addition to mobile patrols, the procession was accombanded by t eras. Special pujas were

FAITH | MATTERS | Maundy Thursday commemorated in Hyd

Cardinal washes feet of people

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 6

HYDERABAD, APRIL 6
Christians observed Maundy Thursday that syymbolises Jesus' last supper. The Thursday before per The Thursday before with the second of t



Christ Passover and crucifixion. Cardinal Poola preached about how God human form, he said.

"Jesus loved his disciples without any expectations and He chose to accompany his people till the end," he said. Wesley church at Clock Tower Secunderabad, which had its combined service, started with hymns and songs while the houseful attenderated with hymns and song while the houseful attenderated with hymns and song while the houseful attenderated with hymns and Holy communion was served to the baptised members. At Methodist church, Chapel road, Bishop M.A. Daniel explained the Old Testament and how Israel celebrated after coming out of Egypt. Here Jesus freed mankind from sin. He also mentioned the agony of Jesus Christ in the garden of Gethsemane.

Raja Singh held during Hanuman jayanti

that in view of his comments targeting a community dur-ing the recently held Sri Ra-ma Navami Shobha Yatra in the city, Raja Singh was ta-ken into custody as a preven-tive measure during the Hanuman jayanti processio-

n. The moment Raja Singh stepped out of his residence at around 11 30am, to join the procession, police took him into custody He was released around 5pm on personal surecty Reacting to his arrest, a ja Singh wrote on Twitter.

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Teen swallows phone in MP

New Delhi: In Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district, an 18-year-old girl swallowed a mobile after a scuffle with her brother. The girl was rushed to the emergency

was rushed to the emergency for urgent surgery. The girl underwent a two-hour-long sur-gery to recover the device in

COVID CASES HIGHEST IN 195 DAYS

195 DAYS

New Delhi, April 6: India has logged 5,335 fresh Coronavirus cases, the highest in 195 days, while the active cases have increased to 25,587, according to Union health ministry data updated on Thurstey data. The total has increased to 5,30,299 with 13 deaths — two scale reported from Karnataka and Maharashtra, one each from Kerala and Punjab, and seven reconciled by Kerala, he data updated at 8 am state data updated at 8 am state data updated at 9 am state data updated at 9 am state data updated at 9 am state has been recorded at 3,32 per cent willed the weekly positivity rate has been pegogd at 2,39 per cent, it said. The total tally of Covid cases stands at 4,47 crore (4,47,30,504), according to the ministry.

TRAIN FIRE PRIME **ACCUSED BROUGHT TO KERALA**

GILVESTER ASSARY I DC

A team of Kerala police brought Shahrukh Saifi, the main accused in the train fire incident, to Kozhikode on Thursday morning for further questioning. Saifi, 27, was arrested by Maharashtra ATS on Wedne-sday at Ratnagiri. On reaching Kozhikode, he was made to undergo a medical check-up at the medical college hospital. Kerala police chief Anil Kant said the accused would be sub-ticeted to detailed questioning

said the accused would be sub-jected to detailed questioning after he is found medically fit. Kant said it was too early to

Kant said it was too early to say about any terror link or criminal background of the accused. So far Saifi has not disclosed the motive behind the incident. On Wednesday the police claimed that Saifi had confessed to the crime and disclosed that he had carried out the incident on his own.

MHA FOR CBI PROBE AGAINST OXFAM INDIA

New Delhi, April 6: The Union home ministry on Thursday recommended a CBI probe into the affairs of the Indian arm of the global NGO Oxfam for alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation Contribution (Regulation Contribution (Regulation Contributions) and the Contransfer foreign contributions to various entities, including other NGOs, even after registering under the FCRA, which prohibits such transfers after an amendment that came into force on September 29, 2020, sources said.

Oxfam India is the second

sources said.

Oxfam India is the second NGO against whom the home ministry has recommended a CBI probe within a month for alleged violation of the FCRA. On March 20, the home ministry recommended a CBI Inquiry against Aman Biradari, an NGO established by activist Harsh Mander.

SC RAPS U.P. BJP **LEADER, TOLD TO BE RESPONSIBLE**

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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 multised the properties of the please of the ple

Budget session of Parl. ends

20 Oppn parties participate in 'Tiranga March' from Parl to Vijay Chowk

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

The Budget Session of the 17th Parliament concluded on Thursday after both Houses were adjourned rely functioned award from the Budget Session amid standoff between the Treasury Benches and the Opposition over demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe on Adani Issue and the "democracy under attack" comment of Congress MF Rahul Candriamentary Committee probe on Adani Issue and the "democracy under attack" comment of Congress MF Rahul Candriamentary Committee probe on Adani Sesue and the "democracy under attack" comment of Congress MF Rahul Candriamentary Committee probe on Adani Sesue and Congress MF Rahul Candriamentary Committee probe on Adani Session also saw 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 The Budget Session of the

Speaker Om Birla held a customary meeting with leaders of political parties in the Parliament after the end of budget session. However, the last day of the Budget Session on Thursday saw a semblance

A WASHED OUT BUDGET SESSION

PARLIAMENT COULD FUNCTION MUCH LESS THAN THE PLANNED DURATION WITH DAILY PROTESTS AND FREQUENT ADJOURNMENTS DISRUPTING THE SECOND HALF OF THE BUDGET SESSION, DATA COMPILED BY A THINK TANK SHOWED.



Dismal figures

45 hours: The duration Lok Sabha functioned for

133.6 hours: The scheduled duration for LS Rajya Sabha functioned for

about 20 parties, including the Congress, TMC, BRS and the Samajwadi Party, participating in the "Tiranga March" from

133.6 hours: The

Lok Sabha functioned for 24 per cent of its scheduled duration

4.32 hours: The duration for which LS could take questions 1.85 hours: The duration for which

14.45 hours: Spent on discussing

13 hrs and 44 mins: Spent on discussions on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address

Parliament to Vijay Chowk. In a show of unity, par-ties like the TMC, BRS, AAP and SP that had been blowing hot and cold on sharing the stage with the Congress on earlier occa-sions not only participated in the march but also the press conference to target the Modi government on

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alleged attack on democra-cy.

In his remarks at the press conference, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "The Budget of 550-lakh crore was passed in just 12 minutes, but they (the BJP) always alleged that the Opposition parties have no interest and they kept disturbing the House."

"The disturbance was "The disturbance was alleged that the Opposition parties have no interest and they kept disturbing the House."

they kept disturbing the House."

"The disturbance was created by the ruling party. Whenever we made a demand or gave a notice, we were not allowed to speak. This has happened expert to be a such a thing happened earlier." Kharge said, adding that the government talks a lot about democracy but does not walk the talk. BRS MP K. Keshava Rao said the parties on the podium had "distance and differences" between them but were now coming together.

YOGI TO PERFORM 'JALABHISHEK' WITH WATER FROM RIVERS OF 155 COUNTRIES

Ayodhya (IP), April 6: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Vogi Adityanath will on April 23 perform the 'slabhishek' of the deity of Ram Lalla with water from rivers of 155 countries, the general secretary of the organisation overseeing the Ram temple's con-struction here said on

struction here said on Thursday.

The construction of the temple is going on in full swing under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Adityanath, said Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra general secretary Champat Rai.

A team led by Vijay Jolly, a Delhi-based devotee of Lord Rama, will hand over water from rivers of the 15s countries. Defence minister Rajnath Singh and Adityanath will perform puja of the 15l Rajnath Singh and Adityanath will perform puja of the 15l Rajnath Singh and Adityanath will perform puja of the 15l Rajnath Singh and Adityanath will perform puja of the 15l Rajnath Singh and The Water of the Ravi in Privers of 15s countries, including the Ravi in The water of the Ravi was first sent by Hindus from Pakistan to Dubai from where it was brought to Delhi, Raj added.

Anil Antony joins BJP, father says 'wrong decision

Former defence minister and veteran Congress leader AK. Antony's son Anil on Thursday joined the BJP at the party head-quarters in Delhi. Join the BJP atte one as a major embarrassment for the Kerala unit of Congress. Anil Antony joined BJP in the presence of Union ministers Plyush Goel, V. Muraleedharan and Kerala state BJP chief K. Surendran. He accused the Congressmen of having the Congressment of having the Congressmen

charged Antony termed as "wrong," Anl's decision to join the BJP, and said he would continue to be a Congressman till his last breath.

"I am deeply pained by Anil's decision to join the BJP, and said he would continue to the BJP, the Market and the BJP, the Market and the BJP, and the BJP,



Anil Antony joins the BJP in the presence of Union minister and senior party leader Piyush Goyal, in New Delhi on Thursday.

— PT

Cong. 2nd list: Defectors get nod

BENGAÜRÜ, APRIL 6

The Congress on Thursday released its second list of 42 candidates, including three defectors, who had recently quit as legislators and joined the party, for the May 10 Assembly polls in There is no mention of Kolar the second seat from where senior party leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah, wants to contest, in addition to Varuna, where his name is already cleared. The defectors who got the ticket are former B.JP MLA N. Y. Gopalakrishna, former

the ticket are former BJP MLA N. V. Gopalakrishna, N. for Gorner BJP MLC Baburao Chinchansur, former JDS MLA S.R. Srinivas, and former JD(S) leader Devraj.

Linguist S. Gorner JDS J. G ectively. While S.R. Srinivas (Vasu), who had quit as JD(S) MLA has been fielded as a candidate from Gubbi.

Similarly, the party has fielded Mantar Gowda

fielded Mantar Gowda from Madiker. Interest-ingly, his father A. Manju is the nominee for Arka-lgud in Hassan as a JD(S) nominee. Former inlins-ter Vinay Kulkarni, who was expected to take on Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai from Shiggaon in Haveri district, has been given ticker to con-test from Dharwad.

Minister booked for hate speech against Christians
Kamataka minister Munirathna has been booked by the police for his alleged hate speech against
Christians. A case was registered against the minister on a complaint by a gazetted officer who
charged him with promoting enmity among people. In an interview to a private news channel on
March 13, Muniratha, horticulture minister in the Sazavaria Bommal government, had purel
said, "Christians are converting people in this moment also. Conversion is maximum in the slums.
places where 1,400 people are there, 400 have been converted. If they come (for conversion) then
them out or give complaint at the police station."

The work to place beams above ground floor pillars at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir has started. Some beams have already been placed, tweeted Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth KShetra Thursday.

JD(S) second list of candidates to be finalised today
JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswam on Thursday said the party's second list of candidates for the May 10 Kamarataka Assembly polls, including for the contentious Hassan seat, will be finalized on votes do not split and help Darshan trounce JD(S) MLA and former minister C.S. Puttaraju, who is said to

nominee in Melukote
While the Congress announced
list of 42 candidates for the
ensuing Assembly polls, the
party has decided to back the
candidature of Sarvodaya
Karnataka Party (Ratha
Sangha) candidate Darshan
Puttanaiah, in Melukote. The
decision is the prevent has ong the Congr ond list of 42 didates earranges released on Thursda 11 are Lingayats (Including one Reddy Lingayat), 11 Vokkailgas (Including Darsha

BJP to release list on April 13

SANJAY BASAK | DC

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 Basavaraj Bommai declared that the state core committee meeting had ended on Wednesday and the final list would be released as the control of the party would be meeting on April 9. The meeting will be attended by Prime Minister Marendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah, BJP

president J.P. Nadda and other top party leaders at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi.

On the issue of the party's star campaigners, Bommai said: "Wait and watch". On Wednesday, Kannada superstar Bominial still. Wart and watch." On Wednesday, Kannada Suerperstar Katched his Suerperstar Katched his Suerperstar Katched his support to the BJP and pledged that he would campaign for the party. The Chief Minister dismissed reports that he was going to ontest from two constituencies. He termed the reports as "nothing but rumours". Reacting to reports that.

"nothing but rumours". Reacting to reports that the BJP was going to give tickets to tainted leaders,

the Chief Minister made it amply clear that the tickets would be given only after going through various factors. On the issue of dropping a chunk of sitting MLAs, Bommai said a report had been sought after a thorough survey con-ducted at various levels. Tickets would be given after going through it, he added.

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 state-Congress leader's state-ent that the quota issue

CBSE to have more MCQs for '24

New Delhi, April 6: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has revamped its assessment scheme for class 10 and 12 board exams to be conducted in 2024 by introducing more Multiple Questions (MCQs) and reducing the weightage for questions requiring short or long answers, according to officials.

The move is aimed at

progressively aligning a-ssessment with the National Education Policy 2020 recommenda-tions, they said. The change, however, might be limited to 2023-

The change, nowever, might be limited to 2023-24 academic session only as the board exams are likely to be reformed next year with the introduction of new National Curriculum (NCF).

"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 century proactively. The board is initiating changes in the examination and assessment practices for the academic session 2023-24 to align

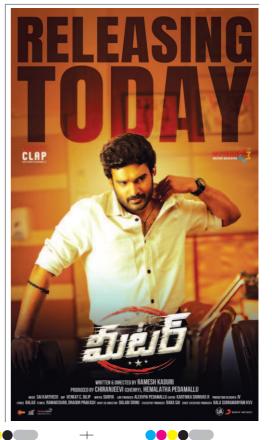
assessment to Competency Focused Education," said Joseph Emanuel, director of CBSE (Academics). "Therefore, in the forthcoming session a greater number of Competency Based Questions or questions that assess application of concepts in real part of the question paper," he added.

IPC, CrPC likely to be amended

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The attorney-general of India R. Venkatarmani on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the Central government is actively considering amending the CrPC (Code of Criminal Proceduce of Criminal Proceduce of Code of Criminal Code of C

be undertaken in the coming Monsoon Session of the Parliament. The attorney peneral also indicated that amendments 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 role in bringing the mendments. When the bench, compris-











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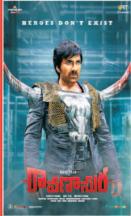
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Hindu temple vandalised

'Anti-Hindu, anti-India graffiti painted on Hindu shrine

Toronto, April 6: A prominent Hindu temple in Canada's Ontario province has been vandalised by unknown people with 'anti-Hindu and anti-India graffitti", in what is described by police as a 'hate-motivated incident'. Thate-motivated incident' is all the control of the control

• POLICE IN WINDSOR CITY said on Wednesd-ay that it has launched a probe and there are two suspects.

After a Hindu temple was vandalised with "anti-Hindu and anti-India graffiti" in Canada's Ontario on Wednesday India on Thursday condemned the vandalism and termed it as "very unfortunate",

adding that it has "taken up (the matter) with Canadian authorities". MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing that India has made it clear to host (foreign) governments what action it expects to fundian diplomatic missions and safety of Indian personnel. Windsor Police Service said officers were dis-

patched to the temple in the 1700 block of the Northway Avenue following a report of hate-motivated vandalism.
"Officers discovered anti-Hindu and anti-India graffit is prayed in black on an exterior wall of the building," the police said. Police Service Service



Lankan Anti-Terror Bill delayed in Parl.

Colombo, April 6: Sri Lanka's justice minister Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe on Thursday announced that the presentation of the new anti-tierrorism bill that would replace a drawing a straight of the property of th

be delayed to either late April or early May. Strucke is replacing the ST Lunke is replacing the ST Lunke is replacing the April or early May a new legislation called the Anti Terrorism Act (ATA) after the former law was roundly condemned for its draconian nature where people were allowed to be detained without being charged for indefinite periods of time. ST Lunka faced international was enacted in 1979 as a temporary measure to counter the rising Tamil separatist militancy. President Ranil Wickremesinghe earlier said

President Ranil
Wickremesinghe earlier said
that the new ATA would be presented by June. On March 17,
the new Anti Terrorism Act of
97 pages was published in the
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INDIA IN UN **STATISTICS** COMMISSION

United Nations, April 6: India April 6: India was elected to the United Nation's was elected to the United Nation's United Nation's Commission of the Nation's National Nation's highest statistical body after a gap of two decades in an election. South Korea won over China for the other seat in the Asia Pacific States category through a drawfunough india was elected by the UN's conomic and social council as a member of the statistical bod and, the commission on narrotic drugs. — PTI

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The sarcophagus of Pharaoh Ramses II displayed on the opening day of the exhibitio titled "Ramses and the Gold the Pharaohs" at the Grand 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. — AFP

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 aircraft parts were spotted in the area, an official said on Thursday. The UH-60JA Black Hawk helicopter disappeared from radiation and the sea of the

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, a day after he was admitted to intensive care with problems related to breathing.

The 86-year-old, whose media

empire has made him a billion-aire, is being treated in a card-iac unit of Milan's San Raffaele iac unit of Milan's San Raffaele hospital. There has been no official comment on his condition. Leukaemia is a cancer of the blood cells. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party is part of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing coalition.

AZERBAIJAN ARRESTS 6 OVER 'COUP PLOT'

Baku. April 6: Azerbaijan on Thursday arrested six men in secret services and were plotting a coup in the Caspian nation, in the latest tensions between Baku and Tehran. Relations between the neighbours have long been strained, with Azerbaijan being a close ally of Iran's rival Turkey. Baku said the six Azerbaijan nationals were "recruited by antionals were "recruited by destabilise" the country. It announced the arrests in a joint statement by the interior ministry, state security service and prosecutor-general's office. It said the group was plotting armed unrest.

INDO-AMERICANS PROTEST AGAINST BILL ON CASTE

Washington, April 6: 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 but caste-based bias. Senate seeking to explicitly but caste-based bias with the first Muslim and Afghan American elected to the state legislature, introduced the bill in the California senate on March 22. If the bill gets passed, California, America's most populous state, could also become the country's first state to outlaw caste-based bias.

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

French Prez urges Chinese counterpart not to deliver weapons to Russia

w. April 6: China's Xi Jinping expressed willingness 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 war in Ukraine.

Russia over the war in Ukraine. In closely watched talks, EU chief Ursula von der Leyen and Macron met with Xi in Beijing, Macron said the West must engage China to help end the could split speak to be the could be speak to be the could be speak to be the could be speaked to be speaked to be the could be speaked to be the could be speaked to be speaked to be speaked to be the could be speaked to be speaked to

negotiations as soon as possible.
"It was interesting to hear that President XI reiterated his willingness to speak" to Zelenskyy, bon der Leyen sald. XI sald a conversation could happen when the "conditions and time are right", she added.
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Al did not mention a possible conversation with Zelenskyy in his own comments after the meetings. Zelenskyy has repeatedly asked Xi to meet him, including after the Chinese leader visited niciuding after the Chinese leader Visited
Russia's President
Vladimir Putin in
Moscow last month. A
French diplomatic source
told Reuters that Xi was
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Beijing, April 6: Iran and Saudia Arabia have agreed to jointly pursue economic stability, the economic stability the estate on Thursday, as well as reopen missions in their respective countries as the regional rivals stepped toward reconciliation after seven years of tension. Iranian foreign minister in the entitle of the entitle of

Beijing.
The ministers also agreed on Thursday to reopen embassies in the countries' respective capitals and representative offices in two other

tive offices in two other major cities.

The rapprochement not only lowers the chance of armed conflict between the Mideast rivals — both directly and in proxy conflicts around the

'U.S.-LED ALLIANCE EXPANDING TOWARDS RUSSIA'

French President Emmanuel Macron (L) and Chinese President Xi Jinping take part in a Franco-Chinese busi-ness council meeting in Beijing on Thursday. — AFF

N-weapons in Belarus: Kremlin defends decision

Saboteurs failed to enter Russia Russian security forces foiled an attempt of a group of Ukrainian "saboteurs" to enter Russia, the governor of the Bryansk region that borders Ukraine said on Thursday. The announcement came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin had warned saboteurs had warned saboteurs were acting inside Russia.

Girl in Ukraine sketch with mom

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 involving 13-year-old Maria Moskalyova has garnered international attention, as Moscow cracks down on crit-icism of the offensive in Ukraine.

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China has proposed a
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tweet came after Chinese foreign min-istry spokesperson Mao Ning said foreign minis-

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Beijing's reputation as a diplomatic player was reinforced in March when it brokered a deal for Iran and Saudi Arabia to resume ties after years of hostility that had fuelled insecurity in the Gulf.

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 provide weapons to Russia, and that XI had replied that it was not his war.

Jerusalem, April 6: Vio-lence resumed for a seco-nd straight night in Jerus special properties of the con-straight night in Jerus special policies of the con-selves inside Al-Aqsa Mosque at the Old City's sensitive compound and Israeli police used force to remove dozens of wor-shippers.

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Islambad. 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 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 elections to the

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VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN JERUSALEM FOR SECOND STRAIGHT NIGHT

NO PROSPECT OF **MEDIATION BY** CHINA: KREMLIN

Moscow, April 6: The Kremlin on Thursday said it saw no "prospect said it saw no "the said said it had "no other way" than to press on with its offensive. The comments came 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 for mediation," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "But the situation with Ukraine is complex, so far there are no other ways for us aside from the continuation of the special military of the said." At the moment, there are no other ways for us aside from the continuation of the special military of the said. "But the continuation of the special military of the said of the said

ing which he and Russian President Vladimir Putin presented a united front against the West.

China has outlined a proposal for peace in Ukraine, but it remains vague 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

MACRON'S FAV. EATERY TARGETED

Paris, April 6: Clashes erupted in Paris next to a Left Bank brasserie favoured by French President Emmanuel Macron during a day of nationwide protests against a pension bill that he has widespread opposition. La Rotonde, whose awning

was briefly on fire as pro-testers threw bottles and paint at police, is well known in France for host-ing a much-criticised cele-bratory dinner for Macron when he led the first round of the 2017 presidential properties of the con-lanuary hards of the con-tanuary hards of

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ters from both nations had signed a joint statement and expressed their determination to improve ties in line with their talks in Beijing last month. The official Iranian mass agency, IRNA, said Thursday's agreement, the two longtime regional rivals would reopen representative offices in their respective capitals and in two other major cities — Mashhad in Iran and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. The report said both their capacity of resuming flights and official and private visits between the two nations, in addition to how to facilitate the visa process for their people. On Thursday morning, Saudi Arabia's staterum Al-Ekhbariya and Saudi Arabia's staterum Al-Ekhbariya TV showed the aniana TV showed the aniana TV showed the aniana TV showed the aniana the statement of Earth has 2nd warmest March on record

Paris, April 6: Earth had its joint second-warmest March on record with Antarctic sea ice shrinking to its second-lowest extent for that month, the European Union's climate monitoring agency said on Thursday

monitoring agency said on Thursday.
"The month was jointly the second-warmest March globally," tied with 2017, 2019 and 2020, the Copern-icus Climate Change Serv-

icus Climate Change Services said.

The hottest March on record was in 2016.
Its report is based on computer-generated analyses using billions of measures, aircraft and weather stations around the world.
It said temperatures were above average over southern and central Europe and below average over most of northern Europe.



Antarctic ice extent was the second lowest for March according to the 45-year satellite data record. -4

North Africa, southwestern Russia, Asia, northeastern North America, South America including drought-stricken Argentina, Austra-lia and coastal 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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It had reached the small-est area on record in February for the second year in a row, continuing a decade-long decline. In the morth meanwhile, In the morth meanwhile, so the second was a so the second for the second was and joint fourth lowest for March on record, though concentrations were above average in the Greenland Sea.

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Centre unlikely to allow additional export of sugar

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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 (October-September). Out of which, about four million tonnes have been exported so far, as per the trade report.

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 Windler Nament State of the Market Nament State of the Market Nament State of the Stat

ONDC frames rules for retail participants

The government-promoted Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is framing a mechanism to ensure compliance with its rules by entities 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.

THDCIL's Rajeev Kumar gets addl charge of NHPC

Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, chdir-man and managing director of THDCIL, has received the addi-tional charge of NHPC, accord-ing to an official statement. weyed 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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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 retaining the monetary policy in the momentary policy in the commodation." "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 reportate hile has been paused only for this meet-

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

not nestate to take any action "if the situation so warrants."

The RI Governor said the central bank wants to carefully evaluate consequences of the cumulative 250 basis point increase in the repo rate 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 RBH hiking the repo rate by six times in a row. The RBI chief said there has been an effective rate hike of 290 basis points (ps) over the last one year 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

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impact of the rate hikes." For the financial year 2023-24, the inflation forecast was revised downwards to 5.2 per cent and GDP forecast upwards to 6.5 per cent.

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RBI deputy governor Michael Patra said the central bank has marginally increased its FY24 growth estimate to 6.5 per cent primarily on assumption of a deeline in the average oil price to 885 per barrel as against 890 per barrel as against 800 per barrel as against stopper of the second of th

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 clossing the property threshold." see the least of the content of the

Rate sensitive stocks, bonds rally on rate hike pause

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

Stocks from rate-sensitive sectors and bonds rallied after RBI surprised market with a pause after six consecutive rate hikes amounting to 250 basis points of repo rate hikes in the past 11 months. Realty, and the past 11 months of the past 12 months of the past 1

market was expecting 25 basis points repo rate hike. However, due to the mar-ket rally extending for five days, gains were lim-ited with the Sensex ris-

ited 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 BEE 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), Mirg Bank (0.10 cent), Nifty Bank (0.10 per cent) and Nifty PSU Bank (0.33 per cent) closing flat

(0.33 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, Mortiall Oswal Financial Services.



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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.

banks.
"At present, UPI transactions are enab-led between deposit accounts at banks, sometimes interme-diated by pre-paid instruments includinstruments includ-ing wallets, It is now proposed to expand the scope of UPI by enabling transfer to/ from pre-sanctioned credit lines at banks, in addition to deposit accounts," RBI said. "In other words, UPI network will facilitate payments financed by credit from banks," it added.

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According to RBI, this can reduce the cost of such offerings and help in development of unique properties. The such as a su

RBI plans AI site on unclaimed deposits

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, APRIL 6

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

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 435,000 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

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has kicked off the process to deliberate on the mechanization of the process of the process of the process of the process on the process and other norms that should be followed to allocate spectrum for satellite communities of the process and other norms that should be followed to allocate spectrum for satellite communities of the process and other norms that should be followed to allocation communications and what should be the allocation methodology—auction or administrative assignment, the government said on "Specific issues have been raised for consideration of stakeholders. Besides, written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper are invited from the stake-holders bedieved the process of the proc

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

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The amount belonged to 10.24 crore accounts. State Bank of India had ₹8,066 crore of unclaimed deposits. followed by Punjal occupations of the property of the

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INDIA'S DIGITAL INFRA IS

WORTH EMULATING: IMF

India has built a world-class digital public infrastructure which is public infrastructure which is seen as the public infrastructure which is seen as the public infrastructure (DPIs) and cause of follow, an IMP 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

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 reports.

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

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received on the woll. ClCs. "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.

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.

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28% IN 2022, SAYS REPORT

updation/ rectification of credit information; a provision for SMS/ email 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.

In August, the RBI

bank.

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

CENTRE FRAMES NEW RULES FOR ONLINE GAMING

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, 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 government said on Thursday after releasing the rules for online gaming. Releasing the draft, the government said the new rule for online gaming prohibits any game that involves betting and wagering, and entails a framework of multiple totons (SROs).

"The online games involved in wagering or betting will fall foul of new online games involved in wagering or betting will fall foul of new online gaming rules," minister of state for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said. In an attempt to flag false



Centre adopts new formula to cap gas prices

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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Based on the recommendations of the Kirit
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Matural Gas, the Cabinet
Committee on Economic
Affairs (CCEA) on Thursday approved the floor
price of \$4/MMBtu for
administered pricing
mechanism or APM gas,
celling of \$8.5/MMBtu as
easily as a current rate of
\$4.5/MMBtu servision 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.

from the recent surge in global gas prices. However, the government said that the detailed notification in this regard will be out on Friday (i.e. April') and the guidelines way from the price of the

Briefing on the decision.

LéB minister Anurag

Thakur said the Union

Cabinet on Thursday

approved a new formula

for pricing of natural gas

and imposed cap or celi
ing price to rein in run
away prices of CNG and

piped cooking gas. "The

natural gas produced

from legacy or old fields,

known as APA gas, will

old price instead of pric
ing it based on gas prices

in surplus nations such as

the US, Canada and

Russia, "the minister said.

"From April 1, APM gas

will be priced at 10 per

cent of the price of basket of

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non British thermal unit as against current gas price of \$8.57 per mmBtu. The price such arrived at will also have a floor of \$4 per mmBtu. The rates will be decided every month instead of current biannual revision," he said.

Pick anyone of two tax regimes: CBDT

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

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The income-tax (I-T) department has asked employers and employees to submit their income particular to the saked employers and employees to submit their income particular to the saked employees of calculating tax deducted at source (TDS) as per the Finance Act 2023, which makes the new tax regime a default option and the old regime optional.

2023 42, 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.

In a circular, the Central Board of Direct Taxes directed the employers to ask for information from employees who have income under Section 122 of the Income-Tax Act regarding their intended tax regime. An upon the composition of the mention of the monitorial temployer will compute the employee's total 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 in the composition of the new tax regime. And the employer would deduct in a great process of the composition of the new tax regime. And the employee has not exercised the option to opt out of the new tax regime. And the employee has not exercised the option to a great way and the total transfer of the new regime rates," it added.

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. 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 driv-ing, it notes on its website, are "designed from the ground up to protect your privacy."

tomers' car cameras, according to interviews by according to interviews by win fine former employees. Some of the recordings caught Tesla customers in embarrassing situations. One ex-employee described a video of a man approaching a vehicle completely mader. Crashes valide in 2021 showed a Tesla driving at high speed in a residential area hitting a child riding a bike, according to another ex-employee. The child

flew in one direction, the bike in another. The video is another of the bike in another. The video of the state of the sta

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Tinder-owner Match Group and Indian startups have asked the country's competition body to investigate Google for alleged non-compliance with an antitrust directive by charging a high service fee for in-app payments, fillings show. They criticised the US company for what they say are unifair business restrictions on other

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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. Severled and worked at the company over the past nine years and were involved in developing its self-driving system.

— Reuters



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Short Takes

Skipper Sanju rues one that got away

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Rajasthan Royals skipper

Sanju Samson has blamed
the dip in momentum in the
middle overs during their stiff
chase as the reason behind the
five-run loss against Punjab
Kings in the IPI. here.
Chasing a tricky 198-run target on Wednesday, RR could
manage 192 for 7 in the end.

"We started off really well, well
misshed the powerplay really
well. In the middle overs, we
esses charled to get the bounder
well well. That's where
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 addy,

— PTI

Riley replaces Jhye in Mumbai squad

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Mumbai Indians (MI) on
Untursday named Riley
Meredith as a replacement for
injured fast bowler Jhye
Richardson. Richardson is suffering from a hamstring injury
and is ruled out of the 16th edipremier 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

Fulles lopley out

England pacer Reece Topley
was on Thursday ruled out
of the Indian Premier League
tue to a dislocated shoulder.
Topley had suffered the injury
Banghore's populing home
the comment of the Indian Premier
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 during the game against Kolkata
Knight Riders at the Eden
Gardens in Kolkata.
He also informed that star
spinner Wanindu Hasaranga is

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 injury, on April 14.

Barcelona, April 6: Karim Benzema struck a hat-trick as Real Madrid hammered Barcelona 4-0 at Camp Nou to reach the Copa del Rey final on Wednesday, progressing 4-lon aggregate

GURBAZ BA

Rahman, Shardul, Rinku power KKR to victory

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



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 'local' Bengal pacer Akash Deep, pulling him for a six before collecting back-to-back boundaries. Overall, 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:
Rahmanullah Gurbaz ce
Akash Deep b Sharma 57,
Venkatesh Iyer b Willey 3,
Mandeep Singh b Willey 0,
Nitish Rana c Karthik b
Andre Karthik b Patel 46, Andre
Russell c Kohil b Sharma
0, Shardul Thakur c
Maxwell b Mohammed
Siraj 68, Sunil Narine not
out 0, Umesh Yadav not
out 0, Extras (b-4, Ib-6,
n-5, w-10) 2.3. Total (for
7 wickets In 20 overs)
204.

204. FoW: 1-26, 2-26, 3-47, 4-89, 5-89, 6-192, 7-198. 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.

Royal Challengers Bangalore: Virat Kohli b Narine 21, Faf du Plessis b Varun 23, Michael Bracewell c Rana b Thakur 19, Glenn Maxwell b Varun 5, Harshal Patel b Varun 0, Shahbaz Ahmed o varun 5, Harshal Patel b Varun 0, Shahbaz Ahmed c Thakur b Narine 1, Dinesh Karthik c Varun b Suyash Sharma 9, Anuj Rawat c Narine b Suyash Sharma 1, David Willey not out 20, Karn Sharma 1, Rash Deep c 8 b Varun 17. Extras (tb-4, lb-1, we') Overs) 123. FoW: 1-44, 2-46, 3-54, 4-54, 5-6, 6-83, 7-84, 8-86, 9-96.

9-96.

Bowling: Umesh Yadav 2-0-17-0, Tim Southee 2-0-25-0, Sunil Narine4-0-16-2, 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 1/44 from his four overs. They also leaked 23 runs in extras.

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Sun keen to get out of the shade

Lucknow. April 6: Jolted by a crushing defeat in their campaign opener. Surrisers Hyderabad will be bolstered by the return of their South African recruits, including new skipper Aiden Markram, when they play Lucknow Super Giants in an away IPL match here on Friday. In the absence of Markram, Bhuvneshwar Kumar led SRH in their opening game, which

opening game, which they lost by a huge 72-run margin against Rajasthan

margin against kajastnan Royals.
But in a big boost to the team, Markram and two fellow South Africans — Marco Jansen and Heinrich Klaasen — have joined the side after com-pleting their national duty

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SRH finished last in 2021 and eighth among 10 teams last year and they will bank on Markram's lead of the side of the s

the powerplay on Friday. The arrival of the South African players came as a barbard for SRR has a subsequent of SRR has a subs

Match LSG 1 SRH FOR THE RECORD

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

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.

- S. PERVEZ QAISER

Iooked good but other Indians — Abhishek Indians —

duced some extraordinary hitting during his two blistering fifties in the last two matches.

— PTI

PACER WOOD LOOKS FOR

REDEMPTION THIS YEAR Lucknow, April 6: England and Lucknow Super Giants pacer Mark Wood wants to prove that he is among the best in the business in the IPL Jaffer his disappointing debut in the cash-rich T20 league five years ago. Wood bowled four wickeltess overs for Chennai 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. In the season of the seas

IPL, with the best players. (I will) try to prove a point, that I'm up to this standard," he added. — 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 PL.
Following the injury.
Williamson returned to
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the 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.

Benzema blasts Barca out of

Copa with a heady hat-trick

Hernandez in front of almost

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

knife within the next three weeks.

On receiving the news.

On receiving the news.

Williamson acknowledged the support he had received from his franchise and NZC following the new part of t

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.

Guwahati, April 6:
Rajasthan Royals' batting
mainstay Jos Buttler has
go Buttler has
had 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
Ashwin was promoted as
an opener as Buttler, who
injured his little finger
while taking a catch to
dismiss PBKS battler
Shahruk han how ger
Buttler ran from deep
and took a sliding catch
off Jason Holder's bowling in the last over but
immediately looked in
nain as he left the field

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

with a couple of balls still remaining.
"Jos was not fit. He was getting stitches for his fin-ger after the catch," skip-per Sanju Samson said during post-match presen-tation ceremony.
In fact, Buttler, who got a sponsor's award for the best catch, came to collect his cheque with a distinct

immediately looked in pain as he left the field white strapping on his lit-

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. World number 58 Rajawat showed immaculate skills and tactical actunen en route a 21-6, 21-16 win over word fo. 42 Nishimoto, who had claimed the first of the control of the co

cân get plast climese trapes can get plast climese can get plast climese trapes can geam, came out all guns blazing, galloping to a day 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 6-2 advantage but Rajawat soon clawed back at 10-10 and then pulled away

The finger will certainly be sore and fielding could be an issue and hence Royals medical staff might just want to give him rest for a game or two with next match to be sometimes of the staff of the staff will be sometime. Shitkner Dhawan did confess that he was nervous when Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel took the game to the wire. There were some nervous moments but I was keeping my calm and the screen when the some staff will be sometime. There was a lot of dew. There was a lot of sew. There was a lot of sew and the screen we put up. They bowled well and bowled very good yorkers," he praised Sam Curran's death bowling. — PTI 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 they beat Brentford 1-0
on Wednesday, while
Wednesday, while
Ham to stay third.
Callum Wilson and
Joelinton each scored
twice for the Magpies,
who remain above United
on goal difference.
Both sides now have a
three-point lead over

Tottenham and a game in hand on Spurs in the race for a place in next season's Champions League. Erik ten Hag's men also da score to settle with the Bees after a humiliate saides last men in August. Rashford started through the middle and was perfectly placed to side-foot home Marcel Sabitzer's knockdown. A fourth consecutive win edged Newcastle clos-

er to the Champions
League for the first time
in 20 years. Wilson headed
home the opener after just
six minutes. Joelinton
doubled the Magpies lead
inside 13 minutes as he
doubled the Magpies lead
inside 13 minutes as he
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.

— AFP

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Nani joins elite club





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VINTAGE SALMA

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 side-stepped 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 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! aiman 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 organises 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 tit Heads

title Heads of State clearly indicates that the film is a political thriller. It is being billed as a marriage between Air Force One

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

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, 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 big-

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Idris Elba and John Cena

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romantic fantasy enter-tainer, Rainbow, star-ring 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 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, she and

sufere d s o m e health problems, which

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

> n't want to overwork herduring that time, says a source. And even when she returned to work, she had pending projects to complete, like *Citadel* plete, like and *Khushi*.

makers wanted someone suited to that part. They believed Rashmika, who has risen to stardom in the last two years, would be an ideal



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grey snades.
"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

Vaikuntapuramlo (2019), Sushanth will also be seen in Chiranjeevi's upcoming film Bhola. "I wanted to break all my inhibitions and am game to push myself to do

> 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

Nani joins something quirky. I have been picking different roles from what I am. I felt I elite club ...*Dasara* reaches

Virinchi's period drama

...Script work in progress

is first two films *Uyyala Jampala* Is lifts two lifting objects of the romance genre. But now, director Virinchi Varma wants to move on to something else. We learn that the filmmaker is working on the script of a period drama. It is reportedly set in the 1970s and Virinchi is currently doing the necessary 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

₹100 cr mark There's hardly anyone from the film industry who hasn't raved about 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 Nanistarrer has entered this league. The 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.



...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-r Abhishek Nama agreed that the new layer / dimen-sion to my character validates my role and was happy to incorporate it," shares Sushanth. _While Ravi

While plays Ravanasura in the Sudheer Varma directo-rial, Sushanth plays Ram. However, he nowever, he says all the characters in the film have grey shades.





talk of the town





Pinky Reddy and Karan Johan

The opening of Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre was a splendid event with the world's top notch people invited. And from our city, the two people who were invited is Pinky Reddy and designer The opening of Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural **Jayanti Reddy.** Both made quite a mark there, with many wanting to take selfies with them.



Jayanti with Rekha and Aditi Rao Hyderi

national magazine is chasing a film-Anational magazine is chasing a star's wife to pose for them on their cover, showing off the baby bump. The couple is undecided, hasn't agreed as yet.

Afew Hyderabadis were miffed because they weren't invited to the recent Dior show in Mumbai. The who's who of the country were invited but our 'bagwatis' in town, who have been patrons of the brand for decades, were ignored.

We hear one socialite whose Mumbai based PR is tasked with making sure she's invited to every high profile event in the country gave the PR company a dressing down and threatened to cancel their contract.

recent baby shower at a popular watering hole in AHi-tech city seems to have become the epicenter of a covid scare in town. Once some of the older guests started displaying symptoms of the flu, everyone ran

HAT HEN HERE

off for a quick break to Baku, Azerbaijan? Youhan Noria who has been checking out the Central Asian city and its touristy

WHAT is everyone try-ing to get a hold of these days? A Rolex watch, getting an allocation for which has become increasingly difficult with people using all pull and push to get their names on the coveted list. Don't these folks realize that the watch resale market has collapsed?

WHERE were actor Adivi Sesh and his partner spot ted? At a recent birthday party celebrations. They make a stylish couple.



WHEN did Aparna Roddam make a big splash on the internet for her style. Yesterday, when she was fea tured on Diet Sabya's list of India's most stylish fashionistas



WHY are people getting after actor Samantha. attributing statements to her that she never made? She has moved on, doesn't really care who her ex, Naga Chitanya, is dating. But the one thing many say is that "Chay is a wonderful boyfriend..." WICKED **WHISPER**

A well known couple in the city has been cheated of their wealth by none other than the lady's own brother. She gave him all the property papers and told him to look into the joint development with another builder not realising her brother will shortto fight the brother legally — they don't have the money nor the energy!

Lesson to be learnt, do not trust anyone with your money.

helter skelter trying to get themselves tested. No point being sorry later methinks, best to stay safe and give large gatherings a miss espe-cially when Covid is making a comeback in the country. No one wants a situation where we all have to mask up again.

certain heavy weight politi-Acertain heavy weight politi-moving back to town with her son, to Banjara Hills, sending shivers down the spines of the man's first family.

Deciding to no longer keep them far away, this chap

has finally got the guts to bring back his second setup, prompting several other men like him to muster some courage as well. Time for some fireworks methinks.

MATINEE

'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

The actor, who is awaiting the release 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

work is an otter-school way to gauge it mey just, 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 Deeuvani, and Malang, said he is fortunate to have been given opportunities to experiment with different gapter.

ferent genres.

"Malang was the first time I did action and thriller and that opened the door for other thrillers. But you have to make those decisions and then branch off into something else. With Ludo, it was comedy and romance in light-hearted space, which I did after a long time," he added. In his next, crime thriller

Gumraah, Roy will be see in dual roles of Arjun and Rahul. Directed by Vardhan Ketkar, the film is a remake of the 2019 Tamil hit Thadam.

The actor said the two characters look similar but they had to feel different.

"Like, their men tal state was different, their backent, their back-ground, the way of speaking was dif-ferent. It was a fun challenge, the Daawat-e-Ishq star says in conclusion.

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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

f 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 debated, doctors, through studies, believe that anxiety and depression can cause serious gastric issues — especially acid reflux. A famous saying among many doctors is that 'worry, hurry and curry can cause gastric ulcers'.

While your anxiety is causing gastric issues, you must also know that your depression 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





balanced, healthy diet maintains the necessary amount of vitamins and minerals in our body that are required for a healthy 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 terrible mood and can't find the reason, change your eating habits, and you might be surprised with the results.

"The deficiency of iron can cause fatigue and a sense of not being able to cope with routine. Or the slow-burning fibre from vegetables and whole grains that lend vegetables and whole grains that lend the prebiotics needed for a wellfunctioning gut that eventually benefits mental health," said Anupama Menon, wellness coach and founder of Right

Coach Living. Dr Saumya Muaga. Consultant-Hospital, Mudgal, Gurugram, believe Vitamins like B12, B1, helieves B6 have a major role in maintaining neuronal Health and the deficiencies 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

Vitamin D is a nutrient that is essential for the proper functioning of our mental health. A lack of vitamin D can significantly 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 deficient 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 disease, diabetes, and eclampsia in pregnancy," says **Dr Deepika Malik**, a general physician working with Delhi Government.

Take care of your gut

It is in our digestive tract that food is broken down and absorbed. If your gut is in any way compromised (and this is unfortunately very common these days) you will not be able

to get the nutrients you need into your cells, no matter how healthy your diet is.
"Your gut houses the body's second brain: the enteric nervous system and your healing are vous system and your brain are in constant communication and any issues within the gut can impact your mental being," says **M** Monique Functional and Lifestyle Jhingon, Nutritionist Consultant.

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, hormone

and neurotransmitter levels and your brain chemistry."

Hence, restoring balance by eating a diverse whole diverse, whole foods diet with plenty of colourful plant foods, fibre and fermented foods has a posi-tive ripple effect on our general and mental health and well-being.

Indulge in flow experiences

tudies 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 ful-filled. 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 finishing a suspense novel.



Practice yoga and meditation

routine yoga and meditation prac-A routine yoga and meditation practice can help young people to man-age 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 self-aware 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 ocusing on slow, gentle movements is especially helpful for those suffering from anxiety or depression. It helps practitioners get fitter and healthier on the inside-

ut." "Gratitude meditation which involves sending feelings of love and compassion to oneself and others can help young people to develop positive relationships with them-selves and others," he adds.

"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."

- MONIQUE JHINGON, Functional Nutritionist and Lifestyle Consultant.

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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.









STYLES loves his pearls. He has made iew ellery his signature ment



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



SWATI SHARMA

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Samarth Bajaj

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

singer wore a pair of necklaces from Mahesh Notandass F i n Gucci blazer and black Tshirt while the actor

s p o r t e d ornate neck jewellery he arrived at the event in all-black ethnic

"Men's jew-llery has ellery been a part of our culture and many many culother tures. It was a 1 w a y s regarded as a symbol of



wealth 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 &



dainty neckpieces to layered, chunky ones, as well as dangler earrings and ear cuffs



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

CEO, The Designer's Class.

Yes, there was a time when jew

ellery was considered primarily a feminine adornment, but this

isn't the case anymore. Men's jewellery is an extremely excit-

ing space right now, and it allows

men to express their fashion identity. It lets the men have fun





JARED LETO enjoys shimmer and

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



GUN KELLY opted for a corset-style Dolce & Gabbana top and vinyl leather trousers for his red car-pet walk, teaming it with a gem-set choker by House of Emmanuele





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





ASAP ROCKY is the undisputed champion of men's jew-ellery. 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

has been discussion about, and

w h a t you're seeing now in this decade is a beautiful evolution, evolu-tion 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, espe-cially 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 SALMA

tion of actors he said "these guys are talented but we five are 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."

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

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-vear-old boys

so many questions raised about Masculinity — how a man is

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

watching it. How will you react when your young daughter watches this under the pretext of watches this inder 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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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.



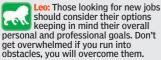
Taurus: Don't give into emotional considerations. Sharing your concerns with loved ones will ease some of your worries. Tackle important domestic issues.

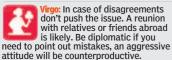


iini: Have confidence in your abilities and don't go out of your way to seek approval from others. Certain situations may leave you irritated, don't be impulsive.



cer: 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





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 undercur-rents so that you can nip misunderstandings before they escalate.



ittarius: Minor disruptions can make vou irritable. Career and domestic priorities may be leav-ing you with no time for personal activities. Work pressures could ease.



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



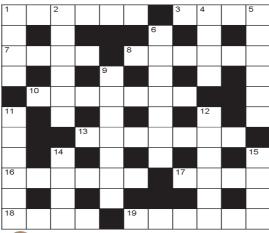
Aquarius: Weigh all your options carefully on both, the work and personal fronts. Don't allow pressures to get in the way of focusing on the details of important projects. Avoid arguments.



es: 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.

OUICK CROSSWORD



Across

1.Small glass ball (6)

3. Surgical sponge (4)

7. Diplomacy (4)

8. Salve (6)

10. Fnchant (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)

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. lota, 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.



What is the worst aspect of present-day society? Corruption? Drugs Terrorism? Vandalism?

In a way, these are all crimes. If only we had no crime, the world would be a much better place in which to live.

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.

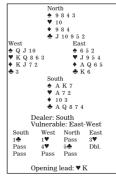
To pass on the first round and then to sacrifice in front of partner on the next, as North did here, is bad bridge. A supine two clubs or a preemptive three clubs on the first round communicates the key information about

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR STRIFE

North's hand: club support. Then North can leave the final decision to his partner.

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 feil. that four hearts was failing. However, rather than demand his partner be charged with some crime, Lennon set out to make his contract. Impossible, you say? Watch.

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



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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Word Mine

TODAY'S RATINGS: 23 AVERAGE; 25 GOOD; 28 OUTSTANDING

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

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 solution.

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

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 the SU DO KU puzzles printed and con-tribute mind teasers of your own at www.sudexel.com/ forum

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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

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O_1 O_2 M_3 O_2 O_1 O_2 O_3 O_4 Triple Word Score	RACK 1
S_1 D_2 L_1 M_3 T_1 I_1 A_1 3rd Letter Triple	
	RACK 2
A_1 I_1 O_1 D_2 I_1 R_1 U_1 Double Word Score	
	RACK 3
H_4 D_2 E_1 T_1 C_3 M_3 A_1	
PAR SCORE 150-160	RACK 4

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN =

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 ₁	RACK 2	= 77
R. I. O. T. E. R. S.	RACK 3	= 57
F ₄ A ₁ C ₃ T ₁ U ₁ A ₁ L ₁	RACK 4	= 68
PAR SCORE 150-160 JUDI	O'S TOTAL	228

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CALVIN AND HOBBES | Bill Watterson









THE WIZARD OF ID|Parker and Hartsd



ARCHIE|Bill Henry Scarpelli & craig boldman



BLONDIE|Dean Young and John Marshall



ANDY CAPP | Reg Smythe







AMAZING SPIDER-MAN|Stan Lee



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."

hocus focus



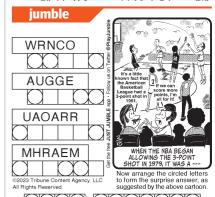
Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: 1. Back of chair is narrower, 2. Mouth is diff.

3. Earring is smaller, 4. Hairband is moved, 5. Mose is sm

6. Curtain is not as wide.



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



