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## CM lays foundation stone for elevated corridor from Paradise junction to Shameerpet

Hyderabad, March 7 (NSS): Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for Rajiv Rahadari ( State Highway 1) elevated corridor, which spans 18.1 km from Paradise Junction to Shameerpet, at a function held at TIMS, Alwal in Secunderabad on Thursday. The 18.1 kilometers corridor occupying a total area of 197.2 acres, with 113.48 acres belonging to defence and the remaining 83.72 acres as private land. Of the 18.1 kilometers, 11.2 kilometers is elevated corridor. Additionally, a 0.3-kilometer underground tunnel is part of the corridor. The project is being constructed at a cost Rs 2,232 crores.



## Congress and its allies misled people on Article 370 : PM Modi

Srinagar, Mar 7 (IANS) : In his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that Congress and its allies misled the people in the name of Article 370. Addressing a mammoth gathering at the Bakshi Stadium here on Thursday, the PM

said that the members of the Congress and their friends in J&K kept the people away from their basic rights. "They deceived the people in the name of Article 370 saying that the benefits of the people were because of this article while the benefits of these families were only linked with Article 370.

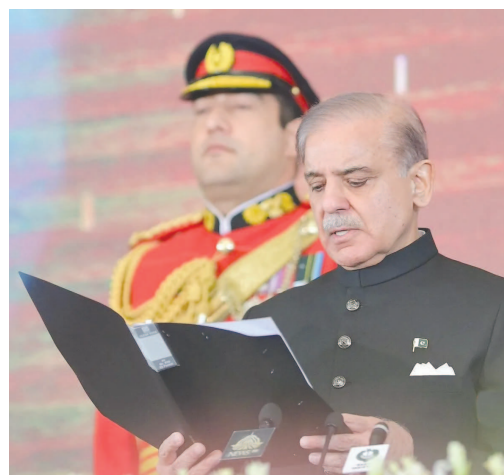
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## Sanskrit weaves nation's diversity into a thread of unity: President Murmu

New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) : President Droupadi Murmu said on Thursday that Sanskrit has woven the diversity of our vast land into a thread of unity. Many Indian languages ??have been strengthened by the vocabulary of Sanskrit and those languages ??are flourishing in different regions and states, she added while speaking at the first convocation of Central Sanskrit University in New Delhi. President Murmu said that Sanskrit is not only the

language of God but it is also that of the people. "The feeling of pride towards Indian culture is the basis of our national consciousness. Realising the rich culture of our country awakens a sense of pride. The heritage of our culture is preserved in the Sanskrit language. Therefore, spreading the cultural awareness available in Sanskrit language is a service to the nation," she added. She said that the women scholars like Gargi, Maitreyi, Apala and Lopamudra have made immortal contributions towards Sanskrit so women's participation should be maximum in it. President Murmu was happy to note that the number of boys and girls winning a gold medal at the convocation was almost equal. She praised the Central Sanskrit University for its efforts on women empowerment.



## Pakistan's new PM Shehbaz Sharif thanks PM Modi for 'felicitations'

Islamabad, Mar 7 (IANS) : Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's congratulatory message, Pakistan Muslim League (N) leader Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday extended his gratitude to the Indian Prime Minister after taking oath as Pakistan's 24th premier for a second time. The PML-N chief was administered the oath of office on Monday in a ceremony held at the presidential residence, taking charge of a country in the throes of a financial crisis. "Thank you @narendramodi for felicitations on my election as the Prime Minister of Pakistan," the 72-year-old leader wrote in a post on X. Sharif, the younger brother of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, served as the PM from April 11, 2022 to August 14, 2023, after the Imran Khan-led government lost a no-confidence motion.

## BRS leader Kavitha slams

## T'gana CM Revanth Reddy for being 'friendly' towards BJP

Hyderabad, Mar 7 (IANS) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha on Thursday criticised Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, saying the Congress leader was "being friendly" towards the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Kavitha, daughter of former Telangana chief minister KCR also claimed that Revanth Reddy is looking to remain in power for 10 years with the support of the BJP.



## KTR lashes out at CM Revanth Reddy



Karimnagar, Mar 7 (NSS): BRS party working president KT Rama Rao has lashed out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for making derogatory remarks against his party leadership, including CM KCR. He said the past didn't mean winning elections. KTR participated in the preparatory meeting of the BRS party organized at Karimnagar.



## SSC public exams from March 24 to April 2

Hyderabad, Mar 7 (NSS) : SSC public examination March-24 will be conducted from March 18 to April 2 and the timings are from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm expect for 1st language Composite Course and Science subjects. First language (Composite Course) timings are from 9.30 am to 12.50 pm and in case of Science, there are two parts i.e Part-I Physical Science, Part-II

Biological Science, timings are from 9.30 am to 11.30 am on two separate days.

A total of 5,08,385 (Boys 2,57,952, Girls 2,50,433) candidates registered for the examinations in 2676 examination centers throughout the State. Mobile Phones, Electronic Gadgets are strictly prohibited into the examination centers by the students and staff.

## Harish Rao slams Naidu for Palamuru backwardness

Siddipet, March 7 (NSS): BRS party MLA Harish Rao today blamed the then TDP and Congress rule for the backwardness of Mahabubnagar district. "If

CM Revanth has to scold anybody, he should scold his guru Chandrababu Naidu and blame the frauds committed by the Congress party.

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## Officials demolish MLA Rajasekhara Reddy's illegal college buildings

Hyderabad, Mar 7 (NSS) : Officials of the State government have demolished the buildings belonging to the college of former minister Mallareddy's son-in-law and BRS party Malkajigiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy. Demolition of two permanent buildings and six temporary sheds of Rajasekhara Reddy's Aeronautical.



**FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)]**  
**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1)**  
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad-500001.

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
**NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.**  
RC/168/2023 19-02-2024

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Versus  
M/s.P.S. Bore Drills Basupally

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(CD 1) M/s. P.S. Bore Drills Basupally Pallavi, Basupally Narsimha Reddy Represented by its Proprietor, Mrs. B. Pallavi, Plot No.79, H.No.1-10-28/228/79, Nagarjuna Nagar Colony, Hyderabad 500062 Hyderabad-0  
(CD 2) Mrs. Basupally Pallavi D/o Basupally Narsimha Reddy, Aged about 30 years, Occ: Business, R/O. H.No.1-10-28/228/79/1, Nagarjuna Nagar Colony, ECL, Keesara, Hyderabad 500062

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT1) in OA/154/2022 an amount of Rs.33,08,618.78(Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and paise Seventy Eight Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 12% simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 20-05-2022 till realization and costs of Rs.69,500/- (Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) has become due against you (Jointly and Severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under  
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.  
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 25-03-2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.  
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:  
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.  
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 19-02-2024

Sd/- Recovery Officer  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

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Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032  
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**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiram Finance Limited, (Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Arium Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 05th MAR 2024

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1.Kiran Kumar Peddamallu W/o. Chandra Shekar Reddy Aged About 51 Years, Occ: Business, O/O. M/S. Sri Sai Aloukika Handlooms, Plot No. 29 & 30, Shop No.2, Srinivasa Nagar, Raathnagiri, Nizampet, Hyderabad, R/O. Plot.No.104, B-Block, Sri Laxmi Grand Apartments, Pragathi Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500090 IInd Add: 46, Dollar Hills, Opp: Jntu, Pragathi Nagar, Nizampet, K.V.Rangareddy-500090. Illrd Add: Peddakudala Village, Lingala Mandal, Y.S.R.District-516396. 2. Peddamallu Chandra Shekar Reddy S/o. Samba Siva Reddy Aged About 52 Years, R/O. Plot.No.104, B-Block, Sri Laxmi Grand Apartments, Pragathi Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500090 IInd Add: 46, Dollar Hills, Opp: Jntu, Pragathi Nagar, Nizampet, K.V.Rangareddy-500090. Illrd Add: Peddakudala Village, Lingala Mandal, Y.S.R.District-516396. 3. Peddamallu Gayathri D/o. Chandra Shekar Reddy Aged About 25 Years, R/O. Plot.No.104, B-Block, Sri Laxmi Grand Apartments, Pragathi Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500090 IInd Add: 46, Dollar Hills, Opp: Jntu, Pragathi Nagar, Nizampet, K.V.Rangareddy-500090. Illrd Add: Peddakudala Village, Lingala Mandal, Y.S.R.District-516396. And Also At Peddamallu Gayathri D/o. Chandra Shekar Reddy, R/O. Plot No.33 Admeasuring 267 Sq.Yards, Plot No.34, Admeasuring 267 Sq.Yards, Plot No.35 Admeasuring 400 Sq.Yards, Plot No.36 Admeasuring 400 Sq.Yards, Plot No.37 Admeasuring 267 Sq.Yards Plot No.38 Admeasuring 267 Sq.Yards Thus The Total Admeasuring 1868 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 1561.64 Sq.Mts In Survey No.93/2e, 93/2f, 93/2C, 93/2G, 93/2H And 93/2Dh Vide Approved L.P.No.01/ Lo/Hmda/Pig/SHz/2011 Dated 18/01/2011, Situated At Dawoodguda Hamlet, Pulimamidi Revenue Village And Gram Panchayath, Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist. 4. <b>Renu Babu Pamulapati S/o. Sivaiah</b> Aged About 41 Years, R/O. Plot No.410, D-Block, Vertex Plesent, Brundhavan Colony, Hydernagar, Tirumalgiri, Hyderabad-500072	Rs. 49,50,857/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven only)

**SECURITY/706150008 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:(Property holder Name is Peddamallu Gayathri D/o. Chandra Shekar Reddy. Mortgage deed dated 20.06.2017 Registered as Document No 4958/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Maheswaram. All that the Plot No.33 admeasuring 267 sq.yards, Plot No.34, admeasuring 267 sq.yards, Plot No.35 admeasuring 400 sq.yards, Plot No.36 admeasuring 400 sq.yards, Plot No.37 admeasuring 267 sq.yards, Plot No.38 admeasuring 267 sq.yards thus the total admeasuring 1868 sq.yards or equivalent to 1561.64 Sq.mts in survey No.93/2 E, 93/2F, 93/2C, 93/2G, 93/2H and 93/2Dh vide Approved L.P.No.01/LO/HMDA/Pig/SHz/2011 dated 18/01/2011, situated at Dawoodguda Hamlet, Pulimamidi Revenue Village and Gram Panchayath, Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist, Bounded as Follows : North : Plot No.32 and 39. South : Proposed 40' Wide Road East : Proposed 40' Wide Road West : Proposed 40' Wide Road.**

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Kandukur - Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Date: 05-03-2024 Shiram Finance Limited

**BOI** Bank of India  
**JYOTHI NAGAR BRANCH: H.No.4-6-274, Medipalli Centre, Jyothinagar (NTPC), Ramagundam, Pin-505215, Peddapalli Dist., Ph.0872827175ail:jyothinagar.telangana@bankofindia.co.in**

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
**[Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)]**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the BANK OF INDIA under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 06th day of March of the year 2024.

The borrower (s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA, Jyothi Nagar Branch for an amount of The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name and Address of Borrowers:** Shri Gundaboina Laxmaiah S/o. Komuraiah, resident of Q.No.B-8/37, NTPC Township, Ramagundam MdI and Peddapalli district-505215. and Co-applicant Smt. Udyamari Padma W/o Gundaboina Laxmaiah resident of Q.No.B-8/37, NTPC Township, Ramagundam MdI and Peddapalli district-505215. Demand Notice Date: 13-09-2023  
**Outstanding Amount: Rs.45,37,447.55 (Rupees Forty Five lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Fifty Five) + interest @ 10.00% p.a. from 28-10-2023 and Rs. 84,930.35 plus interest @ 14.10% p.a. Compounded with monthly rests from 28-10-2023.**  
**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel of RCC Roofed Building Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor bearing H.No.4-2-243/2 in Sy. No. 566/B, admeasuring 588.70 Sq Yards eq. to 492.22 Sq Mts. Out of which the Plinth Area of RCC Roofed is 1818.00 Sq. ft and Plinth Area 432.00 Sq. ft of G.I sheets in Ground Floor and Plinth Area of RCC Roofed is 1818.00 Sft semi-finished of First Floor and plinth area of RCC Roofed is 512.56 Sq. ft in Second Floor and 80.81 Sq. ft toilets and an area of 1136.17 Sq. Feet Balcony situated at Bheemunipatnam Sub Road, NTPC Locality of Medipally (PM) village Municipal Corporation Ramagundam, Mandal Parishad Ramagundam District Karimnagar (New: Peddapalli) within registration District Karimnagar (New: Peddapalli), sub District Peddapalli stands in the name of Shri. Gundaboina Laxmaiah. . **Bounded: On the North by:** Dead End Way. **On the South by:** Road. **On the East by:** House of Sarojini and Others (H.No.Nil). **On the West by:** H.No.4-2-243/1 of Ch. Kamala Devi.

2. **Name and Address of Borrowers:** Shri. Srinivas Goud Bolgam S/o. Bolgam Ramachandram, resident of H.No.6-4-11/1, Barahimam Street, Siddipet City and district-502103 and Guarantor: Smt. Bolgam Laxmi W/o. Bolgam Ramachandram resident of H.No.19/6/428/1, Laxminagar, GodavariKhan, Ramagundam, Peddapalli District-505209. Demand Notice Date: 13-09-2023  
**Outstanding Amount: Rs.8,27,657.26 (Rupees Eight lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven and Paise Twenty Six) and interest thereon.**  
**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel of the residential property consisting of House No. 19-6-428/1/1, In Survey No. 660 admeasuring 121.00 Sq. Yds situated at Laxminagar, GodavariKhan, Ramagundam Mandal, Peddapalli District, Telangana, stands in the name of Smt. Bolgam Laxmi Within the registration Sub-district Peddapalli and District Peddapalli. **Bounded: On the North by:** Existing 12' wide Road (proposed 30' wide Road). **On the South by:** Land of Mr. Rajesham. **On the East by:** Land of Mr. Narsimulu. **On the West by:** Land of Rajesham.

Date: 06-03-2024, Place: Jyothi Nagar Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of India

## Harish Rao slams Naidu for Palamuru backwardness

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"Chandrababu's sins and the shortcomings of the Congress party have turned into curses in Palamuru," he alleged. He condemned the remarks made by CM Revanth Reddy at Palamuru.  
Harish Rao was speaking to media persons along with party leaders in Sangareddy. "TDP and Congress are responsible for Palamuru migration," he said, adding that the previous governments had changed the names of the projects but did not complete the works. "Palamuru projects were turned into pending projects during the Congress rule. KCR has converted those pending projects into running projects," he said. He made it clear that it was KCR, who made Palamuru green. He asked as to how Mahabubnagar now.



Today Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Bengaluru South organised International Women's day. Respected Zonal Head Shri Navneet Kumar inaugurated the function. Shri Asim Kumar Pal given welcome address. Ms. Radha Gundalli, Deputy Controller of store and purchases, K.S.R.T.C was the chief guest. Women executives, Branch Managers and all lady staffs have participated. During the function Zonal Head felicitated 5 lady customers and staffs of our bank. Various cultural programme presented by lady staff members.



## DK Aruna slams CM Revanth for talking like Opposition leader

**Mahabubnagar, Mar 7 (IANS) :** BJP national senior leader DK Aruna today lambasted Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for talking like an Opposition leader even after joining Congress party and becoming Chief Minister of Telangana State. The BJP leader convened a meeting with the party activists of Mahabubnagar district on Thursday. Addressing her party men on the occasion, Aruna said CM Revanth Reddy, as usual, was talking like an Opposition leader thinking that he was still in an Opposition party. She also ridiculed Revanth Reddy for behaving like a man, who has no confidence on his own rule. The BJP leader said if anybody in the ruling Congress becomes another 'Eknath Shinde'

the government would certainly collapse in no time. She also advised CM Revanth Reddy to shun political talk and apply his mind on the administration of the State. She also lamented that Revanth Reddy was lashing out at the BRS and BJP parties relentlessly since he took oath as Chief Minister three months ago. DK Aruna warned CM Revanth Reddy that he has no right to talk against the beloved Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



## International womens day fete -2024 at Telanagana State Pollution Control Board

**Hyderabad, Mar 7 (TIM Bureau) :** As a part of International Womens day - 2024 which falls on March 8 Telangana State Pollution Control Board employees Association celebrated womens's day on 7-3-2024 in a grand way at Board office Sanathnagar-Hyd Chief Environmental Engineer B.Raghu graced the celebrations on this occasion as chief Guest "Speaking on the occasion he appreciated the women for their contribution for upliftment of society apart

fulfilling their family responsibilities. He stressed the importance of their role in development of nation. He emphasized that women should act independently in taking decisions. The innovations shown by women in handling the issues are greatly appreciable and laudable. "Women employees regular and outsourcing staff from Technical, Scientific, Administrative, Accounts and Housekeeping of PCB took part in this celebrations.

## Congress and its allies misled people on Article 370 : PM Modi

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"They kept the people chained in shackles for their personal benefit and now those shackles have been broken," PM Modi said. He said that the people have been given their basic rights after the abrogation of Article 370. "People have now equal rights and opportunities. West Pakistan refugees, members of Valmiki Samaj, Safaikaramcharis have voting rights now. Paharis have got their ST status after remaining deprived of it for the last 70 years. Similarly, Gaddi Brahmins and Kohlis have got their rights." "We have given representation to weaker sections of the society in Panchayats, semi urban and urban bodies. The PM also took potshots at INDIA bloc leaders for making per-

sonal attacks' against him. He said that those who allege that he has no family need to understand that the people of Kashmir and the rest of the country are Modi's family. A visibly happy and emotionally stirred Prime Minister said that the members of the past ruling dynasties often say that he has no family. "They must understand that the people of Jammu Kashmir and the rest of the country are Modi's family. Today, I am in this paradise on Earth and my feelings are beyond my capacity to express them in words," he stated. "I am told that in addition to the massive gathering inside the Stadium today over one lakh more people in 285 blocks of J&K are seeing and listening to me by joining this programme through

the use of technology. This is the 'Naya Jammu Kashmir for which Syama Prasad Mukherji sacrificed his life," the PM said. "By seeing your smiling faces, more than 140 crore people of the rest of the country are feeling reassured and satisfied today. Your large presence and the love today has made me more indebted to you people and I will leave no stone unturned in returning this love manifold more," he stressed. "Ye Chu Modiyun Guarantee' (This is Modi's guarantee)", he said in Kashmiri language. He said this love is the guarantee of Modi's guarantee to the people of Kashmir. The Prime Minister said that the last time he came to Jammu and inaugurated projects worth Rs 32,000 crore.

"And in a short time from then, I am among you in Srinagar. I have inaugurated new schemes today, given appointment letters to more than 1000 youth," he said. "Jammu Kashmir is not just a region, it is the crown of India and the crown must always rise high in the fields of development and progress of the country." "In the past, the benefits of national schemes and programmes were not passed on to the people of J&K, but after the abrogation of article 370, these benefits are now directly available to the people here." "We have sanctioned integrated development of the holy shrine of Hazratbal.

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, **MASUDA** (Old Name), H.No.19-1-59, Ashok Nagar, Bellampalli, Mancherla Dist - 504251, T.S. have changed my name as **SYED MASUDA** (New Name), W/o. SYED FAYAZ UDDIN for all purposes.

## Pakistan's new PM Shehbaz Sharif thanks PM Modi for 'felicitations'

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In contrast to his message in April 2022 when he spoke of "peace and stability in a region free of terror" and "peace and prosperity of people", PM Modi kept his

congratulatory post very short this time, and just said "Congratulations". Sharif emerged as the consensus candidate of the PML-N and the PPP after they agreed on

a power-sharing deal to form a coalition government in Pakistan. "PM Shehbaz Sharif worked day and night for the development of Pakistan.





### Raj minister Kirodi Lal Meena submits

### 'evidence' to SOG in 2021 SI recruitment exam scam

**Jaipur, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Rajasthan minister Kirodi Lal Meena on Thursday submitted 'evidence' to the Special Operations Group (SOG) claiming that about 300-400 candidates were fraudulently selected in the SI recruitment examination of 2021. Meena also raised the demand for a thorough investigation into the matter based on the evidence submitted by him, claiming that fake selections took place in the Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS) recruitment of 2018 as well. The minister said that over 850 candidates were recruited by the previous Congress government after the sub-inspector recruitment examination in 2021. "I have already exposed large-scale fraud regarding the recruitment process. About a dozen FIRs have been registered regarding fraud in the recruitment examination, but no

action has been taken yet," he said. The minister also said that about 859 candidates are currently undergoing training at the Rajasthan Police Academy after being selected through the SI recruitment examination in 2021. "If the videography/call letter (from RPSC) of the centre where the selected candidates appeared for the examination is released and the faces of the selected candidates at the RPA are matched with those who appeared for the exam, hundreds of candidates will be found to be fake," he said. Meena also claimed that he saw the interview of a selected girl, who was not able to name the President of the country, adding that he has proof to show that a male candidate took the examination on her behalf.

## 'People of Madhya Pradesh will give befitting reply to Cong in LS polls'

**Bhopal, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Madhya Pradesh BJP President V.D. Sharma on Thursday hit out at Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, whose 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' is passing through the state, and said that the people of the state will give the latter a befitting reply in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections for not attending the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. Referring to the first leg of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' that had also

people of Madhya Pradesh have already rejected the Congress for its "appeasement politics" during the assembly election held in November last year, and they will give a befitting reply in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections for not attending the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. Referring to the first leg of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' that had also

passed through the state ahead of the Assembly elections, Sharma said, "His yatra had covered 22 assembly seats, and the Congress lost all of them, and this time as well, nothing will change. People of Madhya Pradesh will give him a befitting reply for his double standard politics." After a day halt, Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' resumed from Shivpuri district on



its third day in the state on Thursday and reached Raghogarh, the home town of veteran Congress leader Digvijaya Singh.

### Father of Kerala youth found dead in hostel wants murder charges against Dean, Asst Warden

**Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The father of a youth named Siddharth, who was found hanging in his hostel room at the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Pookode, on February 18, has demanded framing of murder charge against two officials of the institute who have been placed under suspension. Reacting to the suspension of the two officials, Siddharth's father of Jayaprakash .S. Siddharth said they should be charged for murder. The suspended officials include the Dean of the institute, M.K. Narayanan, and Assistant Warden, R. Kanthanathan. Jayaprakash claimed that both these officials knew everything about how his son was "brutally tortured and killed" in the hostel. "The need of the hour is framing of murder charges against the two officials. Mere suspension will not suffice," said Jayaprakash. Last week, Jayaprakash had said that his son could never commit suicide, as he alleged that Siddharth was tortured and killed by student members of the SFI in the college. So far, 18 accused persons have been arrested in connection with the case. On Thursday, Governor Arif



Mohammed Khan, in his capacity as the Chancellor of the university, had suspended the Vice Chancellor of the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, M.R. Saseendranath. Commenting on the issue, Union Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan, said on Thursday, "What happened at the Pookode college is a case of IS model torture and murder. The probe should be undertaken by a central agency. It's unfortunate that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has not met yet the grieving family."

## Seat-sharing deal between JD-S and BJP in Karnataka in a week: Deve Gowda

**Bengaluru, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Janata Dal-Secular President and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Thursday said that seat-sharing deal between his party and the BJP in Karnataka is in its final stages and should be completed in about a week. Addressing reporters at the

party headquarters J.P. Bhavan here, he said that his son and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had already held talks with the BJP leaders. Probably, if he sits for another time on the issue and discusses the matter, everything would be finalised, he added. To a question on whether Kumaraswamy will contest the Lok Sabha polls, Deve Gowda said that in a week, the seat-sharing deal will be done and Kumaraswamy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



### DA case: Karnataka HC stays special court order on handover of Jayalalithaa's seized jewellery

**Bengaluru, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Karnataka High Court on Thursday stayed the special court order on handing over the jewellery of late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa to the Tamil Nadu government. A bench, headed by Justice P.M. Nawaz, issued the order while hearing the petition by the late AIADMK chief's niece, J. Deepa, who is Jayalalithaa's legal heir and contended that all the

jewellery, valuables, and other seized materials should be handed over to her. The court also issued notice to the state government to file objections in this regard and adjourned the matter to March 26. Counsel for the petitioner submitted that Jayalalithaa was no more when the Supreme Court ruled that she was not an accused in the case of owning disproportionate assets. Judge H.A. Mohan of the special court had set the dates of March 6 and March 7 for the



handover of gold, diamond, silver, and ruby jewellery, and other valuables worth crores of rupees, belonging to the late AIADMK chief to the Tamil Nadu government. These items were seized by authorities in connection with the case. Two officials from the Tamil Nadu government were assigned to receive the jewels.



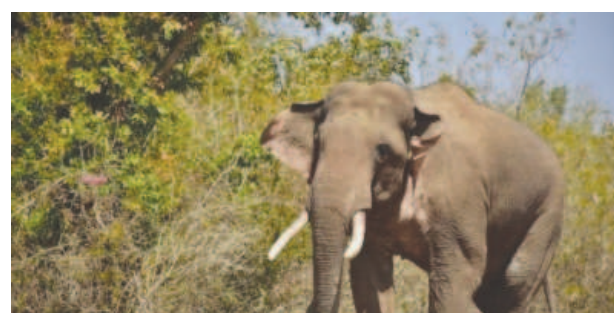
### NC to field Omar Abdullah, Mian Altaf, Syed Ruhullah from Kashmir Valley in LS polls

**Srinagar, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The National Conference (NC) on Thursday announced its three candidates who will contest the three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir Valley.

## Two more killed in Kerala in attacks by wild animals

**Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 7 (IANS) :** A day after a woman was crushed to death by a wild elephant in Kerala's Ernakulam district, a man in the state's Kozhikode succumbed to injuries suffered in a wild gaur attack, and another woman was trampled to death by a wild jumbo in Thrissur. Abraham,

70, who was injured in an attack by a wild gaur at Kakkayam on Thursday afternoon, breathed his last at the Kozhikode Medical College hospital on Thursday evening. In the other incident, Valsala, 64, who was collecting forest produce near a forest in Thrissur on Thursday, was trampled to death by a wild el-



ephant. The two deaths reported on Tuesday have now taken the death toll due to man-animal conflict to seven in the past five weeks in the state. Three similar incidents were reported from

Wayanad, two from Idukki, and one each from Ernakulam and Thrissur.

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount Due	as per Demand Notice
1) Shoba Rani Vadukala W/o. Ramesh Aged About 51 Years, Occ: Business, O/O. M/S. Shoba Enterprises, Plot No. 537, Bhupesh Gupta Nagar, Hasthinapuram, Lb Nagar, Hyderabad-500079 R/O.H.No.1-7-152/O/5/C, Plot.No.30, New Gunj, Kothacheruvud, Mahabubnagar Town & District-509001 Ind Add: Plot No.8, H.No. 8-3-96/5/8, Sri Ramana Colony, Phase-1, Rajeev Shetty Nagar, Karmanghat, K.V.Ranga Reddy Dist-500079.	Rs. 92,45,094/-	(Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Forty Five Thousand and Ninety Four only)
2. Vadakula Ramesh S/o. Buchiah Aged About 56 Years, Occ: Employee, O/O Union Bank Of India, Medipally H.No. 241, Near Hanuman Temple, Mudigonda Mandal, Khammam Dist-507158. R/O.H.No.1-7-152/O/5/C, Plot.No.30, New Gunj, Kothacheruvud, Mahabubnagar Town & District-509001 Ind Add: Plot No.8, H.No. 8-3-96/5/8, Sri Ramana Colony, Phase-1, Rajeev Shetty Nagar, Karmanghat, K.V.Ranga Reddy Dist-500079. 3. K Mohan Raju S/o. Baswa Raju Aged About 44 Years, Occ: Business, O/O. M/S. Jumbo Water Servicing Unit, H.No H.No 1-7-152/O/5/C, Plot.No.30, New Gunj, Kothacheruvud, Mahabubnagar Town & District-509001 R/O. H.No. 1-9-1/1, Sanjay Nagar, New Gunj, Mahabubnagar Town & District-509001		

**HBSGDTE161290001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :** (Property holder Name is Vadakula Ramesh S/o. Buchiah, Mortgage deed dated 02.01.2017 Registered as Document No.062017, on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Mahabubnagar, Mahabubnagar District, Mahabubnagar Sub-District, Mahabubnagar Municipality, Ward No.1, Block No.7, Mahabubnagar Town, New Gunj Street, Plot No.30, Site an extent of 213.33 Sq.yards or 178.36 Sq.Mts in that House bearing Door No. 1-7-152/O/5/C, Bounded by East:House No. 1-7-152/A/2 of Purushotham Lakotija West : Plot No.29 site of Indira North : 30 ft Wide Road/ South : House No.1-7-152/A/3/1 of Shamaia Agarwal.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Mahabubnagar Date: 05-03-2024 - Sd/- Authorized Officer Shiram Finance Limited

**FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)]**  
**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2)**  
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad-500001.

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
**NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.**  
RC/244/2023 28-02-2024

Canara Bank  
Versus  
Sanjana Enterprises

To  
(CD 1) Sanjana Enterprises, Sanjana Enterprises Complex Near TV9 Road No2, Banjarahills, Hyderabad Also at : H.No.10-5-625, North Tukaram Gate, Lalaguda, Secunderabad.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT2) in OA/94/2022 an amount of Rs.95,52,699.62(Rupees Ninety Five lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Sixty Two Only) along with penalties and future interest @ 9.50% simple Interest Yearly, w.e.f. 05-02-2022, till realization and costs of Rs.1,38,310/- (One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ten Only) has become due against you (Jointly and Severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 26-03-2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:  
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.  
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 28-02-2024

Sd/- Recovery Officer  
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1) SHEKAR GOUD PEDIRIPATI S/o. Bala Kistiah Aged About 52 Years, Occ: Managing Director, O/o. Flat No. S2 2nd Floor Vijaya Priya Apartments, Priya Colony, Opp: Sai Baba Temple, Gudimalkapur, Mehdiplanam, Hyderabad-500028 R/o. H.No.3, 105/1, Plot No. 16, Sai Enclave, Thandupally, Shamshabad, Hyderabad-509325. 2. Pediripati Saritha W/o. Shekar Goud Aged About 39 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H.No.3-105/1 Plot No. 16, Sai Enclave, Thandupally, Shamshabad, Hyderabad-509325. 3. Y.Anjaiah S/o. Not Known Aged Major R/O. H.No. 1-129, Bollapally vill, Shamshabad, Hyderabad-501218	Rs. 1,27,60,160/-	(Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred and Sixty only)

**SECURITIZATION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** (Property holder Name is Pediripati Saritha W/o. Shekar Goud, Mortgage deed dated 18.08.2011 Registered as Document No.2264/2011 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Shamshabad. All that the House bearing no.3-105/1, Plot No.16/part measuring 324 sq.yards or 271.12 sq.mts., in Sy.Nos. 7/9/10, 8/10/10/10 situated at Sai Enclave, Thandupally Gram Panchayath and Village Accounts, Shamshabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Shamshabad Sub District, and bounded on the : East : 10 ft wide Road West : House of Bikhshapathi. North : Plot No.16/part South : Plot No.16/part.With in this site an extent of 324 Sq.yards of vacant site and in it constructed RCC building with all fixtures and appurtenant site therin.

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Place: Shamshabad Date: 05-03-2024 - Sd/- Authorized Officer Shiram Finance Limited

**DOCUMENTS LOST**

I, Sajja Rama Mohana Rao, S/o. Sajja Veeriah, aged around 88 years, R/O. Flat No.501, Moon Light Residency, Siddhartha Nagar, Hyderabad-500038, in my individual capacity bring it to the notice of all the concerned that Original Sale Deed Document bearing No. 10912 of 2009 dated 03.12.2009 pertaining to Open Plot No. 299 in 'Sai Ambica' layout of Jana Chaitanya Housing (P) Ltd. admeasuring 400 Sq.Yds. in Sy. Nos. 104 & 109 situated at Ameenpur (V), Patancheru (M), Medak Dist., Registered in the name of my Son i.e. Mr. Sajja Vijay Kumar, aged about 58 years, with District Registrar, Medak at Sangareddy, have been lost in Transit. Finders may please hand them over at the Gachibowli PS, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.



## OPINIONmail

INDIAN ECONOMY IS GOING STRONG  
BUT DOUBTS ARISE ON THE RELEASE OF  
8.4% FIGURE BEFORE POLL EVE

The GDP release from the National Statistical Office on Friday, showing a growth of 8.4% in the fourth quarter has befuddled economists and experts and the financial markets. These releases of the GDP numbers start a veritable season of oneupmanship among the economists and commentators to prove how good they are in statistical jugglery and finding loopholes. This time the detailed figures have caught people off guard. Economists give their projections and estimates of what could be the possible forthcoming growth figures. This has become an established game and newspapers to new agencies and others express their views on growth prospects. This is a standard game now.

What had happened is none could come near the actual figures in their forecasts. Almost to a man, it was between 6% and 6.5%. Now, it has turned out to be much higher at 8.4%. How do you reconcile your shortfalls with the reality as shown by NSO. This begs the question how true are the NSO calculations. It is just a statistical manipulation in the election season. After all, a general election is set to happen in the next two months and a growing economy is an asset. The government can claim its success in steering the Indian economy to a high growth trajectory. There is no gainsaying that the Indian economy is on a roll. There is a momentum of growth and you can see it around you if you happen to visit a market. The stores are full and flowing, people are buying the stuff, there is a spending spree among certain sections. If you are travelling on the metro trains, you find people reasonably well dressed and well-shod.

And unlike in the old days, you don't come across many who are really deprived of the basic minimum. The earlier idiom of the "Have-nots" has disappeared and does not any longer appeal, including on the TV sets. The fact of the matter is the economy is on its own steam and no government really can push the growth path up substantially. It can of course derail it and bring curse upon the country with a sagging economy.

The critical factor appears to be the government's acts of omissions than commissions that determine the course of the economy — both in the short term as well as in the long.

Take two examples. The sudden move to demonetise the currency by the present government was a rude shock to the economy and it created a situation in which a large part of the players were badly hit. Parts of the economy — mainly informal small scale players — had come to a halt. That was in the short term. The economy leapt back later but some damage was done. The second example — that of long term set back — is more controversial and would be denied by many. India's earlier predominant policy of restrictions and sheltered economy reserving the commanding heights of the economy, so called, had proved to be a disaster. Keeping the telecommunications sector reserved crimped the entire segment. We all remember — that is, those who are now old — how difficult it used to be to get even a mere telephone connection or thereafter put a call through.

Without freeing up the telecommunications industry we could never have the IT revolution in the country and its subsequent impact on the overall economy. Industry in India was emasculated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956. One of the first acts of reform in 1991 was to scrap that into the dustbin. The reason for going into such forays from the immediate business of last quarter GDP growth is to say that at long last India has more or less a stable framework within which to work and this gives a measure of freedom to the ground level players to take their rational decisions. There is no doubt that there is a certain buoyancy in the Indian economy, no matter what the bubbles over the decimal point changes have been over the quarters.

(By Anjan Roy)

EDITORIAL  
the indian mailAFTER RAJYA SABHA  
POLLS JOLT, AKHILESH  
YADAV HAS TURNED  
AGGRESSIVE

After initial shock received during loss of one seat in Rajya Sabha polls due to cross voting by seven party MLAs, Samajwadi Party national President Akhilesh Yadav has shown newfound aggression against BJP.

Samajwadi Party had put up three candidates for Rajya Sabha as per the total strength of INDIA block in UP Assembly. The third candidate required only two votes extra but the eighth candidate of BJP ensured victory due to cross voting by seven SP MLAs.

Instead of being crestfallen, Akhilesh Yadav adopted aggressive posture and launched attack on those MLAs involved in cross voting and blamed pressure and money power for entire operation. Now Akhilesh Yadav will seek disqualification of seven SP MLAs who participated in cross voting in Rajya Sabha polls.

MODI HIJACKS CONGRESS  
GUARANTEES AND MAKES A BIG SHOW  
OF IT FOR 2024 LOK SABHA POLL

In the high-stakes world of Indian politics, promises are currency. They sway voters, ignite debates, and shape the destiny of a nation. As the 2024 parliamentary elections loom large, the battle lines are drawn, and the air is thick with rhetoric. At the heart of this electoral drama lies the concept of guarantees. Guarantee was essentially a Congress ploy. It was used in the assembly elections with eminent success. Congress offered five guarantees, including Rs 5,000 monthly allowance to every deserving family, jobs for unemployed youth, improved healthcare infrastructure, revamping of the education system and comprehensive support for farmers. But apart from the

monthly allowance, the other guarantees lacked specific milestones, which made fulfilment difficult to track. Modi's penchant for words and phrases with mass appeal is unmatched. He could see how the Congress guarantee could play out in the elections and therefore launched a broadside straightaway. He described the Congress guarantees as a dangerous free revdi (sweets) culture, which would in the long run prove disastrous.

(IPA Service)

GEORGE GALLOWAY'S BIG WIN IN ROCHDALE  
MARKS A WELCOME TURN IN BRITISH POLITICS

By-election results are not necessarily the most perfect indicators of likely general election results, but George Galloway's stunning victory in the Rochdale constituency in Britain highlights factors which have an important national significance.

As the victorious candidate said, it is a victory for the Palestinian people and for Gaza.

But it is also a powerful blow against the consensus politics of the Establishment "parties of government." It reflects the deep crisis of legitimacy that decades of neoliberalism, austerity and war have produced.

As the mainstream media suppressed coverage of the Rochdale campaign, local issues joined with a heightened sensitivity to global politics to produce a thoroughgoing

rejection of Westminster-style politics.

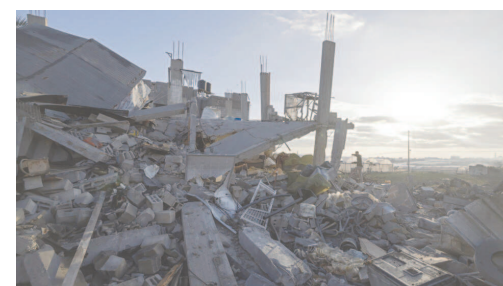
It would be wrong to characterise Galloway's votes as exclusively harvested by his long-standing anti-imperialism and his solidarity with the Palestinian people. At slightly below 40 per cent and with a total bigger than the Westminster parties combined, it was also a pointed expression of the deep alienation of much of

working-class Britain from consensus politics. The 6,000 votes cast for a local independent candidate that otherwise might have gone to the "parties of government" are another expression of this sentiment.

Turnout in Rochdale was higher than usual for by-elections. Drill deeper into the statistics and we find that the highest-ever Labour vote in Rochdale was won by Jeremy Corbyn's Labour in 2017 and that even the subsequent campaign of character assassination that the former Labour leader endured only eroded the 2019 votes by a small margin and resulted in the second-highest Labour vote ever recorded in this overwhelmingly working-class town. There are some signs that people in the Labour Party are beginning to grasp the depth of the crisis of working-class confidence in Labour.

The logic of the first-past-the-post electoral system inevitably results in a powerful subjective pressure to corral progressive and working-class voters around whoever wears the red and yellow rosette.

(IPA Service)

CEASEFIRE TALKS ARE ABOUT  
MORE THAN A GAZA TRUCE  
AND PRISONER EXCHANGE

A proposed temporary Gaza ceasefire and prisoner exchange appears designed to buy war-battered Gazans relief while enabling Israel and Hamas to claim a success. However, whether Israel or Hamas emerges as the ultimate victor will be determined by whether the truce becomes permanent and the war ends.

(IPA Service)

PANKAJ UDHAS BROUGHT GHAZALS TO THE  
HEARTS OF COMMON PEOPLE THROUGH ITS SIMPLICITY

A voice that breathed tunefulness, long and heart break has been stilled for ever. Pankaj Udhas is no more; but his ghazals will transcend generations. Udhas was certainly not a one-song singer. But whenever one takes his name, the song Chitthi Aye Hai comes to mind. It was a song of authenticity conveying a father's feelings for his expatriate son. There was an acces-

sibility about it which was all his own. This song plumbed the depths of a nation's heart. Many wept hearing it which turned out to be the rewards for Udhas who had poured his heart out on the lyrics of Anand Bakshi in the film Naam.





## Number of worshippers allowed into Al-Aqsa for Ramadan 'same as before': Israel

**Jerusalem, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Israel will not impose new limits on the number of worshippers allowed into Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the first week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the Prime Minister's office (PMO) has said. The decision was made following a meeting of the country's top security officials on prayers at the site, which is holy to both Muslims and Jews, Xinhua news agency reported, citing a statement issued by the PMO on Thursday. "Ramadan is sacred to Muslims; its sanctity will be upheld this year, as it is every year," the PMO said. During the first week of the fasting month of Ramadan, which begins this year around March 11, the access of worshippers to the site will be permitted, said the office, adding the number of worshippers will be "similar to that in previous years," without specifying the exact figure. "A weekly assessment of security and safety will be held, and a decision will be made accordingly," it noted.



## Japan police launch probe into possible luxury watch rental scam

**Tokyo, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Japan's police have launched an investigation into a luxury watch rental operator based in Osaka, Japan, after they received more than 40 complaints about the firm, local media reported on Thursday. Luxury brand watch owners using Toke Match said their watches worth hundreds of thousands of US dollars

have not been returned after the operator announced on its website that it was shutting down its service at the end of January, adding that unreturned items were being sold at a flea market app, the public broadcaster NHK reported.



## Peru's PM steps down amid allegations of corruption

**Lima, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Peruvian Prime Minister Alberto Otarola has resigned from the post after an audio linking him to alleged irregular hiring of a young woman in the public sector was released. "After conversations with the President of the Republic, Dina Boluarte, I have taken the decision to submit my resignation as the Prime Minister," he

told reporters on Thursday, stating that "the baseness" of his political adversaries does not daunt him, Xinhua news agency reported. He added that his decision has two objectives, the first being "to give tranquility to the President to recompose the ministerial cabinet," and the second to allow her to continue working "as she has been doing."

## Houthis claim attacks on 2 US warships in Red Sea

**Sanaa, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Yemen's Houthis said they launched multiple missile and drone attacks against two US Navy warships in the Red Sea on Thursday night. "We carried out a qualitative military operation, targeting two American warships in the Red Sea. The operation was carried out with a number of naval missiles and drones," Houthi mili-

tary spokesperson Yahya Saree said in a statement aired by the Houthi-run satellite TV channel al-Masirah. "Our armed forces will not hesitate to expand attacks against all hostile targets in support of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, as well as in response to the US-British aggression against our country (Yemen)," he said.



## India-Korea Joint Commission Meeting: Jaishankar calls for new areas of cooperation

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS)** : External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday called for expanding cooperation in areas of critical and emerging technology to a safe and secure Indo-Pacific in his opening remarks at the 10th India-Korea Joint Commission Meeting in Seoul. Speaking of the "enormous goodwill" between the two nations, the minister, who was joined by representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs, Defence and NITI Aayog, said that bilateral ties have grown from strength to strength. "Let me say today that I approach this joint commission with a great deal of optimism and ex-

pectation. I know that there is enormous goodwill between us. Our challenge is to translate that into practical outcomes," S. Jaishankar, who co-chaired the meeting with his Korean counterpart, Cho Tae-yul, said. As the two nations celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic ties last year, S. Jaishankar spoke of the crucial role played by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in elevating the relations between the two countries to a "special strategic partnership" during his visit to Seoul in 2015. "It is important that we live up to that. We have grown from strength to strength. In the years that have passed, we have become truly important partners for each other,"



he said, highlighting bilateral exchanges and cooperation in trade, investments, defence, etc. The minister emphasised that while keeping up the momentum in the traditional areas of cooperation, India would be "very much interested" now in expanding into new areas". These included critical and emerging technologies, semiconductors, green hydrogen, human

resource mobility, nuclear cooperation, supply chain resilience, etc. Noting the growing convergence of the views of India and Korea in the international fora, S. Jaishankar underlined the importance of the Indo-Pacific saying that both India and Korea have "stakes in the stability, security, and prosperity" of the region.

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**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I SYED KAMAL BEE (Old Name), W/o Syed Silar R/o. H.No: 7-18, Jinkalagudem Village, Tatipudi Post, Wyra Mandal, khammam District. I have changed my name known as SAYYAD KAMAL BEE, W/o Sayyad Silar, for all purposes.

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, SHAIK SAJEEDA W/o SHAIK HABEEB, Resident of H.No.5-5-139/1/2, Pakabanda Bazar, Khammam (Urban) Khammam city, Khammam District-507001, Telangana State, Changed my name SHAIK SAJIDA BEGUM (New Name) Henceforth, I shall be called as SHAIK SAJIDA BEGUM

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
SHAIK HABEEB S/o AKBAR PASHA, Resident of H.No. 5-5-139/1/2, Pakabanda Bazar, Khammam (Urban) Khammam city, Khammam District - 507001, Telangana State, my spouse name changed from SHAIK SAJEEDA (old name) to SHAIK SAJIDA BEGUM (New Name), Henceforth known as SHAIK SAJIDA BEGUM.



## Hamas seeks permanent ceasefire for releasing hostages

**Tel Aviv, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Senior Hamas leader Osama Hamaden has said that the outfit will release the remaining 134 hostages only when the permanent ceasefire is in place and Israelis completely withdraw from Gaza. Hamaden in a statement in Beirut on Thursday said that in the past two days the organisation had clearly presented this view before the Qatari and Egyptian mediators. He said that Hamas had reaffirmed its position that a permanent ceasefire was possible only after a full pull out of the IDF from Gaza Strip and return of displaced Palestinian families to their homes. The tough position taken by Hamas has almost derailed the US President Joe Biden's optimism that a temporary

six week ceasefire would be reached before March 10 - the commencement of the Holy month of Ramadan. However, the US state secretary Antony Blinken is in continuous discussions with Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed Al - Thani and the Egyptian mediator Major General Abbas Kalam. The US leader is also in communication with Israeli minister, Benny Gantz who is on a visit to the US. Highly placed sources in the Israel defence ministry told IANS that if the Hamas backs out of truce talks then Israel will have to go for an all-out attack to release and rescue its hostages.

## US warship enters Jeju naval base for replenishment purpose: S.Korea

**Seoul, Mar 7 (IANS)** : A US Navy destroyer arrived at a naval base on the southern island of Jeju on Thursday for a replenishment purpose, the South Korean Navy said. The USS Higgins Arleigh Burke-class de-

stroyer entered the base to replenish supplies and for crewmembers' rest, a day after South Korea and the US began their annual combined Freedom Shield exercise for an 11-day run, Yonhap news agency reported. A South Korean Navy official said the



warship's arrival is unrelated to the exercise and there are no plans for joint drills with the warship during its stay on Jeju.

## Russia sends fighter jet to escort French military planes near border

**Moscow, Mar 7 (IANS)** : A Russian Sukhoi-27 fighter jet escorted three French military planes near the Russian border over the Black Sea, state media reported, citing the Russian Defence Ministry. The ministry on Thursday said that a Su-27 fighter from the air defence forces on duty was dispatched after Russian radars over the Black Sea detected three air targets flying towards the Russian state border, state-run TASS news agency reported.



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## BJP Prez J P Nadda attacks K'taka govt over pro-Pakistan slogans

**Bengaluru, Mar 7 (IANS) :** BJP President J P Nadda on Thursday attacked the Karnataka government over the raising of pro-Pakistan slogans in the state legislature. "I want to remind you, if you are getting anything free it is terrorism. The terrorism is encouraged by the Congress and the terror elements are protected from all around," Nadda said while addressing the rally of BJP party workers at Booth Samavesh in Belagavi district.

He said that one can well imagine the situation in the state when pro-Pakistan slogans are raised in the corridors of state legislature.

He said that Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge hails from Karnataka and those who sit beside him have allowed the pro-Pakistan slogan to be raised. "Kharge why are you silent? Do you run the party so that you can speak the language of Pakistan? (kya Pakistan ki bhasha bolne ke liye party chalate ho). Do you think you are Pakistan's well-wisher in India? I want answers," Nadda demanded.



## Delhi HC upholds 'first-come-first-served' rule for election symbol allotment

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Delhi High Court has affirmed the validity of the "first-come-first-served" principle in allocating free symbols to unrecognised political parties under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. A division bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora dismissed a petition filed by Tamil Nadu's NTK party, contesting the legality of certain clauses within the 1968 order. These clauses dictate that if multiple parties apply for the same symbol on the same date, the decision on the allotment is made through a random draw. Moreover, if one party had previously been allotted the symbol in the state concerned, precedence is given to that party. The petitioner party objected to the allotment of the "Ganna Kisan" symbol to another unrecognised political entity for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. They argued

that as a registered unrecognised state party, they were not entitled to a reserved election symbol and had previously been allotted the "Ganna Kisan" symbol from 2019 to 2023. The court, however, ruled against the petitioner, stating that the other party had applied for the symbol first, in line with the provisions of the Election Symbols Order. It rejected the petitioner's plea to amend the provisions to ensure equal consideration for all valid applications received within the permissible window period, saying that such a change would undermine the existing framework and confer undue advantage to certain parties.



## Budget inclusive, balanced, development oriented: Punjab CM

**Chandigarh, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday hailed the budget 2024-25, presented by Finance Minister Harpal Cheema, describing it as a step forward towards carving out 'Rangla Punjab' through inclusive, balanced, and comprehensive development of the state. In a statement here, he said that the 'zero-tax' budget had taken care of all the core sectors i.e. health, education, power, infrastructure, industry, sports, social security, and others, besides pushing the state into the orbit of a high-growth trajectory. He said this budget will further propel the tempo of overall

growth and development of the state besides ensuring the prosperity of all sections of society, especially the poor and underprivileged ones. Bhagwant Mann said for the first time, the state budget has crossed the figure of Rs 2 lakh crore as the Punjab government has initiated several path-breaking initiatives for public welfare. He said the tax revenue has been much higher i.e. 13 per cent as against the compound annual growth rate of eight per cent during 2012-17 and six per cent during 2017-22, adding that this shows that delivery depends upon the clarity of thought and determination to convert thought into actions.

## Unemployment rate declined significantly in Tripura: Minister tells Assembly

**Agartala, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The unemployment rate in Tripura stands at 1.4 per cent presently, which is a significant reduction from the 11 per cent recorded in 2018-19 when the CPI-M led Left Front was in power in the state, Social Welfare and Social Education Minister Tinku Roy said on the floor of the Assembly on Thursday. The minister said this while replying to several queries put forth by Congress MLA Gopal Chandra Roy and CPI-M legislator Dipankar Sen. Roy demanded to introduce an unemployment allowance for the registered unemployed

youth of the state, which the minister rejected. The minister said: "The unemployment rate in 2018-19 (11 per cent) was higher than the national average (8.7 per cent). The four subsequent annual unemployment reports suggest that the figures have come down than the national average, and they are going down further. This proves that the scope of work has increased in the state, he said. The minister also informed the House that in 2018-19, there were 7,41,305 registered unemployed people in Tripura, which came down to 3,00,029 as on January 31 this year. Roy reasoned that government

jobs can't be treated as the sole solution to unemployment, and those not employed in government service cannot be termed as unemployed. He also said that the government is encouraging the entrepreneurs with a host of loan options and financial schemes. Responding to a query from opposition leader Animesh Debbarma about the parameters on which the government decides the unemployment rate, the minister said they are determined by the Union Labour Ministry, and not the state government. "The unemployment ratios were revealed by a survey conducted by the Union Labour Ministry," he

said. The minister said that with collective efforts and through various government services, the issue of unemployment is being resolved in the state. Roy also said that the unemployment rate is even lower in rural Tripura, i.e., 1.1 per cent vis-a-vis 3 per cent in the urban areas. In the government employment front, the minister said that large-scale recruitment is continuing despite the government's focus on self-employment and entrepreneurship. He said that as many as 1,980 persons have been recruited in different positions through the Joint Recruitment Board Tripura (JRBT), which also conducted interviews



for 2,500 Group D staff, while 6,571 candidates were recruited through the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) since 2018. Two Tripura State Rifles (India Reserve) battalions were created in which 1,413 youths got jobs, while 1,015 contractual doctors got jobs under the National Health Mission, the minister said. Con-

gress MLA Gopal Chandra Roy, meanwhile, contradicted the minister's statements, and claimed that Tripura's employment rate stands at 14.3 per cent, while CPI-M legislator Dipankar Sen cited CMIE reports to claim that the state has an unemployment rate of 16.3 per cent.

## FM Nirmala Sitharaman criticises Lalu Prasad over his remarks on PM Modi

**Patna, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday criticised RJD Chief Lalu Prasad Yadav over his remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Finance Minister said that it is highly disappointing that a senior leader like Lalu Prasad Yadav has given such a statement. "It is very important to maintain dignity in politics," Finance Minister Sitharaman said. She said that the BJP has given an appropriate answer to Lalu Prasad Yadav. "PM Modi rightly said that 140 crore people of the country are his family and entire countrymen consider him their family member.



## 4 lakh Kerala youth to be skilled in next 3 years: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Four lakh youth in Kerala will be skilled in the next three years under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, said on Thursday. The aim of the PMKVY 4.0 is to focus on future skills, in areas such as additive manufacturing (3D Printing), AI-data

quality analyst, drone manufacturing and assembly technician, and electronic hardware assembly operator, among others. During his address at the Mar Ivanios College here, the minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government will ensure that "every young Malayali in Thiruvananthapuram is empowered with future-ready skills". The minister, who is contesting as the BJP candidate from Thiruvananthapuram in the Lok

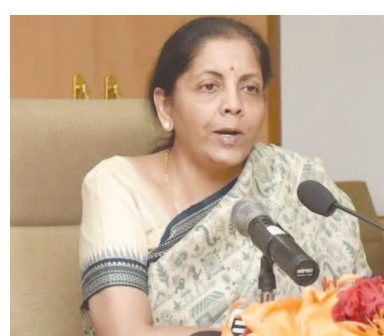
Sabha elections, also distributed certificates to the students who completed the German Certificate Course designed by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). "Skills, particularly future skills, have the potential to expand opportunities for young Indians. The 'FutureSkills' programme was devised to provide opportunities to all. As a Malayali, it is disheartening to witness the lack of opportunities in Kerala — the absence of factories, tech hubs, and investments," Chandrasekhar told the gathering. "However, we will ensure that there are opportunities for all, to ensure that there are more skills and newer ways to earn for all." Highlighting how Apple has increased its manufacturing base in India, the minister said: "Apple has set up plants in India and is making iPhones for India and the world. Around 1.3 lakh direct jobs have been created.



## Congress will win 12-13 Lok Sabha seats in MP: Kamal Nath

**Bhopal, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Veteran Congress leader Kamal Nath said on Thursday that he believes the party will win 12 to 13 Lok Sabha seats (out of 29) in Madhya Pradesh in the upcoming general elections. Claiming that he is making this assertion after reviewing the state's current political situation, the former Chief Minister said that he has been talking to the party leaders across the state to take stock of the ground realities, adding that he will soon start visiting different parts of Madhya Pradesh.

"I believe that the Congress should win at least 12 to 13 Lok Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh," Kamal Nath said during a press conference in Ujjain on Tuesday. Responding to BJP's claims of winning all the 29 seats in Madhya Pradesh, the Congress leader said that political parties make tall claims to set the momentum ahead of elections. "All the political parties contest elections with a strategy, and make tall claims to set the momentum. But it has nothing to do with the reality. The BJP has always been making tall claims," Kamal Nath said.





## LTIMindtree appoints Vipul Chandra as Chief Financial Officer

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Global technology consulting and digital solutions company LTIMindtree on Thursday announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Vipul Chandra as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company with effect from April 25. Vinit Teredesai, who has been serving as the CFO since June 2020, has decided to step down from his position. He will remain in the role until April 24. "Chandra has been in various senior roles within the organisation for more than a decade.



## RBI, Bank Indonesia sign pact for bilateral transactions in local currencies

**Mumbai, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank Indonesia (BI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Thursday for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies -- the Indian Rupee (INR) and the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) -- for bilateral transactions between the two countries. The MoU was signed here by RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das and Bank Indonesia Governor, Perry Warjiyo. The MoU on establishing a framework for cooperation in the area of cross-border transactions in local currencies between India and Indonesia aims to promote the use of INR and IDR bilaterally.



## Tata Motors commercial vehicles to get dearer from April 1

**Mumbai, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Tata Motors announced on Thursday that it will increase the price of its commercial vehicles by up to 2 per cent across various models with effect from April 1. "The price increase will offset the residual impact of the

past input costs. While the price hike will vary as per individual model and variant, it will be applicable across the entire range of commercial vehicles," the company said. Tata Motors is a leading automobile manufacturer of cars, utility vehicles, pick-ups,

trucks, and buses. With operations in India, the UK, South Korea, Thailand, South Africa, and Indonesia, the company markets its vehicles in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and the SAARC countries.

## Flipkart plans to enter quick-commerce business

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** E-commerce major Flipkart is planning to enter the quick-commerce business, aiming to deliver orders to customers instantly after purchase, the media reported on Thursday. According to TechCrunch, citing sources, the company intends to launch the instant-delivery service in select locations as early as May this year. However, the discussions are ongoing and there may be slight changes in the timeline,

the report mentioned. "The e-commerce firm is committed to meeting evolving customer expectations and delivering excellence in value, selection and speed, with more initiatives expected on this front in the coming months," a Flipkart spokesperson was quoted as saying. The new foray comes at a time when Flipkart is also exploring the acquisition of the instant-delivery firm Dunzo. Earlier this month, Flipkart announced that it is gearing to roll out same-day delivery of products



across multiple categories in metro and non-metro cities. The move will see customers across cities, including Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore,

Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Patna, Raipur, Siliguri and Vijayawada. The e-commerce major also launched its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) handle recently to further enhance its digital payment offerings for all customers, including its 500+ million customers.



## US firm Micron, IIT Roorkee to develop highly skilled workforce in India

**Roorkee, March 7 (IANS) :** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee on Thursday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with semiconductor leader Micron to help foster innovation and develop a highly skilled local workforce.

The partnership which aims to bolster India's goal of self-reliance in the semiconductor sector, will help further research into the field of technology, provide experiential learning opportunities for students, and facilitate industry-relevant training. The Micron Semiconductor Lab will prioritise the technical skills, processes and resources for student internships and fellowships via specialised master's and doctoral degree programmes. "As a part of our University Research Alliance, Micron (URAM) outreach, this initiative aligns well with the thrust areas of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)," said Anand Ramamoorthy, managing director at Micron India, in a statement. Ramamoorthy is also an alumnus of IIT Roorkee. The first India-made chip from the Rs 22,500 crore Micron semiconductor plant in Gujarat is set to arrive in December this year.



## For the first time, working women have surpassed men in life insurance ownership, says survey

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** For the first time, working women have surpassed men in life insurance ownership, with 79 per cent now owning life insurance plans, as per a survey. While men's life insurance ownership stands at 76 per cent, the upward trajectory of women's ownership at 79 per cent signifies a shift in gender dynamics concerning financial preparedness and responsibility, says a survey by Max Life.

Despite a positive trend in life insurance ownership, a significant gender gap in financial preparedness persists.

Urban India's men take the lead in financial protection at 46 points, surpassing the overall average for urban India of 45 points. The financial protection gap between men and women in urban India is primarily driven by a huge disparity in life insurance awareness levels, the survey found.

The survey found that urban India's women demonstrate a strong commitment to safeguarding their families from life's uncertainties, gradually closing the gap with men, whose life insurance ownership is at 76 per cent, vs 73 per cent for women. Prashant Tripathy, CEO and Managing Director.

## GAIL, ONGC & Shell sign pact for ethane import in Gujarat's Hazira

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** GAIL (India) Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Shell Energy India (SEI) Private Limited on Thursday signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore opportunities for import of ethane and other hydrocarbons and development of evacuation infrastructure at Shell Energy Terminal in Gujarat's Hazira port. Earlier, GAIL had entered into a bilateral MoU with SEI

for scouting opportunities in different facets of energy cooperation, wherein a feasibility study was conducted by a reputed consultant on developing ethane import infrastructure in the existing SEI terminal at Hazira.

ONGC has a bilateral MoU with GAIL for, among other things, importing and handling of hydrocarbon. In view of the emergence of ethane requirement in India and proposed development of ethane infrastructure, the three parties -- ONGC, GAIL and SEI -- have joined hands. Speaking at the



event, Rajeev Kumar Singhal, Director (Business Development), GAIL, said, "Ethane has emerged as a preferred petrochemical feedstock in India and development of its import facilities have gained considerable traction. Definite plans are being formulated to import ethane for domestic petrochemical plant requirements." This MoU, among other things, includes cooperation with clear focus for developing ethane import facilities after gap assessment in existing Shell Hazira Terminal facilities and usage of existing pipeline routes and facilities.

## India nears record Rs 20 lakh crore worth mobile phone production in last 10 yrs

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** India is close to achieving the target of Rs 20 lakh crore worth mobile phone production in the last 10 years, while crossing Rs 1.20 lakh crore worth phone exports in the current fiscal year (FY24) -- a whopping 7,500 per cent increase in exports over a decade -- top electronics industry body India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) said on Thursday. The industry had set itself a target of Rs 20 lakh crore worth mobile phone production over the last 10 years (2014-2024). "It finished the

decade at Rs 19,45,100 crore cumulative production. In terms of volume, India produced 2.45 billion units of mobile phones during the last decade, against a goal of 2.5 billion units," according to the ICEA.

At the end of the decade (2014-2024), India now stands as the world's second largest producer of mobile phones, and 30 per cent of production in FY24 will now be meant for exports.

The mobile phone sector has transitioned from being 78 per cent import dependent in 2014 to 97 per cent self-sufficient and just 3 per cent of the total mobile phones sold in India are now

imported. In 2014-15, mobile phone exports from India were a mere Rs 1,556 crore.

"It is believed that the doubling of India's GDP from the current \$3.7 trillion to \$7 trillion by 2030 will be led by growth in the digital sector and trade. In both these areas, electronics manufacturing led by mobile production will play a critical role," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA.

Mobile phone production also surged from Rs 18,900 crore in 2014-15 to an estimated Rs 4,10,000 crore in FY24, registering an increase of 2,000 per cent, said the ICEA. Cumulative



exports of mobile phones during the period 2014-24 reached a total estimate of Rs 3,22,048 crore - a new era in India's exports. Driven by this export growth, mobile phones have now become India's fifth largest export as an individual commodity. This exponential growth in production, exports and self-suf-

iciency stems from a conducive policy environment, and a close working relationship between industry and key government ministries such as MeitY, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, NITI Aayog and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).





## Four new ministers inducted in UP Cabinet

**Lucknow, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Yogi Adityanath government inducted four new ministers in the Cabinet on Thursday. Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) Chief Om Prakash Rajbhar was sworn in as Cabinet minister by Governor Anandiben Patel. Rajbhar has made a return to the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet,

almost five years after he severed ties with the ruling BJP and quit the government in 2019. Rajbhar is MLA from Zahurabad in Ghazipur.

Dara Singh Chauhan, who had quit the BJP ahead of the 2022 assembly elections to join the Samajwadi Party and then returned to BJP months later, was

also sworn in as minister. He is a member of Vidhan Parishad. Anil Kumar, Rashtriya Lok Dal MLA from Purqazi in west UP, was also sworn in as the minister. He is the first RLD MLA to join the Yogi government as a minister. Sunil Sharma, BJP MLA from Sahibabad was also sworn in as minister.

## Want to offer 'sashtanga namaskara' to Supreme Court, says Shivakumar after ED case quashed

**Bengaluru, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday said that he wants to offer "sashtanga namaskara" - a type of salutation where one lies flat on the stomach with all limbs touching the ground - to the Supreme Court after it quashed the ED case against him. Talking to reporters, Shivakumar said that the news from the Supreme Court about the relief in the ED case was the biggest happy moment in his life amid the difficulties. "The advocates are calling one after the other. I have not com-

mitted any mistake. The people are coming to know that the officers of ED had erred. I will narrate soon what the CBI is doing presently," he said. "Congress General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and others were in the Supreme Court. There is nothing beyond the SC verdict. I went to jail with confidence, now also I have the same confidence. The CBI are torturing people around me. But, no one is the enemy here, this is all the rule of nature," he added. The apex court on Tuesday quashed a money laundering probe initiated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against

him. A bench, headed by Justice Surya Kant, was hearing a special leave petition filed by the Congress leader against the Karnataka High Court decision refusing to quash the summons issued to him by the central agency. The ED initiated a probe against Shivakumar, Haumanthaiah, an employee at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi, and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) based on the charge sheet filed by the Income Tax Department. During the probe, the ED dis-



covered approximately Rs 200 crore unaccounted cash belonging to Shivakumar and claimed that the money was parked in over 317 bank accounts across 20 banks, all under Shivakumar's control. The ED also alleged the discovery of benami properties worth over Rs 800 crore linked to Shivakumar. Shivakumar was arrested in this case on September 3, 2019. However, he was granted bail by the Delhi High Court in October 2019.



## Wedding called off after groom demands car and police intervenes

**Bijnor (UP), Mar 7 (IANS) :** A wedding ceremony turned into a major brawl after the groom put up his demand for a Creta car as dowry before the bride's family and then his family threatened to call off the marriage if the demand was not met. The incident took place in Saidpuri village on Thursday. The demand led to altercation between the two parties and the police were called in to intervene. The police arrived at the wedding venue and took control of the situation. Finally, an agreement was reached between the two families.

As part of the deal, the groom's family agreed to return all dowry items given by the bride's family, along with the Rs 3.25 lakh spent by the bride's family on food and the banquet hall.

According to reports, initially all ceremonies for the wedding were held in a cordial atmosphere but the groom suddenly raised the demand for the car. The girl's family was taken aback at the demand and several elders from both sides tried to pacify the groom but he was unrelenting.

## Urban local body polls likely to be held in Nagaland in April after 20 years

**Kohima, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The much-awaited elections to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Nagaland are likely to be held in April after a gap of 20 years, officials said here on Thursday. Municipal elections in Nagaland were first held in 2004, and the terms of the civic bodies ended in 2009-10. The State Election Commission (SEC) has initiated a special summary revision of the electoral rolls for

the ULB elections, including municipal polls. An official of the SEC said that the commission would announce the schedule of the ULB elections only after the announcement of the Lok Sabha polls. Earlier on several occasions, the Nagaland government had announced to conduct elections to the ULBs, but strong opposition from the tribal bodies and civil society organisations against 33 per cent reservation for women and tax on land and properties had



held back the polls. In 2017, violent protests were witnessed after the then Naga People's Front government led by former Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang tried to hold the elections, leading to the killing of two persons besides injuring many, while government properties and offices were also vandalised.

## Land-for-job case: Delhi court extends interim bail of bizman Amit Katyal

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** A Delhi court on Thursday extended till March 12 interim bail of Amit Katyal, an alleged close associate of former Union minister Lalu Prasad's family, who has also been named along with some companies in the charge sheet filed in the land-for-job scam case. Promoter of AK Infosystems, Katyal who was arrested in November last year by the central probe agency, was granted four-week interim bail on medical grounds on February 5. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has challenged the order before the Delhi High Court, which has reserved its order. Judge Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Court had earlier al-

lowed Katyal's application seeking bail for medical treatment in a hospital within Delhi-NCR, and had directed him to furnish the details of the hospital and treatment obtained on his surrender before the jail authorities upon the expiry of interim bail. The judge had also asked the accused to furnish a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and two sureties of the like amount.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on January 30 had informed the court that it will file a supplementary charge sheet within a month in connection with the alleged land-for-job scam. Before Judge Gogne, the agency had assured that the final report would be submitted by the end of February.

Meanwhile, Katyal has been alleged of acquiring several lands



from aspirants on behalf of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Chief and former Railways Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav. He was first detained and later arrested by the financial probe agency on November 11 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Katyal's premises in upscale south Delhi's New Friends Colony was declared as an office of AK Infosystems but was allegedly being used by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as residential premises.



## Congress' Kerala unit chief Sudhakaran named accused in Monson Mavunkal cheating case

**Kochi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Kerala Police, probing the cheating case involving fake antique dealer Monson Mavunkal, has named Congress state unit President, K. Sudhakaran as the second accused, as per the charge sheet filed at a court in Kochi on Thursday. Incidentally, Mavunkal, based in Kochi, had claimed that he had several antique items in his possession and cheated many people. He had also claimed he was a trained physician and had medical solutions for skin ailments.

He had a huge network of friends including the then state Director General of Police, Loknath Behra, and several other top-ranking bureaucrats, police officers, and politicians.

However, his game ended in 2021 after a victim filed a complaint with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and soon, a police probe team arrested the 'antique' dealer. The complainant

accused Sudhakaran of promoting Mavunkal despite knowing he was a fly-by-night operator and that the Congress leader was present when he handed over Rs 25 lakh cash to Mavunkal, who gave Rs 10 lakh to Sudhakaran. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case, and apprehending his arrest, Sudhakaran applied for and secured anticipatory bail. But after being called for questioning in June last year, his arrest was recorded but he was given bail instantly.

In the wake of this, Sudhakaran offered to quit as state Congress chief, but the party high command rejected his resignation.

Reacting to the development, Leader of Opposition V.D.Satheesan said the Vijayan government is only hounding the opposition. "Everyone knows Sudhakaran has no role at all and this is a clear-cut case of fabrication to trap him. We will deal with this case legally," he said.

## LS polls: Congress likely to join hands with AIADMK in TN

**Chennai, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Congress is likely to join hands with AIADMK after the DMK only offered it seven seats in Tamil Nadu instead of nine which the grand old party was demanding for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. A senior Congress leader in Tamil Nadu told IANS that the local Congress leadership is open for an alliance with the AIADMK as well.

"We want to win as many seats as possible in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The AIADMK is

willing to give us 16 seats. Why should we not have an alliance with them?" he said. Congress sources told IANS that both AIADMK and Congress have reached out to each other as AIADMK is willing to give 16 seats to the grand-old party.

Sources said that Congress feels insulted after DMK refused to give more seats to the grand-old party. Local Congress leaders said that the party can make a good deal with the AIADMK and may also be able to win maximum seats. However, the Congress high command has not



given any green signal to talks with the AIADMK. Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal told IANS said that Congress has an alliance with DMK. "We are in talks with DMK leadership on seat sharing agreement. And we will continue our alliance with the DMK," Venugopal said.

In the 2019 general elections, Congress contested over nine seats in Tamil Nadu and won eight seats. It lost the Theni seat where AIADMK leader O.P. Raveendranathan defeated senior Congress leader and former union minister E.V.K.S. Elangovan. AIADMK has been in alliance with NDA in the 2019 general

elections and in the 2021 assembly elections as well. However, it snapped ties with the BJP-led NDA in September 2023 and now is planning to stitch its own coalition. The AIADMK polled around 33 per cent of the total votes in the 2019 general elections.



## US Supreme Court rules Trump can remain on Colorado primary ballot

**Washington, Mar 7 (IANS)** : The US Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that former President Donald Trump can remain on the primary ballot in Colorado, rejecting the state's disqualification and potentially setting national wide guidelines. The nine justices, three liberal and six conservative, all agreed with the ruling, Xinhua news agency reported. By deciding that states lack the authority to remove Trump from the ballot due to his involvement in the events preceding the Capitol riot on January 6, 2021, the Supreme Court delivered a significant victory to the former president, who is the frontrunner in the Republican presidential race. The US Supreme Court de-

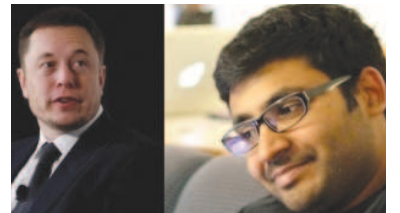
clared that the Colorado Supreme Court had made an incorrect assumption that states possess the authority to decide whether a presidential candidate is disqualified under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which prohibits individuals who have engaged in insurrection from holding public office. "Because the Constitution makes Congress, rather than the states, responsible for enforcing section 3 against all federal officeholders and candidates, we reverse," the ruling said. The latest ruling makes it clear that it is Congress, rather than individual states, that is responsible for establishing regulations regarding the enforcement of the 14th Amendment provision. Therefore, this decision applies to all US states, not just Colorado. The result puts an end to the at-



tempts in states like Colorado, Illinois, Maine and others to remove Trump from the ballot due to his endeavours to overturn his defeat in the 2020 election against Democrat Joe Biden. "BIG WIN FOR AMERICA!!!" Trump posted on his social media shortly after the Supreme Court's decision was released. Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold expressed disappointment in the court's decision. "Colorado should be able to bar oath-breaking insurrections from our ballot," she said on X, for-

merly known as Twitter. The ruling came one day before Super Tuesday, the day in the presidential primary cycle when most states vote. This year, some 15 states and one territory, including Colorado, will vote on Super Tuesday. The three liberal justices, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson, as well as Trump-appointed Conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett, however, criticized their five conservative colleagues for delving deeper than necessary into resolv-

ing Trump's case by concluding that the enforcement of the 14th Amendment can only occur through legislation enacted by Congress. "The majority announces that a disqualification for insurrection can occur only when Congress enacts a particular kind of legislation pursuant to Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. In doing so, the majority shuts the door on other potential means of federal enforcement," wrote the three liberal justices. "Although we agree that Colorado cannot enforce Section 3, we protest the majority's effort to use this case to define the limits of federal enforcement of that provision," they continued. Barrett, Trump's last appointee to the high court, wrote in a concurring opinion that in her judgment, "this is not the time to amplify disagreement with stridency".



## Ex-Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal sues Musk, billionaire responds with emoji

**San Francisco, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Indian-origin Parag Agrawal, former CEO of Twitter (now called X), and three other employees have sued Elon Musk for about \$128 million in unpaid severance. Agrawal, along with ex-chief financial officer Ned Segal, former Twitter head of legal and policy Vijaya Gadde and former Twitter General Counsel, Sean Edgett, have filed the lawsuit against the billionaire. Musk on Thursday reacted with just an emoji, when a follower posted: "Parag Agrawal is suing Elon Musk claiming that he did in fact get a lot done that week".



## US airman pleads guilty to Pentagon documents leak

**Washington, Mar 7 (IANS)** : A Massachusetts Air National Guardsman accused of posting classified intelligence information and sensitive documents online has pleaded guilty to the crimes he was charged with, in exchange for a possible sentence of 16 years in prison. Jack Teixeira, the airman, pleaded guilty to all six counts of "willful retention and transmission of national defense information" during an appearance at a federal court in Boston, Massachusetts, US media reported, citing court documents and the 22-year-old's remarks in court. He previously pleaded not guilty. Judge Indira Talwani asked Teixeira during the hearing whether he understood he was agreeing to serve as many as 16 years and at least 11 years behind bars, Xinhua news agency reported, citing a report by ABC

News. "Yes your honour, I understand," Teixeira was quoted by the outlet as saying. "How do you now plead to counts one, two, three, four, five and six? Guilty or not guilty?" the clerk asked. "Guilty," Teixeira said in response. An announcement of Teixeira's sentence was scheduled by Talwani for September 27. Teixeira has agreed to sit for a debrief with members of the intelligence community and the Department of Defense, and return all relevant documents either currently in his possession or he knows the location of, according to the plea agreement. Under detention since his arrest in April 2023, Teixeira was at the centre of what was considered one of the most serious leaks of national security information in the US.

## India has 'serious concern' over allegations against UNRWA, but considering more aid for Palestinians

**United Nations, Mar 7 (IANS)** : India has expressed "serious concern" over the allegations against the world body's beleaguered agency that provides support for Palestinians but said that it was "positively considering" requests for aid. India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj said on Monday, "Recent allegations against the UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency) are a matter of serious concern". However, she added, "We are also positively considering specific requests from the UNRWA for assistance in kind. We urge utmost diligence in the utilisation of these assistance." Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced an inves-

tigation into allegations made by Israel that UNRWA employees had participated in the October 7 terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas and several staffers were associated with that group. He has also set up an independent review headed by former French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna of the overall working of the organisation. "We look forward to getting these reports" from the inquiry and the review, Kamboj said while participating in a special meeting on UNRWA convened by General Assembly President Dennis Francis. Francis warned that UNRWA was in danger of "imminent collapse" and it "may not survive without our immediate and decisive action". Sixteen countries led by the US have cut off aid amounting to over \$400 million to



UNRWA in the wake of the allegations against it. Kamboj reiterated India's support to the agency which serves the needs of Palestinian refugees and contributes to the "overall stability in the region". "As a mark of its solidarity with the Palestinian refugees" India has been making its annual contribution of \$5 million -- raised from \$1.5 million in 2018," she said. The conflict sparked by the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on October 7 "has led to large-scale loss of civilian lives, especially women and children, and has resulted in an alarming humanitar-

ian crisis", she said. "It is imperative that humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza be scaled up immediately in order to avert a further deterioration in the situation", she added. A peaceful end to the conflict is possible only through dialogue and ultimately only a two-state solution with Israel and Palestine existing side by side will bring enduring peace, she said. UNRWA was set up by the General Assembly in 1949 to help Palestine refugees displaced during the founding of Israel.

## India became fifth largest economy because of PM Modi' determination : Bhupendra Yadav

**Jaipur, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Bhupendra Yadav, Union minister and BJP candidate from the Alwar Lok Sabha constituency in Rajasthan, visited the state BJP office here on Thursday and expressed his gratitude to the top leadership of the party for fielding him as a party nominee for the upcoming gen-

eral elections. The minister said that India is going to become the third largest economy in the world because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's determination. He also said that the Lok Sabha elections will be held on PM Modi's guarantees for a developed India.



## Union Minister Jitendra Singh unveils IN-SPACE Technical Centre

**Ahmedabad, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday unveiled the Technical Centre of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) in Bopal, Ahmedabad. The advanced facility is set to offer comprehensive support to non-government entities (NGEs) within the space sector, ranging from design and development to simulation and testing of space technologies. Aimed at addressing the myriad challenges NGEs face in turning

conceptual space innovations into tangible realities, the Technical Centre is outfitted with a suite of sophisticated facilities. Among these are the Climate Simulation Test Facility (CSTF), Thermal and Vacuum Environment Simulation Facility (TVAC), Vibration Test Facility (VTF), and several specialized labs and clean rooms dedicated to assembly, integration, testing, and checkout activities for space systems. The Union Minister highlighted that the inauguration of the IN-SPACE Technical Centre marks a

stride towards fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for India's burgeoning space ambitions and the pivotal role of the private sector within this domain. With goals to increase India's share in the global space economy from 2 per cent to 8 per cent by 2033, the government has introduced new policies and relaxed investment restrictions, including opening up foreign direct investment (FDI) in the space sector. "Public and private should go together, if we want to go further," he said.



## PT set to contest LS polls as part of AIADMK-led alliance

**Chennai, Mar 7 (IANS)** : Tamil Nadu's PT party, which contested the previous Lok Sabha polls as part of the NDA, has now finalised an alliance with the AIADMK. PT founder-leader Dr K. Krishnasamy met AIADMK leader and former minister, S.P. Velumani, and has almost finalised a deal for the Tenkasi seat, which is reserved for Scheduled Castes. Sources in the AIADMK told IANS that the announcement would be made after the party General Secretary K. Palaniswami meets Dr Krishnasamy.



## Rajasthan: 7,600 inspections at medical institutions in past 5 weeks improved health services

**Jaipur, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Over 7,600 inspections have been conducted at different medical institutions in Rajasthan from January 24 to March 3, which have improved the condition of health services, officials claimed on Thursday. These inspections, which have been going on for the last five weeks, have brought about positive changes in the standards of medical institutions, including testing and treatment, availability of medicines, cleanliness, condition of wards and buildings, and other services, officials said. Following the instructions of

Medical and Health Minister Gajendra Singh, the health department had issued orders to inspect all the medical institutions in the state from January 24 to March 3. Accordingly, more than 7,600 inspections were conducted in the state during this period. According to the report prepared on the basis of online monitoring of these inspections, expected improvement has been seen in health services from the first inspection to the fourth inspection.

Additional Chief Secretary in the Health Department, Shubhra Singh, said that the level of satisfaction towards OPD and IPD services was 75 per cent at the time

of the first inspection, which increased to 92 per cent at the time of the fourth inspection. Similarly, the level of satisfaction regarding the condition of buildings of medical institutions increased from 61 per cent to 70 per cent, the level of condition of labour rooms increased from 47 per cent to 82 per cent, while the level of satisfaction regarding the condition of bedsheets in wards increased from 55 per cent to 78 per cent. Further, in emergency services, the level of satisfaction increased from 28 per cent to 74 per cent, and the condition of honorarium to contract workers improved from 29 per cent to 74 per



cent. According to the inspection report, the Chief Minister's Free Medicine Scheme was found to be running smoothly in 95 per cent of the medical institutions in the state, while the Chief Minister's Free Testing Scheme was running smoothly in 91 per cent of the institutions. Similarly, the condition of human resources in 73 per cent of the institutions and building condition in 63 per cent of the institutions were found to be satisfactory. On the basis of these inspections, reports for every medical institution are being prepared. Wherever shortcomings in health services are coming to light, efforts are being made to improve them with immediate effect, said officials.



## Delhi Police file charge sheet against Hizbul terrorist Javed Mattoo

**New Delhi, March 7 (IANS) :** Delhi Police filed a charge sheet against Hizbul Mujahideen operative Javed Ahmed Mattoo for his alleged involvement in at least 11 terror attacks in the Jammu and Kashmir region. Mattoo a.k.a Irsad Ahmed Malla alias Ehsan (32), an A++ category terrorist, hails from Sopore of J&K's Baramulla district and was arrested on January 4 by the Delhi Police's Special Cell in coordination with other central agencies. In the charge sheet filed before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Nabeela Wali on March 3, the Delhi Police said that Mattoo is a member of a notorious gang of seven terrorists associated with Hizbul Mujahideen, operating primarily in North Kashmir, particularly Sopore.

## ED attaches Sheikh Shahjahan's properties worth Rs 12.78 crore

**Kolkata, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Thursday that it has provisionally attached properties worth around Rs 13 crore belonging to now-suspended Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan, the accused mastermind behind the attack on ED and CAPF teams in West Bengal's Sandeshkhali on January 5. "The ED has provisionally attached movable and immovable assets worth Rs 12.78 crore in the form of 14 immovable properties in the nature of apartment, agriculture land, land for fishery, and building etc. in Serberia, Sandeshkhali and Kolkata, and two bank accounts under the provisions of PMLA in the matter of

Shahjahan Sheikh and others," the agency said in a statement issued on Thursday. The ED statement came soon after the CID of the state police refused to hand over Shahjahan to the CBI officers despite a clear order by a division bench of the Calcutta High Court passed earlier in the day. The CID refused to hand over Shahjahan citing the state government moving the Supreme Court challenging the Calcutta High Court order. To recall, an ED team accompanied by CAPF personnel had gone to Sandeshkhali on January 5 to question Shahjahan in connection with its probe into the multi-crore ration distribution case in West Bengal.



## Lalu Prasad Yadav has lost his knowledge about Hinduism: Assam CM

**Guwahati, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday launched a sharp attack against RJD Chief Lalu Prasad Yadav for his remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The Prime Minister does not have his own family rather the whole country is his family. I take pride in announcing that I also belong to his Parivar," the Chief Minister said. He said that Lalu Prasad Yadav has lost his knowledge

about Hinduism. "If Lalu Prasad claimed that PM Narendra Modi is not a Hindu, then he has lost all his knowledge about the Hindu religion. Lalu Prasad Yadav has been opposing Hinduism for a long time and he has forgotten the Hindu culture," the Chief Minister said. Notably, Lalu Prasad while responding to the Prime Minister's accusation of using dynastic politics to undermine opposition parties, particularly the RJD, had said during a rally of the INDIA bloc in Patna, "What can we do if PM Modi does not have a family of his own?" "PM Modi's boasts about the Ram temple are endless, but he is not even a Hindu. Following the passing of their parents, a son is required by Hindu tradition to shave both his head and beard.



## Former UP MP Dhananjay Singh convicted in kidnapping case, sent to jail

**Jaunpur (UP), Mar 7 (IANS) :** Former MP Dhananjay Singh was convicted in a case of extortion and kidnapping by an MP/MLA court in Uttar Pradesh's Jaunpur on Thursday. He was taken into custody and sent to jail on the court's orders. The court will announce the quantum of punishment on Thursday. Dhananjay Singh has been convicted for kidnapping Jal Nigam project manager Abhinav Singhal. Singhal had filed a case against the former MP from Jaunpur in the city's Line Bazar police station, accusing him of kidnapping, extortion, and threats. The work of laying sewer lines, worth about Rs 300 crore, was going on in Jaunpur and Singhal, alleged that the former MP obstructed the work.



## RPI Chief Ramdas Athawale wants one seat in UP for LS polls

**Lucknow, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Republican Party of India (A) president and Union social justice minister Ramdas Athawale has said that his party has sought one Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh from the BJP. He said that his party will work to make the BJP and its allies win all the 80 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh.

Athawale said once the RPI was strong in UP, but subsequently the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) got strengthened and his party weakened. But now the Mayawati-led BSP was not strong anymore, he added. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function on Thursday evening.

## Odisha Forest Dept prohibits single-use plastic at tourist spots

**Bhubaneswar, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Odisha Forest Department has prohibited the entry of visitors with single-use plastic inside the sanctuaries, national parks, and tiger reserves of the state from April 1, an official said on Thursday. Odisha Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Susanta Nanda issued an order in this regard on Thursday. "Entry of single-use plastic shall be prohibited inside sanctuaries/national park/ tiger reserves of the state with effect from April 1, 2024," the order read. The concerned authorities have been asked to make alternative arrangements to provide drink-

ing water facilities for the tourists at different places inside the sanctuaries, parks or tiger reserves of the state. Tourists can also get refundable plastic water bottles at the entry points. "Visitors carrying food items in plastic wraps shall be advised to dispose of the wraps in designated places/ garbage bins etc., and not litter the protected areas. All the plastic garbage generated from visitors sources/ camps/nature camps and other places inside the protected areas shall be disposed of in accordance with existing guidelines and local panchayats/ urban bodies may be consulted in this respect," the order further added.



## HM Amit Shah kickstarts BJP campaign; rips political dynasties, Maha Oppn leaders

**Mumbai, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Kickstarting Bharatiya Janata Party's 2024 parliament polls campaign Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on 'dynastic politics' in the country, slammed Maharashtra Opposition leaders, and said the state has 'suffered' Sharad Pawar for 50 years, in two back-to-back rallies on Thursday. Addressing a Youth Convention (Jalgaon) and later a BJP rally (Chhatrapati

Sambhajinagar) this evening, Home Minister Shah said that the INDIA bloc led by Rahul-Baba (Rahul Gandhi) has cobbled up before Prime Minister Narendra Modi is just a motley of parties with dynastic ambitions with no concern for development or masses in the country. "These parties have no internal democracy, how can they strengthen India's democracy, develop it and forge it ahead? Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son Rahul Gandhi PM, Uddhav Thackeray is keen to make his son

Aditya as CM, Sharad Pawar desires to make his daughter Supriya Sule CM, Mamata Banerjee is trying to make her nephew (Abhishek) CM, M.K. Stalin wants to make his son (Udhayanidhi) the CM..." thundered Home Minister Shah. Amidst all this 'parivarwad', he said there is nobody except Modi to think and care for the masses and aim to make the country fully developed by 2047, and make a world leader, a 'Vishwaguru'.



## New Zealand recognises global, regional leadership role that India plays : Minister

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Recognising India's leadership role on the global stage, New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters said on Thursday that his country is determined to build a "broader, deeper, mutually beneficial relationship" with the South Asian nation. Beginning his visit to New Delhi and Ahmedabad on March 10, Peters will also be highlighting the shared interest of the two nations in help-

ing the development of the Pacific Islands region. "India is a country with which New Zealand can, should, and will be doing more. New Zealand recognises the global and regional leadership role that India plays, and we are determined to build a broader, deeper, mutually beneficial relationship," Peters said in a statement released on Tuesday. The minister's three-nation tour will also see him visiting Singapore, and Indonesia to

reinvalidate New Zealand's relations with South and South East Asia. The centrepiece engagement of the trip will be his extended meetings with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi and Singapore's Vivian Balakrishnan respectively. "It will be a privilege to spend further time with three such experienced and accomplished Foreign Ministers whose views on the issues facing the

world and the Indo-Pacific in particular carry considerable weight," Peters said. "If New Zealand wishes to maximise our influence and impact in the region, we need to lift our game with all three of India, Indonesia, and Singapore," he added. Calling Gujarat "an engine of Indian economic growth" with significant connections to New Zealand's Indian diaspora, a government release said that Peters will also meet

state Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. "In Delhi, he will be highlighting the shared interest that New Zealand and India have in helping the development of the Pacific Islands region," the release said, adding that his India visit will conclude on March 13.



## Iran rejects US claims about Tehran-Moscow space cooperation

**Tehran, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani has rejected claims by US officials about Tehran's space cooperation with Moscow as "baseless". Kanaani was reacting to the claims made by US State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller, in which he had described the recent launch of an Iranian satellite by Russia as "another indication of the deepening military partnership" between the two countries, which was "harmful to Ukraine, Iran's neighbours and the international community". The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman at a weekly press conference in Tehran on Thursday said that the defence and military cooperation between Iran and Russia were based on international laws and regulations as well as the two countries' common interests, Xinhua news agency reported.

## EU presents 'first-ever' defence industrial strategy

**Brussels, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The European Union (EU) has presented its "first-ever" European Defence Industrial Strategy at the EU level in response to security concerns. "To increase European defence industrial readiness, Member States need to invest more, better, together, and European," the European Commission (EC) said in a press release on Thursday. The strategy presented by the EC "sets a clear, long-term vision to achieve defence industrial readiness in the European Union", it added. According to the strategy, EU member states are expected to procure at least 40 per cent of defence equipment in a collaborative manner by 2030, to ensure that the value of intra-EU defence trade represents at least 35 per cent of the value of the EU

defence market by 2030, and to make steady progress towards procuring at least 50 per cent of their defence procurement budget within the EU by 2030 and 60 per cent by 2035. "With the return of high-intensity conflict on our continent, Europe cannot wait any longer to strengthen the European defence technological and industrial base's ability to produce more and faster," said Thierry Breton, European commissioner for the internal market. As a means to deliver the strategy, the EC also tabled on Thursday a legislative proposal for a European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products, Xinhua news agency reported.



## 'Friendly neighbour' China welcomes new government in Nepal

**Kathmandu, Mar 7 (IANS) :** As speculation is rife that Beijing is behind the new political change in Nepal, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated on Thursday that China is ready to work with the new government in Nepal. Breaking the year-long political alliance with the Nepali Congress, Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal a.k.a. Prachanda reorganised his Cabinet on Monday by ousting Nepal's grand old party, and inducting the CPN-UML and Rastriya Swatantra Party. China is willing to work with the new Nepali govern-

ment, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said during a regular press conference in Beijing on Thursday. "We sincerely hope that all the parties in Nepal will unite and cooperate to smoothly advance the work related to the formation of a new government and achieve political stability, economic development, and improvement of people's livelihood," the spokesperson said. After snapping the alliance with the Nepali Congress, Prachanda on Monday inducted three ministers in the new Cabinet, one from his party CPN (Maoist Centre), one from CPN-UML, and a third from the Rastriya Swatantra Party.

After Prachanda decided to break the alliance with the Nepali Congress, it is all set to withdraw its support by Thursday itself. As a friendly neighbour and cooperative partner, China attaches great importance to Nepal-China relations and is willing to work with the new Nepali government to adhere to the five principles of peaceful coexistence, enhance traditional friendship, deepen pragmatic cooperation, and promote Nepal-China strategic cooperation for everlasting friendship oriented towards development and prosperity, Ning said.



## Families of Israeli hostages seek ceasefire, details on kidnapped relatives

**Tel Aviv, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Hostages and Missing Families forum of Israel has demanded that the ceasefire deal be accelerated and information on their near and dear ones, who were kidnapped on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, be immediately ascertained. This is following an interview by a senior Hamas official Basem Naim that the hostages are in the captivity of several groups and the Hamas does not have the exact details on those who are alive or dead. Naim in an interview to a media organisation said that the information on the kidnapped hostages was valuable and that it can't be shared for free. He had also said that the condition of the hostages could be ascertained only after a ceasefire. Olive Mosley, a close

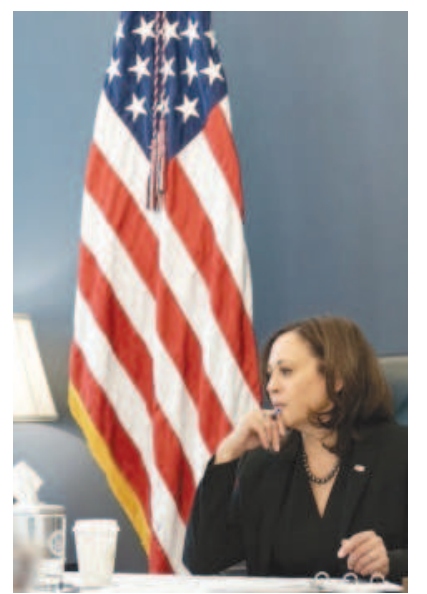
relative of a hostage while speaking to IANS said, "The reported statement of this Hamas official is indeed frightening. We are waiting for our dear ones and we don't know whether they will come back alive or in a coffin." She called upon the Israel government to immediately ascertain the situation in Gaza and the condition of hostages. At least 134 people are in the custody of Hamas and according to Israeli intelligence agencies 32 of them are dead. Israel has backed out of the ongoing peace talks for a ceasefire before the Ramadan month after Hamas did not provide information on the number of hostages who were alive which the Israeli side has been demanding.

## Kamala Harris urges ceasefire, more aid at meeting with Israeli war cabinet member

**Washington, Mar 7 (IANS) :** US Vice President Kamala Harris has met with a member of Israel's cabinet prosecuting the war in Gaza, urging an immediate ceasefire and the increase and safe distribution of humanitarian assistance to Palestinian civilians in need. Harris' meeting with Benny Gantz, former Israeli defence minister and deputy prime minister, came on Thursday --

one day after she gave what appeared to be the most strongly-worded call to date from the Joe Biden administration for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, Xinhua news agency reported. "The Vice President discussed the urgency of achieving a hostage deal and welcomed Israel's constructive approach to the hostage talks," said a readout of the meeting issued by the White House. "She called on Hamas to accept the terms

on the table whereby the release of hostages would result in an immediate six-week ceasefire," it added. Harris also "expressed her deep concern about the humanitarian conditions in Gaza and the recent horrific tragedy around an aid convoy in northern Gaza", the readout said, referring to an incident Thursday that killed scores of Palestinians trying to get food from an aid convoy in Gaza City.



## China's reversion to its 'old' growth model being witnessed in recent years

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** China's re-opening rebound was one of the biggest market bets gone wrong in 2023, with the housing market (60 per cent of household assets) seeing the worst downturn in the country's history, dragging down growth and consumption, Emkay Global Financial Services said in a report. The consequent deflationary state has compelled policies to be more growth-friendly, but fears are mounting over China

staring at decades of stagnation ahead, a.k.a. debt-deflation trap and 'Japanification' risks. However, China's ability to demarketise its housing market and factors like non-liberal capital a/c can buy policymakers some time to avoid a Japan-like downward spiral. That said, China's slowdown is structural, caused by the end of an unprecedented expansion in credit and investment over the past decade.







## BAI announces rewards for Asian Games, BATC success with cash awards of INR 1.12 crore

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** The Badminton Association of India (BAI) on Thursday announced a cash incentive of over INR 1.12 crore to the players and support staff for their success in major international tournaments including the Asian Games, Badminton Asia Team Championship and the BWF World Junior Championships. The women's team that won the historic Badminton Asia Team Championship (BATC) crown last

month will get INR 35 lakh, 2022 Asian Games gold medallist men's doubles combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are awarded INR 12 lakh, 2022 Asian Games men's singles bronze medallist HS Prannoy will receive INR 5 lakh while the men's team that bagged the 2022 Asian Games silver for the first time will collectively get a prize sum of INR 40 lakh.



## Champions League: Holders Man City cruise into QF with 6-2 aggregate win over FC Copenhagen

**Manchester, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Defending champions Manchester City eased into the quarter-finals of the UEFA Champions League for a seventh successive season after comfortably beating FC Copenhagen 3-1 at Etihad Stadium. Wednesday night's victory saw Pep Guardiola's defending European champions complete a 6-2 aggregate success after a 3-1 win in the Danish capital last month. City have won their last 10 matches in the Champions League, becoming the first English side to achieve that figure. It didn't take long for City to extend the aggregate lead they earned in Denmark three weeks ago, with centre-back Manuel Akanji meeting Julian Alvarez's corner with an accurate volley into

the top corner after just five minutes. Alvarez was then among the goals himself, with a curling strike from outside the box squirming beyond Copenhagen goalkeeper Kamil Grabara's grasp and into the net. The visitors did have something to cheer close to the half-hour mark, when Mohamed Elyounoussi ran onto a wonderful Orri Oskarsson back-heel and steered home to offer his team a glimmer of hope. Copenhagen had done well to shackle the ever-dangerous Erling Haaland in the first period, but just before the break the Norwegian forward pounced with a powerful low finish to record his sixth goal of this season's tournament.

## My shirt signed by Dhoni is still proudly kept in my house : Gavaskar

**New Delhi, Mar 7 (IANS) :** India batting legend Sunil Gavaskar shared his admiration for ex-India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, expressing pride in owning a shirt autographed by the iconic cricketer during last year's IPL. Reflecting on his longstanding fandom for Dhoni, Gavaskar recounted the memorable experience of meeting MSD and cherishing the autographed memento as a prized possession. Gavaskar said that he has always been a fan of Dhoni and admire his

style of play, his attitude and behaviour on and off the field. "Ever since I saw MSD playing for the first time, I have been his fan. And what does a fan want? The fan wants to meet his hero and chat with him, try to get his autograph, a photograph as well. The whole team was taking a round around the stadium (Chepauk) because they had to go somewhere else for the knockout games, so I thought this was a good time to take his autograph, because I admire him a lot. I admire his cricket, his attitude, his behavior," Gavaskar said on Star Sports



#IPLonStar event ahead of IPL 2024. Highlighting Dhoni's exemplary conduct both on and off the field, Gavaskar emphasized the importance of role models in sports and commended Dhoni for his grace and integrity while revealing that he still proudly kept a shirt which

was signed by the CSK skipper during IPL 2023. "There is a responsibility on you when you are a role model to conduct yourself well with everyone and be a good role model. And he is a very good role model. And the way he conduct himself with grace.



## WPGT: Amandeep builds four-shot lead over Gaurika in 5th leg

**Gurugram, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Amandeep Dral opened her third round with three bogeys in a row and lost her overnight lead, but by the end of the day was back in the saddle with a four-shot lead over Gaurika Bishnoi in the fifth leg of the Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Golden Greens Golf Club. Amandeep is 9-under 207, while Gaurika is 5-under 211. Khushi Khanijau (72-71-69) with the best card of the day moved to third place at 4-under 212.



## Marais Erasmus announces retirement from international cricket umpiring

**Christchurch, Mar 7 (IANS) :** Veteran South Africa umpire Marais Erasmus has announced his retirement from the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires. His illustrious career spanning over two decades will culminate with his final officiating duty during the second Test between

New Zealand and Australia, starting on Friday. The Christchurch Test will be Erasmus' 82nd men's Test match as umpire, putting him 10th on the list of umpires to officiate in most Test matches. Erasmus also officiated 124 men's ODIs, 43 men's T20 matches, and 18 women's T20 matches. In 131 international games, he has also

served as the TV umpire. With a remarkable track record of officiating in numerous prestigious cricket events, including four men's Cricket World Cups (2011, 2015, 2019, 2023) and seven men's T20 World Cups (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2021 and 2022).

## 5th Test: Jaiswal & Rohit fifties put India in commanding position after Kuldeep & Ashwin bamboozle England

**Dharamshala, March 7 (IANS) :** Captain Rohit Sharma & Yashasvi Jaiswal smashed half-centuries to put India in a commanding position at stumps on day one of fifth and final Test against England at the HPCA Stadium on Thursday. The foundation for India's dominating

day was set up by Kuldeep Yadav's sensational 5-72 and Ravichandran Ashwin taking 4-51 in his 100th Test match to bamboozle England for 218 in 57.4 overs. In reply, Jaiswal's 57 and Rohit's 52 not out took India to 135/1 in 30 overs and now trail England by 83 runs. England were in a strong position

at 100/1, before the Kuldeep-Ashwin show triggered an unbelievable meltdown. Only Zak Crawley waged a lone battle with a good-looking 79 as England flattered to deceive, falling like a pack of cards as Kuldeep scythed amazingly through the batting order.



## Dinesh Karthik set to play his final IPL season this year: Reports

**New Delhi, March 7 (IANS) :** India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is set to end his IPL career at the end of the upcoming edition, when he appears for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) over the next two months, says report. According to an ESPNcricinfo report, Karthik will also make a final decision soon on his international future. The wicketkeeper-batter, who commenced his

IPL journey with Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals), stands among a distinguished list of seven players who have participated in every IPL season since its inception in 2008. This group includes renowned names such as MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, Wriddhiman Saha and Manish Pandey. Remarkably, Karthik has only been absent for two matches out of all 16 IPL seasons.



## 5th Test: 'Learnt that there is no end to picking up new skills from Ashwin', says Shubman Gill

**Dharamshala, Mar 7 (IANS) :** With Ravichandran Ashwin taking the field for his 100th Test match through the last game of the series at Dharamshala, top-order

batter Shubman Gill said he's learnt from the veteran India off-spinner that there is no end point about picking up new skills. Ashwin, who debuted in November 2011.