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## Excise policy case: Delhi court denies bail to K. Kavitha noting 'gravity & seriousness of offence'

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) : A Delhi court on Monday denied regular bail to Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha in the excise policy case, noting the gravity and seriousness of the offence, nature of the allegations against her, and the offences invoked in the case. Currently, Kavitha, the daughter of BRS chief and former Telangana Chief

Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, is in judicial custody till May 7.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja of the Rouse Avenue Court presided over the money laundering cases being probed by the CBI and the ED related to the alleged excise policy scam in Delhi.

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## YSR Congress derailed Andhra Pradesh's development : PM Modi

Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh), May 6 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that the people of Andhra Pradesh have rejected the ruling YSR Congress Party as it wasted five years and derailed the state's development. He exuded confidence that NDA would form the government in the state and complete the pending projects including Polavaram. He was addressing a public meeting here to campaign for the TDP-BJP-Jana Sena alliance.

Appealing to people to cast their vote on May 13 for the future of Andhra Pradesh, PM Modi said that this time Andhra Pradesh has Modi guarantee, Chandrababu

Naidu's leadership and Pawan Kalyan's confidence.

Jana Sena leader and Tollywood actor Pawan Kalyan, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) General Secretary Nara Lokesh and BJP state president D. Purandeswari shared the dais with the Prime Minister. He said that the people of Andhra Pradesh with their votes on May 13 will begin a new chapter in the journey of development.

"The NDA is anyway going to make a record in the Lok Sabha election. In the Andhra Pradesh Assembly too, the NDA government will be decided for the next five years," PM Modi said, adding that Viksit Andhra Pradesh will be a big step towards Viksit India. Continued on pg 02

## Infiltrators are principal vote bank of Mamata Banerjee: Amit Shah

Kolkata, May 6 (IANS) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scared to stop the illegal infiltrators in the state as these infiltrators are the "principal vote bank" of Trinamool Congress.

"The Chief Minister is scared to take action against the illegal infiltrators. These infiltrators are her principal vote bank.



## BJP-NDA will not get even 150 seats, claims Rahul Gandhi

Bhopal, May 6 (IANS) : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that the BJP-led NDA would not win even 150 seats in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Addressing public rallies in Madhya Pradesh, Gandhi accused the BJP of planning to change the Constitution in a bid to end reservation for the ST/SC and OBC communities.

"They (BJP leaders) have made it clear that if they win, they will change the Constitution. This is the reason why they gave the slogan of 'abki baar 400 paar'... Forget about 400, they won't even get 150 this time around," said the former Congress President while addressing back-to-back rallies in Ratlam and Khargon. The election in Ratlam and Khargone along

with six other parliamentary constituencies - Indore, Ujjain, Dhar, Mandour, Dewas and Khandwa - will be held in the fourth phase on May 13. Voting for the third phase elections in nine Lok Sabha seats of Madhya Pradesh - Bhopal, Vidisha, Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Betul, Guna, Sagar and Rajgarh - will be conducted on May 7.



## May 13 LS, Assembly elections will shape future of Andhra Pradesh: CM Jagan

Amaravati, May 6 (IANS) : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, said on Monday that the May 13 simultaneous elections to the 175-member Assembly

and 25 Lok Sabha seats are not just about electing MLAs or MPs but about shaping the future of the state by fortifying ongoing schemes. Addressing an election rally in Bapatla District, the YSR

Congress Party (YSRCP) President told people that placing trust in the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President, N Chandrababu Naidu often results in betrayal.

## Ex-CM Hemant Soren moves SC against Jharkhand HC verdict

New Delhi, May 6 : Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has moved the Supreme Court challenging the dismissal of his writ petition by the Jharkhand High Court against his arrest in connection with a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam.



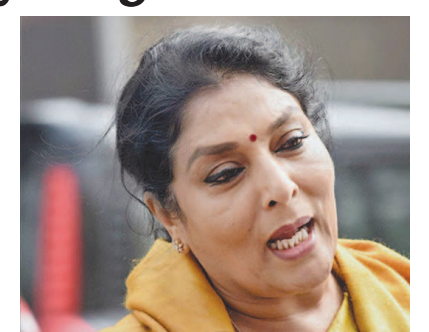
## Take responsibility to increase voter turnout in Hyderabad : Vikas Raj

Hyderabad, May 6 (NSS): With the State capital recording the lowest percentage in all the elections, Chief Electoral Officer Vikas Raj has urged the people that everyone should take responsibility for increasing the voting percent-

age in Hyderabad district. Vikas Raj along with GHMC Commissioner Ronald Rose, Hyderabad Police Commissioner K Srinivas Reddy, District Collector Anudeep Durishetty flagged off a bike taxi rally at LB Stadium here on Monday.

## Renuka Chowdhary condemns arrest of Congress leaders

Hyderabad, May 6 (IANS) : Congress Rajya Sabha Member Renuka Chowdhary has slammed the Bharatiya Janatha Party (BJP) government at the Centre for misusing the investigation agencies and questioned with what authority did the Delhi police descend in Telangana.



## Awareness of asthma is empowering : Dr. G. Surendra Babu Pediatrician

**Rajanna Sirisilla, May 6 (TIM Bureau) :** On the occasion of World Asthma Day "Pediatrician Dr. G. Surendrababu explained about asthma in children. Do you have trouble breathing? Is your child having trouble sleeping at night? Does your child snore?" "Do you often use antibiotics for snoring problems and cough?" "Is the problem severe during winter monsoons? Is nebulization often used? It could be asthma. "Asthma Symptoms" Asthma symptoms vary from person to

person. Some may have frequent asthma symptoms. Some may have symptoms only at certain times. "Asthma symptoms" shortness of breath, "Chest tightness or chest Pain, wheezing when breathing, (this is a common symptom of asthma in children) Difficulty breathing- Cough or difficulty breathing due to lack of sleep, cough aggravated by a respiratory virus such as a cold or flu. "Causes of Asthma Although there are many causes of asthma, it is mainly hereditary. Air pollution, chronic colds, sinus infections, dust, dirt, mold, pet dander

## Today is World Asthma Day

and chemicals in food can cause asthma. Children with skin diseases are more likely to develop asthma. If parents are asthma sufferers then children are also prone to it. "Asthma can also be caused by a viral infection like a cold. Air pollution, cigarette smoke, cent odors and dust can also cause this disease. " This disease is also possible due to the use of pain reliever drugs

like Eupirin, some drugs used to control BP. Indigestion, gas trouble, mental stress etc. are also at risk of developing asthma. "Asthma triggers, Allergens include pollen, dust, mites, chalk pea powder, pet dander, respiratory infections such as the common cold, physical exertion, mental stress, certain foods including shrimp, dried fruits, processed potatoes, beer, wine, and beverages with sulfites and preservatives.



"These can also increase the risk of asthma. Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is also a cause of asthma. "The first step to take when diagnosed with asthma is to identify triggers and avoid them. Diagnostic Procedures:

Spirometry: This is used to measure a person's lung function. After a bronchodilator such as Albetrol improves lung function, it can diagnose asthma. "Is asthma completely curable? Asthma is an inflammatory disease. Inflammation is a natural defense mechanism in the body. It will be higher and lower. \* Asthma should be kept under control but there is no cure for asthma. "If it comes, won't it decrease?" Asthma was once deadly. But now there are good inhalers available for asthma. Moreover, forever. New treatments are available especially for relief from non-allergic asthma.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 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 Notice dated 09-02-2024, calling upon the Shri Mr. Ramu Matkimar S/o Rama Chander and the Guarantor Chekolekar Krishna S/o Moguliah to repay the amount mentioned in the notice aggregating Rs.47,61,549.15 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine and paise Fifteen only + Interest thereon from 07-10-2023 and other expenses thereon) as on 07-10-2023 together with future interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment 60 days from the date of the receipt of said notice.

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The Borrower and Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda, Nallakunta Branch for an amount of being Rs. 47,61,549.15 + future interest thereon after 07-10-2023 and other expenses thereon till date of payment.

The Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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All that the Southern portion of house bearing Municipal no. 16-11-16/M/4/A, on plot no 4A forming part of Sy no.77 admeasuring 154 Sq.Yds equivalent to 128.74 Sq.mts out of 330 Sq.Yds situated at Teegalaguda, Moosarambagh, Hyderabad, Telangana with Mortgage Deed No-4226/2020 dated 10-07-2020 Boundaries are as follows: East: H.No.16-11-16/M/4B West: 30 feet wide Road North: Northern portion of H.No.16-11-16/M/4A South: Plot No.1

Date: 04-05-2024  
Place: Nallakunta

Authorized Officer  
BANK OF BARODA



## KTR walking around with strong legs

**Rajanna Sirisilla, May 6 (TIM Bureau) :** Congress Party Sirisilla Constituency In-Charge KK Mahender Reddy complained that KTR is campaigning in Sirisilla by performing circus feats and kneeling like never before for the victory of BRS parliamentary candidate Vinod Kumar. KK Mahender Reddy said in a media conference held at the Congress Party office in Sirisilla Shivnagar on Monday that it was known that the BRS peethas were moving in the Sirisilla constituency, so it was clear that the people of Sirisilla did not believe him even though he campaigned with love and shed crocodile tears. Because the people of Sirisilla

deeply believe that KTR is the cause of all the ills in the region, he realized that the BRS party will suffer in the upcoming parliamentary elections, and he said that he is doing circus feats by tying his legs and putting his head on his stomach and performing circus acts like never before. He said that all the people of Telangana understood the corruption and irregularities committed by him.

## Congress is creating misconceptions about reservations

**Tulla Virender Goud, state spokesperson of BJP in the media conference**

**Rajanna Sirisilla, May 6 (TIM Bureau) :** Bharatiya Janata Party State Spokesperson Tulla Virender Goud said that the Congress party is poisoning the nature of reservations and the Congress party has no moral right to speak about reservations. He spoke along with the party leaders at the press conference held at Sirisilla Press Club on Monday. He said that lakhs of

people are flocking to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election campaign meeting in Vemulawada on 8th of this month. Modi said that Badugu belongs to the weaker sections and is a sincere leader towards the BCs. He said that the Congress is trying to reduce the reservation for BC SC STs and increase the reservation for Muslims.



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RULE 6 (2)(b) (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002  
Date: 03-05-2024

**To:-**

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**Sir/Madam,**  
Sub - Sale of properties belonging to Mrs. Moru Pushpa W/o Late Moru Eshwar, for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Hyderabad (NPA account M/s SP Mines & Minerals, is transferred from E-AB, Masabtank Branch, Hyderabad to ARB, UBI), the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 19.08.2021 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorized Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 22.02.2022.

Even after taking possession of the secured assets, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned properties by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the properties and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the properties and you can redeem your properties as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:-** All that Residential H.No: 1-4-272, on Plot No.32, admeasuring 220Sq Yds or 183.92 Sq.Mts (GF+FF), Sy No.89,90 & 101, Block No.4, Kothapet Village, Uppal Mandal, GHMC, LB Nagar circle, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist and bounded by:North : Plot No.33, South : 40' Wide Road, East : 30' wide road West : Plot No.31

Place:Hyderabad  
Date: 03-05-2024

Sd/-D. Radha Krishna Authorised Officer  
Union Bank of India

## Excise policy case: Delhi court denies bail to K. Kavitha noting 'gravity & seriousness of offence'

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The court noted that the investigation is in a very crucial stage on certain key aspects, including the involvement of public servants and private persons and to ascertain the flow of ill-gotten money (proceeds of crime). The judge noted that prima facie, Kavitha appears to be the key conspirator of the criminal conspiracy hatched for the purpose of collection and payment of upfront money to the Aam Aadmi Party through the co-accused for get-

ting favourable provisions in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. "Her role in demanding upfront money and the alleged payment thereof for favourable provisions in the excise policy has also been highlighted in the course of the arguments," the court noted. The CBI submitted that though Kavitha is not named in the FIR,

her role in the case emerged during the investigation, from the statements of witnesses and approvers, WhatsApp chats, and from the documents recovered during the probe pertaining to the transaction of money in the guise of a land deal. "The said documents/materials are stated to reveal the role of the accused/applicant as one of the key conspirators in the case," the CBI

argued while opposing the bail plea. Kavitha had cited hypertension as a reason for bail, stressing the need for medical care after her arrest by the ED. On this, the judge noted that the documents relied upon were found to be old medical records, i.e., from the year 2013 onwards, and her complaints have apparently been addressed.

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(Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 with Rule (3) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002). Whereas, at the request of you, the below mentioned person(s), have been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property (ies) mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, your accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the Demand Notices that were sent by Regd. Post calling upon to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the Postal Department, this notice is issued.

S. No.	Name of the Applicant / Co-Applcmt/ Guarantors/ Loan Account Number	Liability in Rs.	Property Offered Equitable Mortgage
1	1. Mr. Bangari Veera Chary, S/o Lingaiah, C/o. Plot No.150, G-Floor, Sri Laxmi Nagar, Bodupally, Medchal-Malkajgiri-500092, Telangana State. Also at: 2. Mr. Bangari Veera Chary, S/o. Lingaiah, D.No.1-154, Veerareddy Pally, Turkapally, Veerareddy Pally, Yadgiri-Bhongiri, Telangana-508116. 3. Mrs. Bangari Bala Laxmi, W/o. Veera Chary, Plot No.150, G-Floor, Sri Laxmi Nagar, Bodupally, Medchal-Malkajgiri-500092, Telangana State. Also at: 4. Mrs. Bangari Bala Laxmi, W/o. Veera Chary, D.No.1-154, Veerareddy Pally, Turkapally, Yadgiri-Bhongiri Dt., Veerareddy Pally-508116, Telangana State. 5. M/s. Sri Sai Wood Works, Rep by its Prop. Veera Chary, C/o. Plot No.3, Dwarakanagar, Chengicherla, Bodupally-500092, Telangana State. Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on: 09-04-2024, Demand Notice Dated: 22-04-2024	Rs.28,16,741/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Only) being the amount due as on 22-04-2024 this amount includes interest till 22-04-2024 together with further interest thereon from 23-04-2024 at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment	All that Piece of Property with Newly constructed House On Plot No.120 Western Part, in Survey No.76/1, to 76/6, Admeasuring 100.00 Sq.Yards or 83.6 Sq.Mts., (Out of 182 Sq.Yards), Plinth Area 1338 Sq.Ft of RCC (i.e., Ground Floor 669 Sq.Ft and First Floor 669 Sq.Ft) situated at Kranthi Nagar Colony, Chengicherla Village, Under Bodupally Municipal Corporation, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Under SRO Narapally, M.M. District, Bounded by: East: Plot No.120 Eastern Part, West: Plot No.119, South: Plot No.121, North: 25'-0" Wide Road.
2	1. Mrs. Nazia Sultana, W/o. Mr. Shaik Qutubuddin, R/o. H.No.3-6-778, Flat No.305, Street No.14, Himayath Nagar, Hyderabad-500029. Also at: Mrs. Nazia Sultana, R/o. H.No. 17-1-375/28/N/1, Kalandar Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Hyderabad-500059. Also at: Mrs. Nazia Sultana, R/o. H.No.17-1-375/31/D/1, Santhosh Nagar, Qalandar Nagar, Saidabad, Hyderabad-500059. Also at: Mrs. Nazia Sultana, C/o. St. Mary's College, Occ: Secretary, 3-6-691/157, Himayath Nagar, Opp. Agarwal Sweets Shop, Hyderabad-29. 2. Mr. Mohammed Ashwaq Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Hafeez Ahmed Mohd, R/o. H.No.17-1-375/28/N/1, Kalandar Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Hyderabad-500059. Property Address: Mrs. Nazia Sultana, H.No.3-6-782/404, Flat No.404, Block A, Banjara Adan, Street No.4, Himayath Nagar, Hyderabad-500029. Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on: 09-04-2024 Demand Notice Dated: 22-04-2024	Rs.16,84,088/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand and Eighty Eight Only) Being the amount due as on 20-04-2024 this amount includes interest till 20-04-2024 together with further interest thereon from 21-04-2024 at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment	All that part and parcel of the Flat No.404 bearing GHMC No.3-6-782/404, on Fourth floor of building known as "Banjara Sadan" with built up area admeasuring 910 square feet including common areas, together with undivided share of land 30 square yards, out of total land area of 1103.52 square yards, in premises bearing municipal No.3-6-782, situated at: Himayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, (PTIN No. 1090322186), standing in the name of Mrs. Nazia Sultana, W/o. Mr. Shaik Qutubuddin, vide Sale Deed bearing doc. No.3128/2019, Before SRO Hyderabad and bounded by: Boundaries of Flat: North: Flat No.403, South: Open to sky, East: Open to sky, West: Corridor, Staircase & Lift.

If you the above mentioned person/s fail to repay the above-mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act. Within 60 days from the date of this notice the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 06-05-2024, Place: Hyderabad  
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank limited

## YSR Congress derailed Andhra Pradesh's development : PM Modi

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Mentioning that he is coming from Odisha, PM Modi exuded confidence that NDA will form governments in all states where Assembly elections are being held. Asserting that when Chandrababu Naidu's government was in power Andhra Pradesh was on top on development, he alleged that the YSR Congress derailed the train development. "Instead of working in the interest of people, it drowned Andhra Pradesh into huge debts," he said, adding that NDA is the only guarantee of development. The Prime Minister said that in the name of Law,

the performance of YR Congress government was zero while corruption was 100 per cent. "The projects of the Central government were delayed and people's interests derailed. Therefore when in the state and at the Centre there is a double engine government of NDA, all stalled works will be completed," he said. PM Modi said when the entire world is positive about India, the people of Andhra Pradesh should stay away from the negativity of Congress and YRS Congress and connect with BJP and NDA. Stating that the YSR Congress came to power with the promise of prohibition, he alleged that the government itself is dealing in liquor and resorting to corruption.

"A big liquor syndicate is operating here. It is said that the Andhra government is running sand and liquor mafia," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister said that the YSR Congress talked about developing three state capitals but all these years could not develop even one. "In the name of three capitals they were planning a big loot but before that they emptied the treasury. They can only do corruption management. They can't do financial management." PM Modi alleged that the YSR Congress put brakes on the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh by stalling works on the Polavaram project.



## Delhi Police, NSG security conducting mock drills across city

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** The Delhi Police along with the National Security Guard (NSG) are conducting security mock drills across several locations including Kashmiri Gate and the New Parliament Building in the national capital, an official said on Monday. As per sources, the drills to ensure preparedness to thwart any untoward incident are also being conducted at schools.

This comes two days after several schools in Delhi-NCR received bomb threat via emails. A Delhi Police source told IANS that the drills are being conducted at various sites such as metro stations, schools, temples, and government buildings. "Over 10 locations have been chosen for these drills, which will continue till late night," said a source. The drill at the New Parliament Building commenced at around 3 p.m. and continued till 3:30 p.m. "The DCPs and their teams oversaw the drills, with the presence of canine units, bomb disposal squads, and other specialised teams," said a senior police official.

## Sachin Pilot campaigns for Digvijaya Singh, accuses BJP of suppressing Opposition

**Bhopal, May 6 (IANS) :** Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Monday accused the BJP of trying to polarise voters to divert their attention from the real issues as the Central government led by it "failed to fulfill promises made in the last two general

elections". Addressing a public rally in Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh for Congress candidate Digvijaya Singh, the former Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan also accused the BJP government at Centre of suppressing opposition leaders by implicating them on fake charges. Pilot appealed to Rajgarh voters to support Digvijaya Singh in the Lok Sabha election.



## Union Minister Pradhan exudes confidence of BJP winning all LS seats in Odisha

**Bhubaneswar, May 6 (IANS) :** Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the BJP candidate for Odisha's Sambalpur constituency, on Monday exuded confidence that his party will win all the 21 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Addressing a press meet here, the Union Minister said, "Last time, the BJP secured 38 per cent votes and our opponent got 42 per cent. The difference was just four per cent and we won eight Lok Sabha seats. I believe this time the Bharatiya Janata Party is going to win all 21 seats in Odisha." The BJP leader further claimed that the party will also form

government in the state by winning maximum Assembly seats. He said Odisha had received a "meagre Rs 3 lakh crore during the Congress rule at the Centre between 2004 and 2014"; while in the last 10 years of the Narendra Modi government, the state received "around Rs 18 lakh crore". Union Minister Pradhan claimed that despite the receipt of huge amounts of financial aid from the Centre, several places in the state lack drinking water and irrigation facilities, the school dropout rate in the state is high and the cases of malnutrition are also highest. The ruling BJD, on the other hand, has questioned the BJP leaders about the steps taken by them to safeguard the pride of Odisha.



## Probes in 30 murder cases pending for 10-30 years in Manipur district, finds state rights panel

**Imphal, May 6 (IANS) :** The Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) on Monday served notice to police officials concerned about 30 murder cases pending for investigation for decades in the state's Thoubal district only. MHRC sources said that Commission Chairperson, Justice Utpalendu Bikash Saha

(retired) recently made a surprise visit to the Thoubal Police Station and Thoubal Women Police Station and found at least 30 murder cases pending investigation for 10-30 years. Justice Saha, a former judge of the Gauhati, Tripura, and Manipur High Courts, in his notice to the Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range-II), Superintendent of Police, Thoubal, and Officer-in-Charge of Thoubal police station, said that due to delay of investigation, both the family of the victim and the accused person are denied a fair trial as well as justice. "... delay of investigation is nothing but denial of justice which a citizen is entitled to from the political government.



## 258 candidates in fray for 11 seats in Maha going to polls on May 7

**Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) :** As many as 258 candidates are in the fray for the third phase of Lok Sabha elections at 11 constituencies in Maharashtra scheduled for May 7, a top poll official said on Monday. The voting will take place in 23,036 polling centres as 2,09,92,616 people will exercise their voting rights. The polling will take place in Raigad, Baramati, Dharashiv, Latur, Solapur, Madha, Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Kolhapur and Hatkanangale.



## Guwahati received major boost during BJP regime: Sarbananda Sonowal

**Guwahati, May 6 (IANS) :** Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday said that Guwahati -- considered gateway to the northeast -- received a major boost during the BJP

government's tenure, adding the city was neglected when Congress was in power in Assam. Addressing a public meeting here to garner support for the BJP candidate in Guwahati, Bijuli Kalita Medhi, Union Minister Sonowal said.

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Asset Recovery Branch # 249/3RT, 1st Floor, Main Road, SR Nagar Hyderabad - 500038

**SALE NOTICE**  
NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)(B) (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002  
To:- Date: 03-05-2024

**Borrower:** 1. M/s Sri Venkateswara Traders, (Rep by Mrs. Bakka Jayapradha), 17-1-383/74, Flat No.202, 1st Floor, Deendayal Apartments, Road No.2, Vinay Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad-59 Telangana **PROPRIETRIX Cum Mortgagor: Mrs Bakka Jayapradha, W/o Mr.Bakka Raghunath, 17-1-383/74, Flat No.202, 1st Floor, Deendayal Apartments, Road No.2, Vinay Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad-59 Telangana** **Guarantor: Mr.Bakka Raghunath, S/o B Rama Koti 17-1-383/74, Flat No.202, 1st Floor, Deendayal Apartments, Road No.2, Vinay Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad-59 Telangana** **Mr.Bakka Raghunath, S/o B Rama Koti H No.9-7-411, 2nd Floor Road No.3, Yadagiri Nagar, Saidabad, Hyderabad-59 Telangana**

**Sir/Madam,**  
Sub - Sale of properties belonging to Mrs. Bakka Jayapradha W/o Mr. Bakka Raghunath, (PROPRIETRIX Cum Mortgagor of M/s Sri Venkateswara Traders, for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Hyderabad (NPA account M/s Sri Venkateswara Traders, is transferred from E-AB, Malakpet Branch, Hyderabad to ARB, UBI), the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 15.11.2023 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice during the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 31.01.2024.

Even after taking possession of the secured assets, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned properties by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the properties and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the properties and you can redeem your properties as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act:

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:** All that part and parcel of Flat No.202 Type "A" in First Floor, House No.17-1-383/74/FF2, in the building known as "Deendayal Apartments", with a Plinth area of 1031 Sq Feet including common areas and car parking, together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 42.30 Sq Yds or 35.35Sq Mts out of total land of 1048 Sq Yds in the plot No.74 Part, in Survey No.209, 217 and 218, situated at Saidabad, Hyderabad under GHMC, belongs to Mrs Bakka Jayapradha W/o Mr B Raghunath and bounded as follows :-North : 40' Wide Road; South : Neighbours Land in Sy No.211; East : Plot No.73; West : Plot No. 75;

**Place:**Hyderabad **Sd/-D. Radha Krishna Authorised Officer**  
**Date:** 03-05-2024 **Union Bank of India**

**SHRIRAM Finance** **SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

**DEMAND NOTICE**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1	1) Mohamad Abdul Rahman, S/o: Late Mohamad Abdul Saleem, Age: 50 Years, Occ:Self Employee, R/o:H.No: 12-11-1844/1, Ambar Nagar, New Nallakunta, Near Bus Stop, Hyderabad-500044, B/o: Proprietor of "Hrm Refrigeration And Air Condition Engineers", At # Same As Resi Address 2) Raheem Unissa Begum, W/o: Mohammed Abdul Rahman, Age: 43 Years, Self Employee, R/o:H.No: 12-11-1844/1, Ambar Nagar, Near Bus Stop, Hyderabad-500044, B/o: Proprietor of "Hrm Refrigeration And Air Condition Engineers", At # Same As Resi Address. 3) Mohd Umar Pasha, S/o: Mohd Maqbool, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No:12-11-1896/A, Ambar Nagar, New Nallakunta, Warasiguda, Near Ekashila Medical Shop, Hyderabad-500044, B/o: Proprietor of "Umar Pan Shop", At # Same As Resi Address. ....Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs	08-09-2023	23-01-2024
		Loan Amount Rs. 22,00,000/-	Amount Outstanding Rs.23,64,250/-

**SANNGTF220630004- Description of the Immovable Property Schedule "A" :** All that the plot No. 28, in Survey No. 62, admeasuring 150 Sq. Yds., Or 125.4 Sq. Mts., Situated at "Boduppall Village" Under Boduppall Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 25' Wide Road, Towards West: Plot No. 43. Towards North: Plot No. 29. Towards South: Plot No. 27.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

**Date:**04-05-2024 **Place:** Nallakunta **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiram Finance Limited**

**SHRIRAM Finance** **SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

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S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1	1) Mahender Saud, S/o:Late Jaya Singh Saud, Age:34years, Occ: Self Employee, Add: R/O:H.No: 4-1-569, 3rd Floor, Flat No: 209, Reliance Complex, Troop Bazar, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, Add-It: 5-4-790/D/1, Nampally Station Road, Mch Colony, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, B/O:Proprietor Of "M/S Deepali Fast Food Center", At # 18-14-268, Plot No: 288, Hanuman Nagar, Road No 7A, Karmanghat, Saroornagar, Hyderabad	08-09-2023	23-01-2024
		Loan Amount Rs. 22,00,000/-	Amount Outstanding Rs.36,85,984/-
	2) Bhajana Saud, W/o: Mahender Saud, D/o:Kalusingh Saud, Age: 26 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o:H.No: 4-1-569, 3rd Floor, Flat No: 209, Reliance Complex, Troop Bazar, Abids, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, 3) Lalitha Saud, W/o: Late Jaya Saud, Age: 66 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o:H.No: 4-1-569, 3rd Floor 209, Reliance Complex, Troop Bazar, Abids, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, 4) Narayan Souwd, S/o: Pavithra Souwd, Age:42 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 16-9-76, Padma Nagar, Malakpet, Hyderabad-500036, B/o: Proprietor of "Nice Fast Food Court", At # 8-4-242/4, Karmanghat, Hyderabad, ....Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs		

**DLSKNTF221300009- Description Of The Immovable Property Schedule "A" :** All That The Piece And Parcel Of Open Plot Bearing No.4 East Part, Admeasuring 167.5 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 140.04 Sq. Mtrs, in Survey No.4, Situated At Dawoodkhanqada Village, Balapur Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No.3 Towards North: Plot No.4 West Part Towards South: Neighbours Land.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

**Date:**04-05-2024 **Place:** Nampally & Karmanghat **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiram Finance Limited**

**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/12/2024 06-05-2024

Bank of India  
Versus  
M/s. SVLS Enterprises Jakkidi

To  
(CD 1) M/s SVLS Enterprises Jakkidi Jakkidi Swarna Latha P. Satish Reddy A Registered partnership firm represented by its partners Smt. Jakkidi Swarna Latha and Smt. Kollu Purnima at Krisgethin Gyms. 11-9-5, 4th floor, above Krihthunga Restaurant, SBI Colony Kothapet, Hyderabad - 500035 Rangareddi - 500060

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/205/2023 an amount of Rs.30,15,106.30 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Six and paise Thirty Only ) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 13.25% simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 14-06-2023 till realization and costs of Rs.98,315/- (Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and fifteen 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 yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 06-06-2024 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: 06-05-2024  
Sd/- Recovery Officer  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

OPINIONmail



**MODI-SHAH WANT TO GET BACK LOST SUPPORT BASE VIA COMMUNAL RHETORIC**

With voters remaining lukewarm to Narendra Modi's "Abki Par 400 Paar" campaign slogan, the prime minister's chief lieutenant, Union home minister Amit Shah has started reaching out to the smaller parties, apart from the official NDA allies, to help Modi form the government for a third consecutive time. Shah has conveyed it to his state leaders and chief ministers of the BJP ruled states to ensure that the voters come out in large numbers to prop up the voting percentage of the ruling party at the centre. The decline of the polling percentage during the two earlier phases, especially in the second phase which witnessed a staggering 8 per cent decline in votes polled in comparison to 2019 across the country, has unnerved Modi and Shah. With around 1 crore voters, out of total 16 crores, staying away from voting, the BJP leadership is haunted by the fear that the third phase of polling would be a virtual repetition of the earlier two phases. The third phase of the elections will be held on May 7 in 94 Lok Sabha constituencies in 12 states. In this phase, states which are crucial for BJP are Bihar (5 seats), Chhattisgarh (7 seats), Gujarat (26 seats), Karnataka (14 seats), Madhya Pradesh (8 seats), Maharashtra (11 seats), Uttar Pradesh (10 seats) and West Bengal (4 seats). SC, ST and OBC voters are dominant in these constituencies.

Incidentally, all the seats in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh going to polls in the third phase have high density of backward and EB castes. The caste structure could be understood from the popular saying: "Rome Pope ka, Madhepura Gope ka [What Rome is for Pope, Madhepura is for Yadavs]". Besides Madhepura, the other four poll-bracing constituencies are Jhanjharpur, Supaul, Araria, and Khagaria. These areas have been traditionally anti-BJP. In the ten constituencies in Uttar Pradesh that go to poll in the third phase, OBCs, including Yadavs, Lodhs, and Kachhi/Shakya/Murao communities, are the dominant castes and exert high level of influence as decisive polling factors. Besides, the Muslims are the most potent force demographically. The 10 Lok Sabha constituencies scheduled for polls in this phase include Sambhal, Hathras, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Etah, Budaun, Aonla, and Bareilly. Notably, the first two phases comprised eight seats each. The third phase marks a significant shift from the Jat belt observed in the initial two phases. In these areas, the Yadav-Muslim equation is quite strong. Incidentally, the Dalits and EBCs have suffered extreme form of upper caste repression. In earlier elections, the BJP managed to win quite convincingly. But the scenario has changed this time. BJP had won seven out of the 10 seats in 2014 and eight in 2019. Jharkhand constituencies will have election in the fourth phase. The third phase will witness a paradigm shift in the allegiance of the voters. The farmers, Jats and Rajputs are already up in arms against the BJP, especially against Modi. The farmers have been quite angry with him for the ill-treatment and deceit meted out to them by Modi during their movement. They haven't forgotten the images of elderly farmers being assaulted and even tortured by the police. Earlier, over 700 farmers had died in the year-long agitation. Still, Modi did not guarantee them "legal MSP". Their demands are yet to be met.

It is the bitter realisation that BJP, especially Modi, is not the first choice of Dalits, poor, OBCs and EBCs, that mass made Modi turn desperate to rope in this big chunk of voters at any cost. The Dalits and EBCs, who were once considered to be the strong support groups of BJP, have shifted their allegiance to INDIA bloc. RSS, over the years and through its various dalit organisations, has been striving hard to bring them into the Hindu fold. But as the general secretary of the CPI(ML) Dipankar Bhattacharya, [who is in Jharkhand, where the party has fielded its candidate from Koderma] said, the Dalits, tribals and EBCs have realised the futility of associating with the RSS and BJP and they are now fully on the side of the INDIA bloc. Realising the shift in his Dalit, EBC and tribal base, Modi has now come out with a new slogan: "SC-ST aur OBC ki Sarkar". Modi, who had started his electioneering with a thrust on communal polarisation and insinuation against Muslims, has now changed the gear midway.

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**ELON MUSK'S SUDDEN VISIT TO CHINA CANCELLING MEETING WITH INDIAN PM HAS STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Tesla Inc. CEO Elon Musk made an unexpected trip to China on Sunday. Landing in Beijing, Musk met Premier Li Qiang shortly after arrival. This meeting came just a week after Musk postponed a highly anticipated trip to India due to urgent Tesla matters, sparking speculation on Tesla's shifting priorities in its international engagements. During this meeting, reported by China Central Television (CCTV), the Premier welcomed foreign enterprises and acknowledged Tesla as a key player in successful trade relations between China and the US. CCTV also reported that Musk had expressed Tesla's interest in deepening ties with China, reinforcing this sentiment at a separate meeting with Ren Hongbin of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. This visit comes at a critical time for Tesla, which has been implementing significant cost-cutting measures, including reducing its global staff by over 10%, in response to declining electric ve-

hicle (EV) sales. Musk's engagements in China, particularly his discussions on Tesla's Full Self-Driving (FSD) software and the potential international use of data collected in China, underscore the strategic importance of the Chinese market, where Tesla aims to bolster its technological and competitive standing. China's strong backing for EVs and its vast market size make it a key area of focus for Tesla. The Chinese government has fostered a supportive environment for EV producers with various incentives, establishing China as a crucial market in the midst of intense competition. Local brands, such as Xpeng Inc., are enhancing their own autonomous driving solutions, known as Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS), which are increasingly prevalent in China's EV sector. Here, Tesla is facing declining market share as companies, including Xpeng, Xiaomi Corp. and Huawei Technologies Co., emphasise advanced technology to attract buyers. Additionally, widespread price reductions by



competitors are putting pressure on the US firm to consider similar pricing strategies. Tesla's Shanghai facility, which opened in 2019, is now the company's top-performing factory worldwide. During his Sunday meeting with Li, Musk highlighted this achievement and commended "the hard work and wisdom of the Chinese team", according to CCTV. In contrast, Musk's deferred trip to India reflects a different set of challenges and strategic calculations. Despite India's promising market and a new EV policy that could facilitate Tesla's entry, significant barriers—such as high import duties, inadequate charging infrastructure and consumer

preferences for more affordable vehicles—remain. Additionally, the political uncertainty surrounding India's General Elections and its potential impact on EV policies further complicate Tesla's strategy. Should Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party not return to power, substantial policy shifts could occur, reshaping the EV landscape to favour more aggressive subsidies and local manufacturing incentives. The South China Morning Post refers to industry insiders and analysts citing the ongoing elections in India as the main reason why Musk has rescheduled his visit, as Delhi is preoccupied with campaigning and is not capable of announcing any new economic policies.



**SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF APARTHEID AMIDST POLITICAL TURMOIL**

South Africa celebrated its 30th anniversary of the end of the racist apartheid regime in the country last week amid intensive campaign that is going on among the electorate for the general elections to be held on May 29 this year. The African National Congress (ANC) which is ruling the country since the fall of the racist regime on April 27, 1994 is not feeling comfortable for the first time in the last three decades.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa led the ANC government and the people in the celebrations when he said 'South Africa changed forever on April 27, thirty years ago and it signalled a new chapter in the history.

**AKHILESH YADAV FACES THE CHALLENGE OF ENSURING VICTORY OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN THIRD PHASE**

The prestige of Samajwadi Party and its national President Akhilesh Yadav is at stake in crucial third phase polling on May 7 in 10 Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh that are part of Yadav land. It is going to be testing time for CM Yogi Adityanath who is addressing public meetings in different constituencies to retain the hold of party which was witnessed in previous polls.

Similarly Samajwadi Party which is the main opposition party in state is facing tough challenge to ensure victories of various members of Akhilesh Yadav family including his wife Dimple. Akhilesh Yadav has mobilised all resources besides addressing public meetings to help party candidates to win seats. During first two phases of polls in UP, the focus was on jatland which shifted to yadav land due to emergence of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) mainly yadavs, lodhs, and kachhi/shakya/Murao communities exerting influence as decisive factor. The combination of yadav-muslim is also deciding factor in these constituencies. The constituencies going to polls in third phase are Sambhal, Hathras, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Etah, Badaun, Bareilly and Aonla. It would be worth mentioning here that BJP clinched victory in seven out 10 Lok Sabha seats of this phase in 2014 and expanded to eight in 2019 polls.. It may be noted that Samajwadi Party had won in Sambhal and Mainpuri in 2019 and had also won Mainpuri, Badaun and Firozabad in 2014. Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat is witnessing an interest-



ing contest where Dimple Yadav wife of Akhilesh Yadav is SP candidate to reclaim legacy of her father-in-law late Mulayam Singh Yadav who had won five times to Lok Sabha from here.

Mainpuri a Yadav citadel and pocket burrow of Akhilesh Yadav family is now witnessing campaign of Dimple Yadav who is supported by her daughter Aditi who is studying abroad. Aditi is now working hard to ensure victory of her mother by a big margin. There is big attraction for Aditi's campaign in local population. Dimple Yadav is facing BJP's Jaiveer Singh Shaky and Dr Gulshan Singh Shakya.

The election in Badaun Lok Sabha is very crucial for SP which won the seat from 1996 to 2014. BJP won in 2019 when Sanghmitra Maurya daughter of Swami Prasad Maurya won from here. Now she has been replaced by Durvijay Shakya.

**JUDGES, POLITICS AND PUBLIC TRUST IN INDIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

The judicial system of the country has been facing its biggest credibility crisis over the past ten years. Several instances that cannot be overlooked have battered public trust in the nation's judicial system. Both Supreme Court and high court judges have been involved in controversies that have raised doubts about their trustworthiness to uphold fairness, impartiality and the rule of law. Take a look at this situation: A sitting high court judge publicly announces his resignation and says he will enter

politics, thereby blatantly renouncing his allegiance to the Constitution. A former judge of the Supreme Court joins the Upper House of the Parliament after giving judgments widely regarded as favourable to the ruling party at the Union level.

High court judges decline to release opposition party politicians on bail even though the matter is prima facie politically motivated. Many judges of high courts and the Supreme Court brazenly encourage the culture of 'sealed envelopes' in the trial proceedings, side-lining the principles of free and fair trial. Judges deliver decisions that suit the ruling party and



after retirement join government offices, i.e., as Lokpal, governors and chairpersons of Central bodies. The above-stated incidents of judicial impropriety have not only affected the integrity of the judiciary but have also put at risk the trust people repose in the judiciary as the custodian of the Constitution. Unfortunately, these inci-

dents raise questions about judicial impartiality and create suspicions about the existence of a quid pro quo system. The political class is found offering high-paying post-retirement offices and other lucrative positions to judges, indicating a low level of ethical standards and integrity.

## South Korea, US could explore possible 3-way energy cooperation with Japan

**Seoul, May 6 (IANS) :** South Korea and the US could explore expanding bilateral energy cooperation dialogue to a trilateral format involving Japan in the future, given the importance Washington puts on its two Asian allies, a US official said on Monday. Geoffrey Pyatt, US assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Energy Resources, made the remarks in response to a reporter's question on the prospects of expanding the talks to include other like-minded countries, such as Japan, Australia and New Zealand, Yonhap news agency reported. "I think there is a possibility for us to do more, in the North Asia context, leveraging what the United States has strongly supported in terms of the deeper cooperation between Japan, Korea and the United

States," Pyatt said during an online press briefing. While agreeing that the energy area certainly offers opportunities for the three countries or more, Pyatt struck a cautious note in that developing such possibilities would need "more work." "There are certainly some areas where I could imagine the US-Japan-Korea relationship meeting that test, but that's going to require more work by all of us, and we're not quite there yet," he said. "The relationships are different," Pyatt said. "I think we've got more work to do if we want to develop those opportunities for multilateral cooperation." "But this is very much something that's on the agenda as we look to the future," Pyatt said. In the latest Energy Security Dialogue between Washington and Seoul earlier this week, Pyatt said he and his South Korean counterpart, Kim Hee-sang, deputy foreign minister for economic affairs,

discussed efforts to secure critical energy supply chains, such as solar energy, away from Chinese dependence on sourcing. The discussions also included talks on ways to work together to accelerate the clean energy transition in Southeast Asia and across the Indo-Pacific, Pyatt added. On South Korea's energy dependence on Russia, such as coal imports, Pyatt noted that reducing the

portion of fossil fuels is more of a broader goal to achieve the green energy transition than a matter concerning the ties with Russia. "Korea has already gone to zero on certain key fossil energy imports from Russia, its imports of Russian liquefied natural gas down by about half, compared to before the full-scale invasion began," he said.



## Over 50 die of heatstroke in Myanmar in April

**Yangon, May 6 (IANS) :** In the scorching month of April, over 50 fatalities were recorded due to heatstroke in Mandalay, central Myanmar, an official from the Mani Sala Rescue Organization told Xinhua on Monday. Among the victims, about 30 had pre-existing chronic diseases, with the majority falling within the age range of 50 to 90, he said. The incidence of heatstroke spiked dramatically amid the heatwave in April this year in Myanmar. In March, the

number of hospitalised heat-related cases was only eight, but surged to over 50 by April, he added. On April 28, Mandalay experienced the hottest April day in 77 years, with the temperature reaching 44.8 degrees Celsius, according to the country's Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. In the Southeast Asian country, April and May are typically the hottest months as the temperature spikes before the start of the monsoon season.



## Over 400 hospitalised in Vietnam due to suspected food poisoning

**Hanoi, May 6 (IANS) :** As many as 487 people were admitted to hospital in Vietnam's southern province of Dong Nai over the past few days after having eaten the bread sold by a local eatery, Vietnam News Agency reported on Monday. Among the cases, 19 have recovered and returned home. Two cases remain in critical condition while others are recovering with less severe symp-

toms of suspected food poisoning, Xinhua news agency reported. Vietnam's food safety department under the health ministry on Monday ordered an investigation into the case. Located on Tran Quang Dieu Street in Long Khanh town, Bang, the Vietnamese bread eatery sold 1,100 loaves of bread on April 30.

## All that is left for them now is to murder me: Former Pak PM Imran Khan

**Islamabad, May 6 (IANS) :** Former Pakistan Prime Minister and chief of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Imran Khan has said that the country's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir should be held directly responsible if anything happens to him or his wife. In an article written from the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, Khan alleged that Pakistan's powerful military leadership could make an attempt to eliminate him. Serving a jail term in various cases of corruption, incitement to violence and matters of national security, Khan alleged in his piece written for the UK's Telegraph that all the charges

levelled against him are politically motivated. "All that is left for them now is to murder me," he wrote. Khan wrote that Pakistan has become a "laughing stock" in front of the whole world after conducting flawed elections on February 8. He also mentioned that the 240 million people of the country are angry over the way their voices and support, broadly represented through the power of vote, has been ridiculed. "The people have shown in no uncertain terms their rejection of state electoral machinations and of the oppression, incarceration and torture of not just the PTI leadership but also of its workers," he wrote. "The military leadership has been subjected to overt criticism at a level unseen



before in our history. The government is a laughing stock," he added. Slamming Pakistan's military establishment, he stated specifically that the Army Chief General Asim Munir is doing everything to keep him out of politics. "The establishment has done all they could against me. All that is left for them is to now

murder me. I have stated publicly that if anything happens to me or my wife, the Chief of Army Staff Gen Asim Munir will be responsible," he wrote. "But I am not afraid because my faith is strong. I would prefer death over slavery," he added.

## South Korea, German official discuss possibility of unified Korea

**Seoul, May 6 (IANS) :** Unification Minister Kim Yung-ho, on Monday, met with a senior German official and discussed Berlin's unification experience and the possibility of a unified Korea, Seoul's Unification Ministry said. Kim met with Carsten Schneider, the minister of state for East Germany and equivalent living conditions, at his

office, as Seoul is working on drawing up a new unification vision amid North Korea's pledge not to seek unification with South Korea, Yonhap news agency reported. Kim asked for Berlin's cooperation and support for South Korea's "unwavering" commitment to pursuing a peaceful unification of the two Koreas based on liberal democracy, according to the Unification Ministry.

Schneider also voiced the need to strengthen solidarity between Seoul and Berlin over the issue and shared South Korea's unification vision, it added. The meeting came as North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has defined inter-Korean relations as those between "two



countries hostile to each other" and vowed not to seek reconciliation and unification with South Korea. Schneider was visiting South Korea to attend a meeting of the Korea-Germany Unification Advisory Committee held in the southeastern port city of Busan from Tuesday to Wednesday.

## North Korean economic delegation returns from Iran amid suspected military ties

**Seoul, May 6 (IANS) :** A North Korean economic delegation has returned home from Iran, Pyongyang's state media said Monday, ending a rare trip that raised suspicions of possible weapons cooperation between the two nations.



The delegation, headed by External Economic Relations Minister Yun Jong-ho, arrived in Pyongyang on Monday after visiting Iran, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said in a one-sentence dispatch. The latest dispatch marked the first state

media report on the visit since an April 24 dispatch announcing the delegation's departure, Yonhap news agency reported. It is rare for a ranking North Korean official to visit Iran. The last such visit took place in 2019 when Pak Chol-min.

## Russia responsible for cyber attack on governing party: Germany

**Adelaide, Australia, May 6 (IANS/DPA) :** German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on Monday said Berlin blames a unit of the Russian military intelligence service GRU for a 2023 cyber attack on the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD). "Russian state hackers attacked Germany in cyberspace," Baerbock said in Adelaide

during a visit to Australia, adding there would be consequences. In June 2023, the SPD, the dominant party in Germany's ruling coalition, said that email accounts belonging to its executive had been the target of a cyber attack earlier that year. According to the SPD, this was made possible by a security vulnerability in software which was not known at the time of the attack. "It cannot be ruled

out that data was leaked from individual email inboxes," a SPD spokesperson said. According to Baerbock, the German government's investigation into the matter, led by the Foreign Office, has now been concluded. "We can now clearly attribute this attack from last year to the APT28 group, which is controlled by the Russian secret service GRU," said Baerbock.





### HM Amit Shah dares Uddhav Thackeray to declare if he agrees with Congress manifesto

**Ratnagiri (Maharashtra), May 6 (IANS) :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday dared Shiv Sena-UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray to publicly admit that the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya was a good thing. He also said that if the "fake Shiv Sena chief did not dare to mention Veer Savarkar's name in his speech, then he should not run the fake Shiv Sena". The Home Minister further

asked Thackeray to declare if he agrees with the Congress manifesto "promising the reinstatement of the triple talaq system and Article 370". Home Minister Shah was speaking here at the campaign rally for Union Minister Narayan Rane, the BJP candidate from the Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha constituency in Maharashtra. The Home Minister said that the Shiv Sena-UBT leader "would not dare to admit these things knowing that Congress' vote bank is

Uddhav Thackeray's vote bank". "Balasaheb Thackeray's legacy is not easy to get even though you are born to him... Narayan Rane, Eknath Shinde, Raj Thackeray are taking forward Balasaheb Thackeray's legacy," he said, accusing Uddhav Thackeray of abandoning Bal Thackeray's legacy. Calling the INDIA bloc an "Aurangzeb fan club", Home Minister Shah asked the crowd to decide whether to go with "this fan club" or stay with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "One vote for Narayan Rane will make Modi the Prime Minister for the third time and enrich the country. Congress Prime Minister Manmohan Singh stepped down leaving the country's economy at number 11. Modi brought the country's economy to the fifth position. Making Modi the Prime Minister means bringing the country's economy to third place, (and) guaranteeing the country's security," he said.

### Assam: Suspected rhino poacher arrested, animal body parts recovered

**Guwahati, May 6 (IANS) :** A suspected rhino poacher was arrested in Assam's Sonitpur district, an official said on Monday, adding an illegal nexus involving the trading of animal body parts was busted in a joint operation of the Forest Department and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB). The arrested individual accused of being involved in rhino poaching was identified as Hanif Ali.

He was arrested in the Bharali Chapori area of Sonitpur district on Monday night. According to officials, body parts of animals including a rhino horn were seized from his possession. According to B. Piraisoodan, the divisional forest officer (DFO) of the Western Assam Wildlife Division, an operation was carried out on Monday night after they learned about an illegal animal corpse trade.



### J&K Police starts using GPS tracker anklets to monitor criminals on bail

**Srinagar, May 6 (IANS) :** J&K Police on Monday began using GPS anklet trackers to monitor criminals out on bail, an official said. A police spokesman said: "In the first action of its kind, J&K Police used GPS tracker anklets on criminals who were bailed out in Kupwara district." Kupwara police will utilise the GPS system to monitor criminals out on bail. Two individuals jailed under the NDPS Act, Abid Ali Bhat and Abdul Majeed Bhat.

### Rajasthan govt cancels land auctions linked to ERCP project

**Jaipur, May 6 (IANS) :** The BJP government in Rajasthan on Monday cancelled the land auction linked to the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) project in Bikaner and Alwar, reversing the decision of the previous government led by Ashok Gehlot. Earlier, state Minister Kirodi Lal Meena wrote a letter to Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, expressing serious

objection to the auction of government lands and calling it a "scam". The government cancelled the land auction after conducting a thorough investigation, officials said. The previous Congress government led by Gehlot had decided to raise funds for the ERCP project by auctioning government lands. On September 15, 2023, the Congress government decided to auction the government land at

Beechwal in Bikaner and Umren in Alwar. An e-auction was also held on October 3, 2023. However, the matter got stuck after the government in the state changed. After the BJP came to power in Rajasthan, the Central government linked the ERCP with the River Link Project and announced to provide 90 per cent of the funds required for the project. An MoU has also been signed between the Union Jal

Shakti Ministry and the state government. Meanwhile, Rajasthan BJP Spokesperson Laxmikant Bhardwaj welcomed Chief Minister Sharma's move to cancel land auctions and termed it a "historic decision". "The conspiracy hatched by the previous Congress government to hastily sell land worth crores at throwaway prices has been exposed.



### Rajasthan: Girl's parents chop son-in-law's nose objecting to love marriage

**Jaipur, May 6 (IANS) :** In a shocking incident, the parents of a woman in Rajasthan's Jodhpur district allegedly chopped a man's nose, objecting to his love marriage with their daughter, the police said on Monday. The incident was reported late on Sunday night from Jhanwar, the police said, adding that a case was registered on Friday following a

complaint filed by the victim's brother. Transport Nagar SHO Anita Rani said, "Chelaram married a girl from his village in March this year. However, the girl's relatives lodged a missing complaint on March 30. When the police arrested the two, they confessed to their court marriage. They were later released as both were adults." Later, Chelaram started living



in a rented accommodation with his wife in Pali. His brother Sujaram lived in a house nearby. The woman's family met Chelaram on Monday and asked him to visit their house along with his wife.

### Juvenile held in Kota for killing friend to become popular on Instagram

**Jaipur, May 6 (IANS) :** The Rajasthan Police on Monday arrested a juvenile along with his two accomplices for killing his friend in Kota, apparently to become popular on Instagram. Two days back, it was reported that a student died in Kota while making a Reel with a country-made pistol, which accidentally went off. Later, his family members



filed a complaint alleging that it was a planned murder. Now, the police in Kota's Mahavir Nagar area have arrested a juvenile for fatally shooting his friend with a country-made pistol. The accused's accomplices, Ajay Salvi and Deepak Prajapati alias 'Laddu Shooter', were also arrested from Kota. Kota SP Amrita Duhan said the complainant alleged that his son was shot by Ajay Salvi,

Deepak Prajapati, and others at a tea stall in front of a community centre on May 1. Acting on a tip, the accused juvenile was detained and his aides, Ajay Salvi and Deepak Prajapati, were arrested by the police. The police also recovered the country-made pistol and an empty cartridge used in the crime.

### 23-year-old 'mother' admits to flinging newborn from Kochi apartment

**Kochi, May 6 (IANS) :** The Kochi Police on Monday confirmed that a 23-year-old woman -- claiming to be a mother -- has admitted to flinging a newborn child from her apartment, causing the infant's death. Kerala woke up to a piece of shocking news on Friday with TV channels airing a CCTV clip showing the infant, wrapped in a plastic packet, falling from an apartment in Kochi. A passerby first spotted the body lying on the road. After a preliminary probe, the police rounded up a family living in the apartment, including a 23-year-old woman and her parents. During questioning,

the woman admitted to flinging her 'baby' to the road, while her parents said they had no clue as to what happened to their daughter. The Kochi City Police Commissioner told the media that the woman admitted to throwing the baby she claimed she delivered just a few hours before the incident. "The parents are claiming that they were not aware of what had happened to their daughter. The delivery reportedly took place inside a bathroom in the flat. We will know if it was a stillborn child, or whether the newborn died due to the impact of the fall after receiving the post-mortem report," the officer said. "We are also probing if the woman

was a victim of rape," he added. The police are reportedly searching for a youth from Trissur in connection with the case. The security official in the apartment block had gone for breakfast at around 8 a.m. soon after which the incident took place.

A local health worker said that the best of her knowledge, there were no pregnant women in the apartment block. A special team led by ACP Rajkumar has been constituted to carry out a detailed probe into the matter.



### Kerala HC declines to stay Motor Vehicles Dept circular mooting stricter driving tests

**Kochi, May 6 (IANS):** The Kerala High Court on Monday declined an interim stay on implementation of a recent circular by the State Transport Commissioner with new conditions about the usage of vehicles for driving tests and other aspects. The court, while refusing a stay, pointed out that the circular in-

tends to streamline driving tests. "A perusal of the impugned Circular prima facie shows instructions therein do not run counter to, but appear to be harmonious with the provisions of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules and issued to bring a standard in driving test in the light of the increasing number of road accidents.



## Musk invites billionaire investor Warren Buffett to invest in Tesla

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Elon Musk, on Monday, invited billionaire investor Warren Buffett to come and invest in Tesla, which is facing tough times amid global slowdown in EV sales. Replying to an X user who posted that Berkshire Hathaway owner should sell all his shares in Apple and buy Tesla instead, the electric car company owner responded that it is an "obvious move" for him. "He (Buffett) should take a position in Tesla. It's an obvious move," posted the X owner. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway has a stake in Chinese EV maker BYD but not in Tesla. Last weekend, in response to a post quoting Buffett's advice

about the importance of spending time with loved ones, Musk replied that he would love to spend the last day of his life with his kids. Musk had even invited Buffett to invest in Tesla early on, when the company was worth 0.1 per cent, or less than \$7 billion, from what it is today. "Too bad he didn't invest in Tesla when it was 0.1 per cent of today's value," Musk posted on X recently. The tech billionaire is trying to "reorganise" Tesla as the electric car company registered heavy losses in the January-March quarter this year. The company's net profit plunged 55 per cent to \$1.13 billion from \$2.51 billion in the year-ago quarter.

## Education shouldn't suffer : Anand Mahindra offers help to 10-yr-old Delhi boy selling rolls

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra on Monday came forward to help a 10-year-old Delhi boy, who was selling rolls after his father's demise, saying that the boy's education should not be affected and his foundation would explore ways of helping him. Sharing a video on X, Mahindra extended his support to the boy and appreciated his efforts, who has taken

responsibility of his family at this age. "Courage, thy name is Jaspreet. But his education shouldn't suffer. I believe he's in Tilak Nagar, Delhi. If anyone has access to his contact number please do share it. The Mahindra Foundation team will explore how we can support his education," he wrote. The post has been viewed over 500K times since being shared. The post saw a lot of responses from many users. "He is not giving up..this kid has decided to take up the responsi-



bility & stand up for himself. His courage is inspiring which is pushing him to stand during odd times," a user wrote. "His courage and 'never give up' attitude is inspiring! May he get support from the community and

do well in future," another user said. One more user mentioned, "Jaspreet is fearless! Education is crucial. It's great that the Mahindra Foundation is stepping in to support his education".



## Indian economy and equity markets outperformed China over past 3 years

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** China's equity markets have lagged Indian equity by a long stretch, as per a report by DSP Mutual Fund. China's current equity market capitalisation is double that of India, at a time when it's GDP is 5 times that of Indian GDP. Between 2004 and 2021, China's economy outgrew India's GDP at a ferocious pace but has lost some relative momentum since. Over the past 3 years, the Indian economy and equity markets have outperformed China, the report said. At this juncture, India's frontline stock index, the Nifty 50 Index trades at 23x trailing earnings, while the Shanghai Composite trades at 11x trailing earnings. Emerging markets vary widely in

quality, with India considered high-quality and traditionally expensive, while China and South Korea are perceived as lower quality and cheaper. India's appeal stems from favourable demographics, economic reforms, and supply chain realignment. Despite its high price-to-book ratio (over 4x, akin to the US), its return on equity matches that of the US, justifying a premium valuation. If India were to cheapen significantly, it could offer an excellent entry point for long-term investors, the report said. Similarly, the US market features quality companies with elevated valuations, contrasting with Japan's historically opposite traits. The global market is currently experiencing a phase of remarkable optimism, buoyed by ro-

bust corporate performance and substantial earnings growth. Notably, amidst this landscape, Brazil has emerged as a standout case. It not only exhibits significant earnings growth but this growth is accompanied by an equally impressive valuation trend, the report said. India stands out for its impressive earnings growth, albeit accompanied by premium valuations. "Consequently, Indian equities no longer represent a bargain opportunity. Indian equities lack a margin of safety," it added.



## BlackSoil invests \$49 million in 11 new deals in Q4

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Alternative credit platform BlackSoil on Monday said that it invested \$49 million (Rs 391 crore) across 11 new deals and exited four portfolio companies in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY24. The company's year-on-year disbursement increased by 110 per cent, and its Assets Under Management (AUM) grew by nearly 50 per cent (year-on-year). "Our prudent investment practices fortify our market standing, underscored by successful exits and strategic investments. As we navigate the landscape of FY25, we remain steadfast in our commitment to driving value and maintaining our upward trajectory," Ankur Bansal, Co-Founder & Director of BlackSoil, said in a statement. "This exceptional year highlights our ability to identify and support niche businesses with immense potential, positioning us as a catalyst for innovation in diverse sectors," he added.



## Financial regulator finds 'illegal' stock short selling at 5 more global banks

**Seoul, May 6 (IANS) :** South Korea's financial regulator said on Monday that it has found suspected cases of naked stock short selling at five more global investment banks (IBs), bringing the total to nine out of the 14 largest global IBs in the country. The additional cases come after the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) reported in January that it has detected suspected illegal stock short-selling activities at two global IBs,

reports Yonhap news agency. The FSS has been conducting an inspection on all 14 global IBs here since it exposed two IBs suspected of placing naked stock short-selling orders worth 55.6 billion won (\$40.3 million) in 2021-2022. The financial regulator, together with the Financial Services Commission, had since imposed a temporary ban on stock short selling, currently set to expire at the end of next month.



## Extreme mercantilism will destroy Chinese civilisation: Zoho's Sridhar Vembu

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** China has pushed mercantilism to the extreme when it comes to producing steel, and the day is not far when this approach will destroy Chinese civilisation, IT software company Zoho's CEO Sridhar Vembu said on Monday. Mercantilism is a nationalist economic policy designed to maximise exports and minimise imports for an economy. Replying to Michael Pettis, American professor of finance at Peking University in Beijing and a nonresident senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

## Sensex gains 300 points but broader markets weak

**Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) :** BSE Sensex gained 300 points on Monday although the market breadth is extremely negative. Sensex was trading at 74,183 points, up by 305 points. As many as 62 per cent of the stocks, 2388 stocks are declining while 31 per cent are gaining. PSU shares tanked on Monday, with the sectoral index down 2.5 per cent. PFC was down 8.6 per cent, REC was down 6.2 per cent, MRPL was down 5.8 per cent, Canara Bank was down 4.7 per cent, BHEL was down 4.7 per cent, and PNB was down 4.2 per cent. Among the Sensex stocks, Kotak Mahindra Bank was up 5.1 per cent, and TCS was up 2.1 per cent. Among the losers, Titan was down 6.2 per cent, SBI was down 3 per cent, and NTPC was down 2 per cent. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said the cut of 172 points on the Nifty last Friday is rumoured to be triggered by fears of changes in the long-term capital gains tax in the Budget after elections. "The Finance Minister quickly clarified that these are speculative. This clarification and positive global cues are likely to support



the market in the near term," he said. He added that the US jobs data for April has come lower than expected indicating a weakening labour market and a slowing economy. US unemployment has risen to 3.9 per cent in April. So the possibility of a rate cut by the Fed has again brightened. The decline in the dollar index to 105.8 and the cut in the 10-year US bond yield to 4.49 per cent augur well for the market. "Positive comment by Warren Buffett that India is an untapped market with great potential is hugely important. FIIs can take a cue from that rather than reacting every time to changes in US bond yields. Kotak Mahindra Bank is likely to respond positively to its impressive Q4 results. The Q4 auto results coming this week will be keenly watched by the markets and positive market responses are likely," he said.

## HCLTech partners AWS to accelerate GenAI adoption

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Global technology company HCLTech on Monday announced a strategic partnership agreement with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate generative artificial intelligence (GenAI)-led enterprise digital transformation. The companies will help enterprises explore and develop GenAI-led use cases, proofs of concept, tools and solutions.



## Heroin, foreign cigarettes, explosives seized in Mizoram

**Aizawl, May 6 (IANS) :** The Assam Rifles and the Mizoram Police, in three separate joint operations, have seized heroin, foreign cigarettes, and a consignment of explosives, officials said on Monday. Assam Rifles officials said that acting on a tip-off, the para-military troopers and police conducted a joint operation at Falkland, near Aizawl, arrested two drug peddlers, and recovered 598 grams heroin, valued at Rs 4.18 crore from them, on Monday night.

In another raid, the security personnel apprehended one person and recovered 22,000 packets of foreign cigarettes valued at Rs 16 lakh from Lungpuk in Siaha district on Monday evening. In the third operation, the Assam Rifles and the police seized 1,622 gelatin sticks (approx 200 kg) and 200 detonators, along with one vehicle, at Silaimul, near Aizawl and apprehended one person on Monday. Mizoram Police, in collaboration with the members of the Young Mizo Association

(YMA), also seized eight fully loaded trucks of dried areca nuts smuggled from Myanmar at Seling in Saitual district, a police official said adding that ten people have been arrested in connection with the seizure. Official sources said that the Assam Rifles, which guards the 510 km India-Myanmar border in Mizoram, have stepped up their efforts against illegal drug trafficking and smuggling of various contraband substances from across the border.



## Sanjay Nirupam returns to Shiv Sena after 20 years

**Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) :** Twenty years after leaving the Shiv Sena, former MP and ex-Mumbai Congress chief Sanjay Nirupam joined the party in the presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde here on Monday. "There was a problem in working with the Congress while adhering to the ideas of Balasaheb Thackeray. That

problem is now over as I have joined the Shiv Sena to strengthen the party. After 20 years, I have returned to my family," Nirupam said, adding that the MahaYuti will win all the six Lok Sabha seats in Mumbai. Last month, Congress expelled Nirupam from the party for six years, citing "indiscipline and anti-party statements" as reasons. Welcoming Nirupam into the

party, Eknath Shinde said that his entry will benefit the Shiv Sena given Nirupam's vast experience in the field of politics. CM Shinde also said that it is impossible to defeat PM Narendra Modi who has built the Ram Temple and abrogated Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. "Defeating Narendra Modi is just difficult, but impossible," he said.



## LS polls: AIMIM in contest for Mumbai North Central seat

**Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) :** The All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Monday fielded its candidate for the Mumbai North Central Lok Sabha constituency. Party nominee Ramzan Chaudhary filed his nomination for the Mumbai North Central seat which will now witness a four-cornered contest. Besides Chaudhary (AIMIM), in the constituency, ace criminal lawyer Ujjwal Nikam has been fielded by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Congress named its Mumbai city unit president Prof. Varsha Gaikwad while the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi fielded Santosh Ambulge.

## SC asks Parliament to consider amending Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita's provisions on matrimonial cruelty

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** The Supreme Court on Monday urged the Parliament to consider making necessary changes in the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, providing punishment to the husband and his family for inflicting any cruelty on a married woman. A bench, headed by Justice J.B. Pardiwala said that Sections 85 and 86 of the new penal code, which is to come into force with effect from July 1, are nothing but verbatim reproduction of Section 498A of the IPC, 1860 and the issue requires a

relook by the legislature taking into consideration the pragmatic realities. "The only difference is that the Explanation to Section 498A of the IPC is now by way of a separate provision, i.e., Section 86 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023," it said. The bench, also comprising Justice Manoj Misra, said that the apex court more than a decade ago had urged a serious relook of the entire provision of matrimonial cruelty by the legislation. The Supreme Court was considering a special leave petition against an order of the Punjab & Haryana High Court which

had declined to quash the charge sheet filed against a husband for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 406, 498A, and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The FIR lodged by the wife alleged that the husband and his family members had demanded dowry and caused mental and physical trauma to her. Further, she stated that her husband is an alcoholic and used to regularly beat her and treat her inhumanely. In its order, the apex court noted that the plain reading of the FIR and the charge sheet papers indicate that the allegations levelled are quite vague, general and



sweeping, specifying no instances of criminal conduct. It said that if a person is made to face a criminal trial on some general and sweeping allegations without bringing on record any specific instances of criminal conduct, the same is nothing but an abuse of the process of the court. "We have reached the conclusion that if the criminal proceedings are allowed to continue against the appellant (husband), the same will be nothing short of an abuse of

process of law & travesty of justice... (The proceedings) pending in the Court of Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Hisar are hereby quashed," it added. The Supreme Court ordered its registry to send a copy of the judgment to the Union Law Secretary and Union Home Secretary, who may place it before the Union Minister for Law and Justice as well as the Union Home Minister.



## Delhi HC reserves its order on NewsClick HR head's bail plea in UAPA case

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** The Delhi High Court on Monday reserved its order on the bail plea of NewsClick's Human Resources head Amit Chakravarty, in a case lodged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act over allegations that the media outlet received money to spread pro-China propaganda. On Monday, Delhi's Patiala House Court took cognizance of Delhi Police's first charge sheet filed against the news portal's founder-editor Prabir Purkayastha, Chakravarty, and others. The matter will come up for arguments on charges on

May 31. On Monday, Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma of the Delhi High Court reserved the order following submissions from Chakravarty's counsel, who argued that he has been named as a prosecution witness after becoming an approver, and that the charge sheet has already been filed in this case. Chakravarty's lawyer cited Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), which grants the high court discretionary power to grant bail. The counsel for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) stated that the prosecution has no objection to granting relief to Chakravarty.

The Special Cell of Delhi Police on March 30 filed its charge sheet under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The judicial custody of Purkayastha and Chakravarty was also extended on Tuesday. On January 9, the court granted permission to Chakravarty to become an approver in the case after he filed an application seeking pardon. He claimed to possess material information, which he is willing to disclose to the Delhi Police. Alleging the portal's role in the riots stemming out of the anti-CAA protests in 2020.

## MP Cong chief Jitu Patwari booked for 'derogatory' remarks on BJP's Imarti Devi

**Bhopal, May 6 (IANS) :** Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari has been booked for making "derogatory" remarks against state BJP leader Imarti Devi. Although Patwari has tendered an apology, the BJP leader on Monday lodged an FIR against him at Gwalior's Dabra police station. The Congress leader has been booked under Section 509 (insult the modesty of any woman) and provisions of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, said Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Niranjana Sharma. The alleged offensive state-

ment against Imarti Devi, a staunch supporter of Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, was made by Patwari on Monday when he was speaking to reporters in Gwalior. The Congress leader played on words using the term 'imarti' -- a sweet -- to criticize the BJP leader in response to a reporter's query. Union Minister Scindia later took to X to condemn Patwari's remark. "These are not just his words, but the mentality of the entire Congress party. Insulting Dalits, especially women, has become the norm of this party. Babasaheb Ambedkar has inspired the women.



## Security forces bust forest hideout, recover arms in J&K's Bandipora

**Srinagar, May 6 (IANS) :** A terrorist hideout was busted in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Monday and arms & ammunition recovered, officials said. "Security forces busted a terrorist hideout in Changali forest in the Aragam area of Bandipora recovering 2 AK-series rifles, 4 AK magazines, and AK rounds.





## Akali Dal was instrumental in developing Greater Mohali, says Sukhbir Badal

**Mohali (Punjab), May 6 (IANS)** : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal on Monday said his party's previous government was instrumental in developing the Greater Mohali area that was set to eclipse Gurugram, besides creating world-class education and research facilities and a thriving information technology sector. During his 'Punjab Bachao Yatra' in Kharar and Mohali Assembly constituencies, the SAD President also appealed to the people to vote for his party to pave the way for expansion of the Greater Mohali area into a metropolis which would further augment employment and generate revenue for the state. Badal, who was accompanied by the party's Sri Anandpur Sahib candidate Prem Singh Chandumajra, interacted with

people across both constituencies and thanked the people for welcoming the Punjab Bachao Yatra. "This is also a reward for the party which has developed Mohali from a sleepy town into a bustling city which is growing by the day," he said, adding that the SAD had not only planned the orderly and scientific expansion of Mohali and Kharar towns but had also created world-class infrastructure and institutions. Asserting that the international airport established in Mohali by the previous SAD government had resulted in the speedy development of Mohali and resulted in an increase in commerce besides connectivity with the outside world, Badal said that the IT sector has also taken ground in Mohali due to the airport.



## Dreaded Maoist with Rs 1.50 lakh bounty held in Maha's Gadchiroli

**Gadchiroli (Maharashtra), May 6 (IANS)** : The Maharashtra Police have arrested a notorious Maoist, who is accused of serious crimes like murder and carrying a reward of Rs 1.50 lakh for his capture, an official said here on Monday. The Jan Militia man has been identified as Shankar Vanga Kudyam, 34, hailing from Bijapur in Chhattisgarh, and he was captured in a joint operation with the Telangana Police. Kudyam was wanted in con-

nection with the cases lodged against him after a fierce gun battle in the Modumadgu forests of Revanpalli region in the Maoist-infested district on March 19, said Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police Neelopal. Investigations revealed that Kudyam was involved in murder cases of 3 civilians in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, and four major police encounters including 3 in Chhattisgarh and one in Maharashtra.

## Gujarat CEO launches Virtual Reality-based Election Metaverse

**Ahmedabad, May 6 (IANS)** : Gujarat Chief Electoral Officer, P Bharti on Monday unveiled a Virtual Reality-based Election Metaverse aimed at educating and engaging first-time voters in the state. This initiative targets over 13 million first-time voters set to participate in the forthcoming General Elections and Assembly bypolls.

The Election Metaverse was launched to spread awareness as Gujarat goes to polls on May 7 and it marks a step in modernising the electoral process, especially for new vot-

ers. CEO Bharti expressed enthusiasm about the innovative use of technology to enhance voter education and participation. "Through this Virtual Reality platform, voters can navigate a simulated voting experience, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of the voting process.



## 'Veerbhoomi' Gujarat stands with PM Modi, says BJP President Nadda in Dahod

**Dahod, May 6 (IANS)** : Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the goal of 'Developed India, Developed Gujarat', BJP President J.P. Nadda said on Monday that the people of the state continue to move ahead on the path of prosperity and development while contributing to the nation's progress at the same time. Addressing a 'Vijay Sankalp' rally in Dahod, Nadda praised the enthusiasm of people in Dahod, asserting that it shows how 'Veerbhoomi' Gujarat has already made the decision to elect Modi government once again. "Our fortune lies in Narendra Modi's efforts to reshape India towards self-reliance. Today, India is progressing towards develop-

ment, beyond the realms of caste, religion, and appeasement politics," he said. Calling the opposition alliance "a gathering of nepotists, corrupt, anti-Sanatani and anti-national" elements, the BJP President said that the state is "ready to show them their right place". Highlighting the Modi government's specific initiatives, Nadda noted that India has witnessed unprecedented growth under PM Modi's leadership. "PM Modi's work has lifted over 250 million people above the poverty line. Welfare schemes like the Ayushman Bharat Yojana have benefitted the needy, including senior citizens." Addressing concerns of tribal communities, J.P. Nadda mentioned that it is only the BJP that has worked to change the image and destiny of the tribal society even as the opposition par-



ties played politics with the tribal people. "PM Modi has initiated the establishment of Eklavya schools to empower tribal children. His determination has propelled India's economy with Gujarat leading in development initiatives. Dholera is being recognised as a smart city, reflecting the BJP's commitment to progress." Dahod, a key Lok Sabha constituency in Gujarat,

remains a significant battleground for the BJP and Congress. BJP's candidate Jasvantsinh Bhabhor, born in a tribal family in village Dasa, has a diverse career spanning agriculture, education, and social work. On the other side, Dr. Prabha Kishor Taviad, representing Congress, hails from Dhandhasan village in Sabarkantha district.



## Congress leader Raj Babbar files nomination for Gurgaon LS seat

**Gurugram, May 6 (IANS)** : Actor-turned-politician Raj Babbar, who is contesting the Lok Sabha polls on a Congress ticket, on Monday filed nomination for the Gurgaon Parliamentary seat. Raj Babbar will be facing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate -- Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh, and the Jannayak Janta Party candidate -- singer-rapper Rahul Yadav, popularly known as Fazilpuria.

## Rajasthan minister's son forays into RCA as treasurer of Baran District Cricket Association

**Jaipur, May 6 (IANS)** : Rajasthan Education Minister Madan Dilawar's son Pawan Dilawar made a foray into the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) on Monday after being elected unopposed as the treasurer of the Baran District Cricket Association. Confirming the appointment, the office of Madan Dilawar said, "Kota division Yuva Morcha coordinator Pawan Dilawar has been elected unopposed as the treasurer of Baran District Cricket Association." Election officer Surajmal said that polls were conducted on Friday for the vacant posts in the district association. Since there was only one application for the treasurer's post, Pawan Dilawar was elected unopposed. "Working for the welfare of cricket and taking the game forward is my first priority. There is no proper cricket ground in Baran, the place where I come from. In such a situation, building a cricket ground will be my first priority," Pawan Dilawar said. In recent times, senior BJP leaders' sons have been



entering the RCA after the executive committee led by former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav Gehlot was dissolved following the Assembly elections held last year. Parakram Singh, the son of former leader of opposition in the Rajasthan Assembly, Rajendra Rathore, is the President of the Churu District Cricket Association, while Dhananjay Singh, son of state Health Minister Gajendra Singh, is the head of the Nagaur District Cricket Association.

## In Chandigarh, INDIA bloc nominee Manish Tewari vows to make up for the loss of 10 years

**Chandigarh, May 6 (IANS)** : The INDIA bloc candidate for the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat, Manish Tewari, on Monday assured the residents of the city that he will make up for the loss of 10 years under the BJP rule if voted to power. Unlike the BJP, the Congress has a multi-pronged vision for development, which not only takes into account the needs of the nation as a whole but also the local needs, besides reaching out to help needy individuals like the unemployed youth or poor families by providing them direct monthly income, the senior Congress leader said. Tewari was interacting with people at various markets and residential areas in Sectors 52, 21, and 22. He said Chandigarh lost 10 years due to the 'callous' indifference of the BJP dispensation that ruled right from the city up to the national capital. "The BJP had everything at its disposal and yet the city slid in every aspect, so much so that the City Beautiful is no longer counted among the cleanest cities in the country," Tewari said. "I have a vision,

which I will soon spell out, for building a prosperous and progressive Chandigarh, where development won't take the backseat anymore," he told the people during his interactions. Tewari, who has been a decorated Parliamentarian and former Union Minister, maintained that the Congress has a multi-pronged strategy and approach towards progress and development. He said that while there is a well-defined vision for nation-building, the Congress also has specific plans for local area development and above all, reaching out to individuals like the unemployed youth and poor women, by providing them direct monthly income. Tewari referred to the party's 'Grahlakshmi' scheme promise under which one woman in every poor family will receive Rs 8,500 every month, which comes to Rs 1 lakh a year, directly into her bank account. In Chandigarh, Tewari is up against BJP's Sanjay Tandon, whom the party picked after dropping two-term sitting MP and actor-turned-politician Kirron Kher. While Tandon has connected with the people of Chandigarh for four decades, Tewari is backed by the



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has named three-time city councillor Hardeep Singh Saini as its candidate, making the election a three-cornered contest. During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, SAD was in an alliance with the BJP. Tewari (59), who has been labelled an "outsider" by the BJP despite being born and brought up in the city, has been the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting in the UPA government. He's the outgoing MP from Anandpur Sahib, and a former MP from Ludhiana, both in Punjab. During his pre-university days in

Chandigarh, Tewari, who was a nominated councillor of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation from 2011-2016, joined the youth wing of the Congress and rose to become the All India Youth President before becoming the Secretary of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). BJP nominee Tandon's father, Balramji Dass Tandon, was a founding member of the Jan Sangh in 1951. He was also the Deputy CM of Punjab from 1969-70, and served as an MLA for six terms. He was the President of Punjab BJP from 1995 to 1997.



**People have rejected Rahul Gandhi : Bihar Deputy CM**

Patna May 6 (IANS) : Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha on Monday said that the people of the country have rejected Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and he will lose the elections from wherever he contests. Vijay Kumar Sinha said, "Rahul Gandhi does not have the confidence to win the election from Wayanad and hence he came to Raebareli. Rahul Gandhi has been completely rejected by the people of the country. He will lose the election from wherever he contests." Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) Chief Chirag Paswan said, "Rahul Gandhi's name was announced just a few hours before the nomination filing process was to end. It shows that there must have been some contradiction in the party regarding his name."

**Mamata Banerjee questions PM's 'silence' on molestation complaint against Bengal Governor**

Kolkata, May 6 (IANS) : A day after a temporary female staff at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata filed a complaint with the police accusing Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose of 'outraging her modesty', Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'silence' in the matter. Addressing an election rally at Raina in East Midnapore district on Monday, the Chief Minister said without naming the Prime Minister, "You were there on Sunday night, but you did not utter a single word on this issue. You said a lot of things about Sandeshkhali. But I did not allow such things to happen there. There were some land-related problems, which my officials have solved. But what have you done?" CM Banerjee also claimed that she received similar complaints like the one that surfaced.



**LS polls: J&K CEO inspects centre, strong rooms in Baramulla constituency**

Srinagar, May 6 (IANS) : Jammu & Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) P. K. Pole, on Monday, inspected the counting centre and the strong rooms in Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency. The CEO was accompanied by Returning Officer (RO) 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Minga Sherpa, Superintendent of Police, Baramulla, Amod Ashok Nagapure, Nodal Officer Model Code of Conduct (MCC), Syed Qamar Sajad, Assistant Returning Officer, Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina, Dy District Election Officer, Ab Rehman Bhat and other concerned officers. During the inspection, the CEO reviewed the facilities and arrangements at the counting centre and the strong room to guarantee a smooth and transparent counting process. "P. K. Pole also assessed security measures in place to maintain the integrity of the electoral process. "The CEO was comprehensively briefed by the RO regarding the arrangements to ensure a smooth elec-

toral process and was informed that the district administration had diligently implemented all necessary measures in compliance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. "In a proactive step towards environmental conservation, P. K. Pole planted saplings within the premises of the counting centre to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the centre's surroundings while promoting ecological sustainability."



**Rahul can win elections from Pakistan, Assam CM's swipe at Gandhi scion**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) : Amid the political hullabaloo over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's nomination from Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli, his second after Kerala's Wayanad constituency for 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma took a dig at the Gandhi scion, saying 'he can easily win elections from Pakistan'. The Assam Chief Minister, while speaking to reporters on Monday, said: "Rahul Gandhi is very popular in Pakistan. If elections are held in Pakistan and Rahul contests from there, he will win the elections by a big margin. There is no doubt about it. "Rahul Gandhi cannot be defeated in Pakistan, he will certainly emerge victorious," he said in further jibe. The Assam CM's taunt at Congress' 'Yuvraj' comes a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi tore into the grand old party at a poll rally, saying that Pakistan wanted to elect him as India's next Prime Minister.

**From progress to prosperity: India's economic momentum shatters 'xenophobia' myths**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) : US President Joe Biden's assertion linking 'xenophobia' in India, China, Russia, and Japan to "stalled economic growth" overlooks the remarkable economic progress India has made in recent years, particularly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While acknowledging the challenges of xenophobia in various parts of the world, it is essential to recognise India's significant strides in becoming one of the world's

top economies. At an event in Washington, President Biden claimed that "xenophobia" is stalling the economic growth of China, Japan, and India. He also claimed that migration has been beneficial for the US economy. Biden's assertion regarding the contributions of immigrants to the United States is not merely a platitude; it is a well-supported economic fact. However, his juxtaposition of immigrant contributions against alleged xenophobia in countries like India, China, Russia, and Japan is overly simplistic and fails to grasp

the nuanced dynamics of India's economic growth trajectory. The global community, including the US, has witnessed how under PM Modi's leadership, India has implemented bold economic reforms aimed at fostering growth, investment, and innovation. These reforms have contributed to India's emergence as one of the fastest-growing major economies globally. The country's GDP growth rate has consistently outpaced many developed nations, reflecting its resilience and potential as an economic powerhouse.

Furthermore, India's demographic dividend, characterised by a young and dynamic workforce, has been a driving force behind its economic progress. Immigrants, both within the country and from abroad, have been integral to leveraging this demographic advantage and fueling growth across various sectors, including technology, healthcare, finance, and manufacturing. Moreover, India's economic ascent has been accompanied by a growing emphasis on international collaborations and partnerships. The country has actively



sought foreign investments, forged strategic alliances, and engaged in trade agreements to bolster its economic resilience and competitiveness on the global stage. What the global community cannot remain oblivious to is the

fact that the Modi government has demonstrated a commitment to fostering inclusivity, promoting diversity, and leveraging the talents of its diverse population to drive economic growth and development.

**Nothing can stop me from contesting LS polls from Karakat: Pawan Singh**

Patna, May 6 (IANS) : Bhojpuri singer-turned-politician Pawan Singh said on Monday that he is the son of Bihar and no one can stop him from contesting the Lok Sabha elections from Bihar's Karakat as an independent candidate. After Pawan Singh had recently said that he would be contesting the polls from Karakat as an independent, Union Minister R. K. Singh suggested that he should step back from the constituency. Pawan Singh said, "Many leaders like R. K. Singh believe that BJP should expel me from the party if I contest the election from Karakat." "I am a son of Bihar and the people of Karakat have accepted me as a

son. Now, I will not say anything further. Our people are intelligent," he said. The Union Minister had said, "NDA's candidate from Karakat is Rashtriya Lok Morcha National President Upendra Kushwaha. Whoever will contest against Kushwaha will be his opponent. He would be against the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi." From the grand alliance, CPI-ML's Rajaram Singh will be contesting from Karakat. Pawan Singh belongs to an upper-caste family and is a native of the Bhojpur district. Karakat Lok Sabha constituency is slated to go to polls on June 1.



**Varanasi locals laud Viksit Bharat Ambassador event, call it 'first step towards developed India dream'**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) : After the conclusion of Yuva Samvad with Viksit Bharat Ambassador programme at BHU, which saw the participation of spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and actor Vikrant Massey, a lot of Varanasi youth and locals spoke to IANS and shared their views on how they viewed this initiative and what they thought about developed India dream status by 2047.

Ayush Pandey, a student of a nursing college, said that such programmes serve as an eye-opening experience for the youth. "This will inspire the youth to take active participation in progressive schemes of government and do their bid in the nation's growth journey," he said. He further said that Varanasi has undergone sea-change in terms of development in the past few years and will have many more opportunities in the near future. A director of fashion

design technology described Viksit Bharat event as one of the best initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government and called it a first step towards realisation of Developed India dream by 2047. "Till now, we lived with the baggage of the past and always underestimated our worth."



**Constituency Watch: It may not be a cakewalk for NDA in stronghold Khagaria**

Patna May 6 (IANS) : The Khagaria Lok Sabha constituency in Bihar has been a strong bastion of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) since 2009, with its allies winning back-to-back elections from the seat. However, it can be a tough challenge for the NDA candidate -- Rajesh Verma of the Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (LJP-RV) -- this time as two-term sitting MP Mehboob Ali Kaiser has left the alliance and joined the RJD to be a part of the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar. The contest in Khagaria is panning out to be a fight between local and outsider candidates. While Rajesh Verma belongs to Bhagalpur district, Mahagathbandhan nominee Sanjay Kumar of the CPI-M is a native of Madar block in Khagaria district, whose father has been an MLA from the region in the past. The Khagaria Lok Sabha constituency came into existence in 1957 with the Congress winning the seat for the first two terms.



## Bhima Koregaon Elgar Parishad case: SC allows DU Prof Babu to withdraw bail plea

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** The Supreme Court on Monday allowed the withdrawal of the bail plea filed by Delhi University's Professor Hany Babu, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon Elgar Parishad case. A Bench presided over by Justice Bela M Trivedi was requested by Babu's counsel for withdrawal of the Special Leave Petition challenging an order of the Bombay High Court which had denied him bail. He submitted that Babu — an Associate Professor in the De-

partment of English at Delhi University and a resident of Gautam Buddh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh — will apply afresh for bail before the court. In January this year, the top court issued notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Maharashtra Government, and sought their response within a period of three weeks in the matter. Earlier, the Bombay High Court in September 2022 had refused to interfere with the judgment of Greater Mumbai's Special Court rejecting the bail application filed by Babu.

A Bench of Justices Nitin Jamdar and NR Borkar of the Bombay High Court had said, "We find that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusations of the NIA against the Appellant having conspired, attempted, advocated and abetted the commission of a terrorist act/s and the act/s of preparatory to the commission of a terrorist act, are prima facie true." The case pertains to organisation of the Elgar Parishad at Pune, Maharashtra on December 12, 2017 which promoted enmity between various caste groups and led



to violence resulting in loss of life and property and state-wide agitation in Maharashtra. In its investigation, the NIA revealed that Prof Babu was allegedly in contact with Paikhomba Meitei, Secretary Information and Publicity, Military Affairs,

Kangleipak Communist Party (MC), an organisation banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and was propagating Maoist activities and Maoist ideology and was a co-conspirator with other accused.



### Gujarat Congress slams BJP for 'unethical

### practices' amid election season

**Ahmedabad, May 6 (IANS) :** Media convener and spokesperson for the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee, Dr. Manish Doshi, on Monday, launched an attack on the BJP, accusing it of unethical practices. He accused the BJP leaders in Rajkot of "attempting to tarnish the reputation of Khodaldham and the Congress to achieve their objectives." Dr. Doshi alleged, "There is a conspiracy to ensnare workers of the Khodaldham Youth Committee by circulating anonymous newspapers spearheaded by an agitated former BJP page head."

## US spacetech startup establishes Bluetooth connection with a satellite for 1st time

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** In a first, US-based spacetech startup Hubble Network has established a Bluetooth connection directly with a satellite 600 kilometres away — a development which can help connect millions of devices anywhere. The Seattle-based startup is backed by a \$20 million funding round from Transpose Platform and Y Combinator. On March 4, 2024, from the grounds of Vandenberg Space Force Base in the US, Hubble Network successfully launched its first two satellites. "These aren't just any satellites; they've successfully reached their orbits and managed to receive signals from a simple 3.5mm Bluetooth chip over an astonishing distance of 600 kms."

## Constituency Watch: Solapur Cong hopes to regain lost glory, BJP aims to score hat-trick by betting big on young blood

**Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) :** The Congress and the BJP are locked in a direct fight in Solapur Lok Sabha reserved constituency in Maharashtra. Both parties have fielded young Legislators in a bid to lure Millennials. The constituency has traditionally been a Congress bastion, but since 2014 the BJP has made sufficient inroads. The Congress has fielded three-term Legislator from Solapur City Central Assembly, Praniti Shinde against the BJP's first-term Legislator Ram Satpute. Shinde has an edge as she is the daughter of veteran Congress leader and former Union Home Minister

Sushilkumar Shinde who was also the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for a brief period, and she hopes to regain lost glory of the party. Satpute, who hails from a family of sugarcane harvesters from Beed District, has the solid support of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and the BJP's poll machinery. He is approaching the electorate and seeking votes for a hat-trick for the BJP. Shinde got a boost after the Congress' traditional rival, Communist leader Narsayya Adam extended support to her. In addition, the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen's decision not to field its nominee has been a booster dose for Shinde who hopes to mobilise maximum support from Muslims, Dalits, OBCs apart from



Marathi-speaking voters and others. The NCP(SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) have charged up their cadres in support of Shinde as together the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has succeeded in putting up a united front against the BJP. Shinde and the MVA are cornering the BJP and Satpute over the '400 paar' slogan with an objective of change in the Constitution of the country. Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in his

address at the campaign rally held last week criticised the BJP saying that this was not an ordinary election. He further alleged that for the first time after Independence, there was a party that wanted to destroy the Constitution. Shinde has tweaked her campaign strategy by aggressively taking up the issue of change in Constitution that will put the existence of SCs, STs and tribals in jeopardy.

## Denmark raises limit for abortions to 18 weeks

**Copenhagen, May 6 (News Pulse) :** The Danish government announced on Monday that women in the Scandinavian country will, in the future, have the right to choose abortion up to the end of the 18th week of pregnancy. Until now, the limit for abortions in Denmark has been 12 weeks. Danish Minister for the Interior and Health Sophie Lohde said in a statement: "There is no medical evidence for the current limit, and there is also nothing to suggest that there will be significantly more or later abortions if we raise the limit." The amendment to the law is due to take effect in mid-2025. Additionally, it grants 15 to 17-year-olds the autonomy to have an abortion without parental consent or approval by a specialist commission.



## Cong ka haath, desh ke dushmano ke saath, says UP CM Yogi

**Lucknow, May 6 (IANS) :** In the wake of a former Pakistani minister praising MP Rahul Gandhi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath tore into the party on Monday. Talking to reporters on Mon-

day, CM Adityanath said that it was evident that 'Congress ka haath, desh ke dushmano ke saath (The Congress is with the nation's enemies).' The Chief Minister's accusation came in the wake of re-

ports that Fawad Hussain, a former minister in Pakistan's Cabinet under Imran Khan, shared a video featuring him praising Rahul Gandhi on social media.

## Odisha Assembly elections: BJP declares last list of candidates

**Bhubaneswar, May 6 (IANS) :** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday declared its last list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in Odisha. The party had earlier announced the names of candidates for 146 out of 147 Assembly seats. On Monday, the BJP declared its nominee for the Nilgiri Assembly seat. Former Biju Janata Dal

leader Santosh Khatua has been named as the party's candidate for the Nilgiri constituency. Khatua on Thursday resigned from BJD immediately after the ex-BJP leader and sitting MLA Sukanta Kumar Nayak was nominated by the ruling party for the Nilgiri seat. Khatua contested the last Assembly elections in 2019.



## NaMo App unveils 'Abki baar 400 paar' module, urges users to become '400 Paar Ambassadors'

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** The NaMo App on Monday launched 'Abki baar 400 paar', a unique and innovative module aimed at strengthening and fortifying the democratic process by enhancing the participation of people and the electorate in polling. With 'Abki baar 400 paar' module, the personal app of Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeks to encourage the supporters of PM Modi and BJP to participate in the democratic process and help galvanise support for achieving NDA's goal of over 400 seats in the Lok Sabha. The module features engaging activities and information in interesting formats to encourage voter awareness and

participation. Notably, PM Modi has given a call for '400 paar' in this election and the BJP election machinery is in top gear to achieve the same. This module will encourage and mobilise voters to cast ballot in maximum numbers on the voting day, and thus raising the possibility of achieving this target. Those who sign up for this cause will be referred as "400 Paar Ambassadors". The module will also take users to 3 other modules in the NaMo App, encouraging them to create awareness about Bharat's transformation in the last 10 years under PM Modi-led government. The module offers unique features such as the Modi Meter 2024, where users can predict the number of seats the NDA will win in the General Elections 2024 in the nation and their state and predict



the win of the NDA candidate in their particular constituency. The Amrit Peedhi Ke Sapne module allows users to swipe up and envision their dreams for a Viskit Bharat@2047, while the 'Aaye Hain Dur Tak Jayenge Aur Aage' module showcases national issues of the past, present, and future. This will allow users to engage and mobilise voters digitally and on the ground, aiming to boost voter turnout. Users can become proud '400 Paar Ambassadors' through a selfie campaign as follows: Cast Your

Vote: On election day, upload a "Mera Vote Modi Ko" selfie to show your support. Urge Family members to Vote: Take a "Mera Parivar, Modi Parivar" selfie with your family to inspire them to participate. Mobilise Your Neighbors to Vote: Upload a "Hamara Ilaaka, Modimaye" selfie with your neighbours to create a sense of community and unity. Persuade Friends to Vote: Take a "Hamara Vote Modi Ko" selfie with your friends to spread the message even further.

## Leverkusen crush Frankfurt to extend unbeaten run in Bundesliga

**Berlin, May 6 (IANS) :** Bayer Leverkusen matched Benfica's unbeaten record of 48 games in all competitions with a resounding 5-1 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt, maintaining their newly minted status as Bundesliga champions. The match began with Leverkusen quickly establishing control. Granit Xhaka initiated the scoring with a striking long-range shot from 18 meters into the top right corner at the 12-minute

mark, leaving Frankfurt's goalkeeper Kevin Trapp unable to respond. Despite creating several more opportunities, Xabi Alonso's side initially struggled to capitalize further. Frankfurt momentarily found their footing when Fares Chaibi's corner kick set up Hugo Ekitike for a close-range header, leveling the score in the 32nd minute. The home team looked to build momentum, yet their finishing was lacking, with Omar Marmoush missing crucial one-on-one opportunities against

Leverkusen's goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky towards the end of the first half, reports Xinhua. Leverkusen regained the lead just before the halftime whistle, with Patrik Schick heading in Adam Hlozek's deflected effort, making it 2-1. The visitors then solidified their advantage in the second half, beginning with Exequiel Palacios converting a penalty awarded for Niels Nkounkou's foul on Nathan Tella.



## Hockey India name Jr women's team for Europe tour

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Hockey India have announced a 22-member Junior Women's squad that will tour Europe between May 21 to 29. The team will play six matches across three nations -- Belgium, Germany and Bredase Hockey Vereniging Push and Oranje Rood, two club teams in the Netherlands. India will be playing matches in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands to work on their game and push beyond their limits in a bid to go on to dominate the game on the world stage. They will play their first match on May 21 against Bredase Hockey Vereniging Push in Breda before playing Belgium at

the same venue the following day. India will then play Belgium a second time but with the latter playing host on this occasion on May 24. This will be followed by consecutive games against Germany on May 26 in Breda and May 27 in Germany. They will then return to Breda to play their final game of the tour on May 29 against Oranje Rood. The team will be led by defender Jyoti Singh while midfielder Sakshi Rana has been named as her deputy. Aditi Maheshwari and Nidhi form the goalkeeping department while Jyoti Singh, Lalthantluangi, Anjali Barwa, Puja Sahoo, Mamita Oram and Nirru Kullu form the defence.

## 'The one who completes me': Bumrah's love-filled birthday wish for wife Sanjana

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Star Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah on Monday wrote a heartfelt post for his wife Sanjana Ganesan on her birthday. Bumrah, who is currently playing for the Mumbai Indians in the IPL 2024, came up with a loving caption as he shared wishes for his "favourite person". "happy birthday to my person, the one who completes me and with her by my side the world is a wonderful place. Angad and I wish you have the best birthday, with lots of love and cuddles from us," Bumrah shared on his Instagram handle.



## IPL 2024: 'Sunil Narine has been the Player of the Season up to this point', says Graeme Smith

**Lucknow, May 6 (IANS) :** After Sunil Narine played a vital hand in Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) thrashing Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) by 98 runs to go on top of the table for IPL 2024, former South Africa captain Graeme Smith thinks the all-rounder has undoubtedly been the Player of the Season in the competition so far. At the BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium on Sunday night, Narine crashed 81 off 39 deliveries as

KKR made an imposing 235/6. He then took 1-22 in his four overs to help KKR get its eighth win of IPL 2024 by bowling out LSG for 137.



## IPL 2024: 'Truly Remarkable; Versatile player', Finch hails Jadeja, Narine for allrounders' clinical performances

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Former Australian cricketer Aaron Finch was all praise for Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) allrounder Ravindra Jadeja and Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) Sunil Narine for the scintillating show for their respective teams in the IPL 2024. With the business end of the IPL 2024 being here, the

double-header on Sunday saw major implications for teams trying to break into the top-four in hopes of securing a position in the playoffs. The reigning champions, CSK, showcased their experience in a must-win game against the Punjab Kings (PBKS) at HPCA Stadium. The Super Kings rode to victory on the back of Jadeja's incredible performance.



## 'You can't squeeze everybody in', Hazlewood opens up on Fraser-McGurk, Smith's T20 WC snub

**New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) :** Australian fast bowler Josh Hazlewood gave his take on teammates Steve Smith and Jake Fraser-McGurk's snub from the T20 World Cup squad and said it's tough to "squeeze everybody in". He added that young opener Fraser-McGurk will find his place in the team "sooner rather than later". The 2021 T20 World Cup

champions unveiled their squad for the 20-over showcase on Wednesday, and the absence of Fraser-McGurk and former skipper Steve Smith from the 15-player group was among the biggest surprises. Smith went unsold during the 2024 IPL auction and was in India but in a new role as a commentator during the course of the tournament. His time with the Sidney Sixers in the Big Bash



League has seen him score 1026 runs at a strike rate of 142.5. He has scored two centuries and seven fifties in 31 innings. Smith has been a consistent presence for Australia's past five white-ball World Cup tilts, helping them win in 2015, 2023 (ODI), and 2021 (T20).



## Afridi, Erasmus and Waseem in ICC Men's Player of the Month shortlist for April

**Dubai, May 6 (IANS) :** Pakistan's left-arm fast-bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, Namibia captain Gerhard Erasmus and UAE skipper Muhammad Waseem have made it to the shortlist for ICC Men's Player of the Month award for April 2024. Afridi earns the nomination for his wicket-taking endeavours in the side's drawn T20I series against New Zealand at home. Erasmus was a pivotal figure for Namibia as they recorded a notable series victory in Oman. Waseem, also UAE's opening batter, impressed in his side's run to ACC Premier Cup triumph. Afridi was the primary catalyst for both of Pakistan's victories in the T20Is against New Zealand. The second T20I saw Afridi blitz through the Blackcaps batting lineup, taking 3-13

as Pakistan registered a dominant victory. Then, trailing in the series ahead of the fifth and final contest, Afridi once again wreaked havoc, taking 4-30 to salvage the series draw for Pakistan. Eight wickets in the series at an average of 10.00 saw Afridi taking the Player of the Series prize. On the other hand, Erasmus was at the forefront of his side's success in Oman, amassing 145 runs and picking eight wickets as Namibia got a 3-2 series victory in Muscat. Erasmus claimed the Player of the Match prize on two separate occasions; first for a tight spell of three wickets for seven runs.



## IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal bats for Hybrid pitches in India

**Dharamshala, May 6 (IANS) :** The Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) Stadium on Monday witnessed an unveiling of India's first-ever hybrid pitch. IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal and Paul Taylor, former England international cricketer and SIS's International Cricket Director along with other dignitaries from HPCA were present on the occasion. "I'm thrilled to witness

the inauguration of India's first SISGrass hybrid pitch at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala. This remarkable development showcases the progressive spirit that is driving Indian cricket forward.