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NATIONAL NEWS

1. PM Modi flags off Bhopal-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express at Rani Kamlapati Railway Station

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Vande Bharat Express train service between Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi.
- The train will cover a distance of 701 kilometres in 7 hours and 30 minutes and will operate on all days except Saturday. It will stop at Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, and Agra.
- The Vande Bharat Express is a high-speed train service in India.
- It is the country's first semi-high speed train service, with a maximum speed of 160 km/h.
- The train was designed and manufactured in India, with 80% of its components being indigenous.
- It offers several amenities to passengers, such as Wi-Fi, automatic doors, bio-vacuum toilets, GPS-based passenger information systems, and more

2. PNGRB amends regulation to allow unified tariff for natural gas pipelines

- The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has introduced amendments to the PNGRB (Determination of Natural Gas Pipeline Tariff) regulations to include regulations related to a unified tariff for natural gas pipelines, with a vision of "One Nation, One Grid and One Tariff."
- The national gas grid encompasses all interconnected pipeline networks that are owned and operated by various entities, including Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, GAIL (India) Limited, Pipeline Infrastructure Limited, Gujarat State Petronet Limited, Gujarat Gas Limited, Reliance Gas Pipelines Limited, GSPL India Gasnet Limited, and GSPL India Transco Limited

3. PM Modi inaugurated CBI's diamond jubilee celebrations

- Central Bureau of Investigation Founded: 1 April 1963;
- Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters: New Delhi;

- Central Bureau of Investigation Director General: Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- 4. Union Minister Sonowal launches 'SAGAR-SETU' mobile app of National Logistics Portal Marine**
- The Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, introduced the "Sagar Setu" mobile application for the National Logistics Portal Marine. The "Sagar Setu" mobile app by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways offers a login module, service catalogue, Letter of Credit, bank guarantee, certification, and track & trace features.
 - It gives real-time information on vessel-related details, gate information, container freight stations, and transactions. The app also facilitates digital payments for charges associated with import and export clearance processes, such as shipping line charges, transportation fees, and container freight station charges.
- 5. Rajya Sabha passes Competition Amendment Bill, 2023**
- The Competition Amendment Bill 2023 proposes several changes to the Competition Act of 2002, which regulates antitrust and competition laws in India.
 - The proposed changes include reducing the time limit for assessment of combinations, broadening the scope of anti-competitive agreements, and changing penalties.
 - Under the new bill, mergers and acquisitions exceeding Rs. 2,000 crores in value must be notified to the Competition Commission of India (CCI), provided that the party being acquired has substantial business operations in India.
 - The bill also reduces the overall time limit for the assessment of combinations to 150 days from 210 days.
 - Other changes include broadening the scope of anti-competitive agreements to cover hub-and-spoke cartels, sellers, and sales of goods and services, and modifying the factors used by CCI to determine whether an agreement has an appreciable adverse effect on competition.

6. India become world's second-largest solar manufacturer by 2026

- According to a report by the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), India is poised to become the second-largest solar manufacturing country in the world by 2026, overtaking Japan and trailing only China.
- The report states that India's solar manufacturing capacity is expected to increase from 10 GW in 2020 to 50 GW by 2030. This increase in capacity is expected to create around 3 lakh (300,000) direct jobs and 9 lakh (900,000) indirect jobs.
- India's solar manufacturing industry has received a boost due to the government's focus on renewable energy and initiatives like the National Solar Mission. The government has also introduced various policies and schemes to promote domestic solar manufacturing, such as the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

7. India elected as member of UN Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Program.

- India has recently been elected as a member of the United Nations (UN) Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Program, signaling the country's increasing presence in the international arena. The decision was made during a vote held at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on April 6, 2023.
- The UN Statistical Commission Narcotic Drugs is responsible for addressing issues related to drug control and ensuring compliance with international drug control treaties. India's election to this commission is a significant achievement, as it will provide the country with a platform to contribute to global efforts to combat drug abuse and trafficking.

8. PM Modi launched big cats alliance to conserve seven cats

- International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) will focus on the protection and conservation of seven major big cat species in the world. These species are the tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, and cheetah.
- The alliance seeks to bring together countries, conservationists, and experts from around the world to collaborate on conservation efforts for these seven big cat species

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- The launch of IBCA marks a significant step towards the conservation of these magnificent animals, as their populations face unprecedented threats from habitat loss, poaching, and human-animal conflicts.
- 9. Amit Shah launches Vibrant Village program at Kibithu border village in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- On April 7, 2023, India's Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Vibrant Village program at Kibithu, a border village in Arunachal Pradesh. This program aims to bring about the overall development of rural areas and transform them into self-sufficient and prosperous communities.
 - Kibithu is a remote village located at an altitude of 9,000 feet above sea level, near the India-China border. It is the easternmost village of India and is considered as the gateway to the Land of the Rising Sun, Arunachal Pradesh.
- 10. India releases first edition of Dogri version of Indian Constitution.**
- On April 10, 2023, India released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Indian Constitution. The release of this version is a significant step towards promoting linguistic diversity and preserving the cultural heritage of the country.
 - Dogri is a language spoken in the northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and is one of the 22 official languages recognized by the Indian Constitution.
 - Dogri is one of the official languages of the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. On 22 December 2003, in a major milestone for the official status of the language, Dogri was recognized as a national language of India in the Indian constitution.
 - The earliest written reference to Dogri (using the paleonym Duggar) is found in the Nuh sipihr ("The Nine Heavens"), written by the poet Amir Khosrow in 1317 CE.
 - Dogri is descended from Sanskrit, the language of the Vedas (1500-1200 BCE).
- 11. Amit Shah to confer 'Maharashtra Bhushan' on Appasaheb Dharmadhikari.**
- Appasaheb Dharmadhikari played a crucial role in various social and community development activities such as tree planting, blood donation drives,

medical camps, promoting gender and tribal empowerment, providing training to children, running literacy centres for adults, arranging job fairs, promoting cleanliness, fighting superstitions, carrying out addiction recovery programs, promoting national unity, and preaching traditional and religious values to the public.

- The popular gatherings, referred to as 'Shri Baithaks', were initiated by his father, Dr. Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari, in October 1943 in Raigad. For more than three decades, Appasaheb Dharmadhikari has continued the tradition.
- In December 2013, the Dr. Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishtan organised the world's largest medical camp with over 152,000 participants and 1,571 doctors, which set a Guinness World Record.

12. India's first 3D-printed post office to come up in Bengaluru.

- According to recent news reports, a 3D-printed post office is being built in Bengaluru, India, which will be the first of its kind in the country. Residents of Cambridge Layout are reportedly pleased with this development. The cost of constructing this post office is estimated to be 30 to 40 percent lower than that of a traditional building, and it is expected to be completed within 30 days.
- The use of 3D printing technology can significantly reduce construction costs and expedite the building process, which would otherwise take several months. The proposed three-storied post office in Bengaluru has received clearance from the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and IIT-Madras for its 3D printing.

13. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launches 'YUVA PORTAL'.

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- Dr. Singh emphasized the importance of broad-based stakeholder participation, particularly from the industry, for the sustainable growth of Start-Ups.

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15. India Approves National Quantum Mission.

- On April 19, the Union Cabinet approved the National Quantum Mission, aimed at propelling India into a leading position in the quantum technology sector and promoting economic growth through its development.
- The National Quantum Mission will have a positive impact on several industries, including communication, health, finance, energy, drug design, and space applications.
- The mission aligns with national priorities such as Digital India, Make in India, Skill India, Stand-up India, Start-up India, Self-reliant India, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
- The mission seeks to promote scientific and industrial research and development in Quantum Technology.

16. Central Government notified the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.

- The rules mandate the implementation of Animal Birth Control programmes for stray dogs by local bodies, municipalities, municipal corporations, and panchayats.
- Effective implementation of the rules can help reduce the stray dog population and address animal welfare issues.
- Municipal corporations must jointly implement the Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies Programmes.

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- The rules provide guidelines on how to deal with human and stray dog conflicts without relocating dogs.
- The Animal Birth Control programme must be carried out by AWBI-recognized organizations specifically recognized for the said programme.

17. Ministry of Health plans to launch 100 Food Streets Nationwide.

- Ministry of Health plans to launch 100 Food Streets Nationwide: Union Health Ministry and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs have made a decision to establish 100 food streets throughout country.
- The Union Health Ministry and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs have made a noteworthy and inventive decision to urge states and Union Territories to establish 100 food streets in 100 districts throughout the country.

18. G20 Park: Delhi's Waste-to-Wonder Concept Aligns with PM's Vision for a Sustainable Future.

- India has put forward a proposal to construct a G20 park in Delhi that will serve as a representation of global unity on the path of development.
- The park, which will be located at the Shanti Path and Ring Road junction, will be based on the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. MF Hydra': World's first liquid hydrogen-powered ferry gets operational.

- Norwegian company Norled has successfully launched the world's first ferry that runs on liquid hydrogen. The vessel, called MF Hydra, is a hybrid that uses both batteries and liquid hydrogen fuel cells. It underwent sea trials for two weeks after initial testing at Hjelmeland quay earlier this year.
- The Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) has given final approval for the ferry to operate. This milestone achievement is a significant step towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the maritime industry, as hydrogen fuel cells produce only clean water as a byproduct.

2. Georgia Assembly passes resolution condemning Hinduphobia.

- Georgia Assembly has passed a resolution that condemns Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu bigotry, making it the first state in America to take such legislative action.
- The resolution highlights that Hinduism is a diverse religion with over 1.2 billion adherents worldwide, and it promotes values of acceptance, mutual respect, and peace. The resolution recognizes the contributions of the American-Hindu community in various fields, such as science, medicine, engineering, and hospitality.

3. China Renames 11 Places in Arunachal Pradesh.

- China's Civil Affairs Ministry has disclosed the precise coordinates and official names of 11 locations in Arunachal Pradesh. These places include two residential areas, two land areas, five mountain peaks, and two rivers.
- China claims a large part of Arunachal Pradesh as its own territory based on historical and cultural links to the region, as well as the presence of ethnic Tibetans.
- India disputes China's claim and considers Arunachal Pradesh to be an integral part of its sovereign territory since the country's independence from British rule. India points to historical evidence, including the McMahon Line,

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a boundary drawn by British colonial officials in 1914 that demarcated the region as part of India.

4. China's Yuan Replaces Dollar as Most Traded Currency in Russia.

- According to data from the Moscow Exchange, the yuan accounted for 23.6% of Russia's foreign exchange turnover in the first quarter of 2023, while the dollar's share was 22.5%. This marks the first time the yuan has surpassed the dollar in Russia's currency market.
- The rise of the yuan in Russia is part of a broader trend of increasing acceptance of the Chinese currency in international trade and finance. China has been actively promoting the internationalization of the yuan, encouraging its use in cross-border transactions and investing in infrastructure to support its use in global markets.
- Russia, for its part, has been seeking to diversify its foreign currency reserves and reduce its reliance on the dollar. The country has been hit by sanctions from the US and other Western countries in recent years, which has motivated the Russian government to reduce its exposure to the dollar and other Western currencies.

5. New Zealand's Kim Cotton becomes first female umpire to officiate men's T20I match

- On April 5th, during the second T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin, Kim Cotton became the first woman to serve as an on-field umpire in a men's international match between two full-member teams, making history.
- Cotton has previously worked as an on-field and TV umpire in 54 women's T20Is and 24 women's ODIs, as well as officiating at the women's T20 and ODI World Cups from 2018 to 2023.

6. Global trade expected to grow 1.7% in 2023: WTO.

- Despite ongoing concerns over the war in Ukraine, high inflation, and financial uncertainty, the World Trade Organization has raised its projection for global trade growth in 2023 from 1% to 1.7.

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- This updated outlook indicates that the global economy is expected to recover faster than previously anticipated. However, the risks associated with these persistent issues remain, and could still impact the growth trajectory of the global trade landscape.

7. Exploring the Uncharted Waters: International Seabed Authority and Ocean Mining.

- The vast expanse of the ocean floor, covering over 70% of the earth's surface, remains largely unexplored and underutilized. The International Seabed Authority (ISA) was established in 1994 to govern and regulate the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources found in international waters beyond the jurisdiction of its 167 member countries' Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ).
- The ISA headquarters is located in Jamaica.

8. EAMS Jaishankar launches 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Uganda

- During his three-day visit to Uganda's Kampala, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Varanasi.
- He commended the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda for their efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the oldest inhabited city in the world. Uganda has been selected to chair the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) for the period of 2022 to 2025 on behalf of Africa.
- During his visit to Uganda, S. Jaishankar will hold delegation-level discussions with his Ugandan counterpart to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

9. China records world's first human death from H3N8 bird flu.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that a woman from Guangdong, a southern province of China, has died from a rare strain of bird flu that is not commonly found in humans.
- H3N8 is a subtype of the influenza A virus.
- It primarily affects birds, particularly wild waterfowl and shorebirds.

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- It is not commonly found in humans, but rare cases of human infections have been reported.
- Symptoms in humans are similar to other types of flu, including fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, and fatigue.
- Human infections are usually linked to exposure to infected birds or contaminated environments.
- There is no evidence of human-to-human transmission of H3N8 bird flu.
- Genetic mutations could potentially increase the virus's transmissibility or virulence.

10. Ghana becomes first country to approve Oxford malaria vaccine for children.

- Ghana has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective malaria vaccine developed by scientists at the University of Oxford in the UK .
- Ghana has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective malaria vaccine developed by scientists at the University of Oxford in the UK. The vaccine, called R21/Matrix-M, has exceeded the World Health Organization's target of 75% efficacy, making it a significant milestone in the fight against malaria.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), an estimated 619,000 people died from malaria in 2021, with the vast majority of the deaths being children in sub-Saharan Africa.

11. New York City appoints first-ever 'Rat Czar'.

- Kathleen Corradi has been appointed by NYC Mayor Eric Adams to tackle the city's severe rodent issue. She has been designated as the city's inaugural "rat czar".
- The presence of rats in the largest city in the United States is a common occurrence, with people frequently observing them darting around subway tracks and rummaging through garbage bags on the sidewalks.

12. Turkey's First Aircraft Carrier to Host World's First Mainly Unmanned Air Wing.

- The Turkish Navy has received the TCG Anadolu, its first aircraft carrier, which is expected to house the world's first air wing made primarily of unmanned aircraft.
- The TB3 is a naval drone with foldable wings designed for ship decks and short runways, while its line-of-sight and beyond-line-of-sight communications capabilities allow it to be operated from far away locations.

13. Philippines and US launch largest joint military exercises to counter China

- The Philippines and the United States have launched their largest-ever joint military exercises, called Balikatan, involving nearly 18,000 troops to counter China's growing assertiveness in the region.
- The annual drills, which include a live-fire exercise in the South China Sea, are being held for the first time under President Ferdinand Marcos, who seeks to strengthen ties with the US.

14. S Jaishankar inaugurates Buzi Bridge in Mozambique.

- Dr Jaishankar inaugurated the Buzi Bridge virtually, which is a part of the 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project. The bridge has been constructed by India.
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15. Syria becomes world's largest 'narco-state': Report.

- According to reports, Syria has now become the world's largest narco-state, with the majority of its foreign currency earnings coming from the production and export of Captagon.
- Syria can be classified as a narco-state as the illegal trade of narcotics, specifically Captagon, forms a significant portion of its economy, accounting for over 90 percent of the country's foreign currency earnings.

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16. Cuba's Parliament ratifies President Díaz-Canel for new term.

- Cuba's National Assembly has confirmed President Miguel Díaz-Canel for a new five-year term, as the country grapples with a severe economic crisis.

17. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to open first overseas office in Abu Dhabi.

- The AIIB has established its first Interim Operational Hub in Abu Dhabi Global Market, which will serve as its initial overseas office.
- The office will have a strategic location in the Middle East and the world, and will support the Bank's development agenda by financing infrastructure projects that prioritize sustainable economic growth, particularly in areas where it is most needed.
- AIIB is a multilateral development bank that was established in 2016 with the goal of financing infrastructure projects in Asia and beyond.

18. Belgium firm to launch biodiesel project in Ayodhya soon.

- The city of Ayodhya has been chosen for a two-year pilot project aimed at producing biodiesel from waste.
- Belgium-based company Vito is set to launch a two-year pilot project aimed at producing biodiesel from waste in Ayodhya, India.
- The project will initially use one tonne of plastic waste to generate biodiesel.
- Vito officials have held meetings with Ayodhya administration officials and organised a workshop for the Ayodhya Municipal Corporation officials.
- The company will use the corporation's material recovery facility for waste segregation before setting up its own facility.
- Ayodhya was selected for the pilot project due to the expected increase in waste generated by the surge in devotees' footfall after the opening of the Ram temple in January 2022.

19. Shahabuddin Chuppu takes oath as Bangladesh's 22nd president.

- Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu has become the 22nd president of Bangladesh, taking over from Abdul Hamid, in a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, politicians, judges, and senior officials.

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20. Pakistan becomes largest recipient of ADB funded programmes in 2022.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Report 2022 revealed that Pakistan received loans of \$5.58 billion, making it the largest recipient of ADB-funded programs/projects in the year 2022.
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ECONOMICS

1. India's unemployment rate rises to 3-month high of 7.8% in March 2023.

- India's unemployment rate has risen to a three-month high of 7.8% in March 2023, according to the latest data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- This marks an increase from the 7.2% unemployment rate recorded in February and represents a setback for the country's efforts to revive its economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. India GDP growth likely to moderate to 6.3% in FY24: World Bank.

- According to a recent report by the World Bank, India's GDP growth is predicted to slow down on April 1 to 6.3% from 6.6% in the fiscal year 2024.
- The update also notes that the country's Current Account Deficit (CAD) is expected to reach 5.2% in FY24.
- Asia's third-largest economy recorded year-on-year growth of 4.4 per cent in October-December, down from 11.2 per cent a year back and 6.3 per cent in the preceding quarter.

3. India will be third largest economy by 2027-28.

- In a recent address to the Indian diaspora community in France, Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India is set to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2027.
- Currently the fifth-largest economy, India has been experiencing an average annual growth rate of around 7% over the last decade, driven by factors such as a growing middle class and a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship.

4. Mauritius down; Norway, Singapore gain as FPI destinations in FY23: Report.

- The assets under custody (AUC) from Mauritius decreased by almost 42% to Rs 6.66 trillion by the end of March 2023, down from Rs 10.88 trillion the previous year.
- Singapore is now the second largest jurisdiction for foreign portfolio investor flows after the US, while Mauritius has dropped to fourth place.

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5. HDFC Bank Signs \$300 Million Credit Agreement with Export-Import Bank of Korea.

- HDFC Bank, the leading private sector bank in India, has signed a Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement with the Export-Import Bank of Korea, with a total value of US \$300 million.
- The signing ceremony took place in GIFT City, Gujarat, and aims to help HDFC Bank raise foreign currency funds, which will be used to support Korea-related businesses.

6. Indian economy would expand near by 6% this fiscal year, IMF forecasts.

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted that India will be the world's fastest-growing economy, expected to grow by 5.9% in the current fiscal year.
- According to the IMF's flagship World Economic Outlook report released on April 11th, the Indian economy is forecast to grow by 5.9% in the current fiscal year.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Closest Black Hole to Earth Discovered in Our Cosmic Backyard: A New Era Begins.

- Astronomers have utilized the Gaia satellite of the European Space Agency to detect a black hole called BH1. The black hole has been located within a distance of only 1,000 light-years from Earth, which is the closest proximity that any black hole has ever been found.
- Black holes are incredibly dense objects that are formed when massive stars collapse under the force of their own gravity.
- They are so dense that their gravity is strong enough to trap anything that comes too close, including light itself. This makes them invisible to telescopes, which can only detect the effects of their gravity on nearby matter.

2. Indian Space Policy 2023: Union govt approves Indian Space Policy 2023 to enhance role of Department of Space.

- The Union Government of India has recently approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which aims to enhance the role of the Department of Space and boost the activities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The Indian Space Policy 2023 aims to establish a conducive environment for the private sector to participate in space activities, thereby boosting innovation and entrepreneurship in the space sector. It also aims to promote international cooperation in space research and exploration.
- The Indian Space Policy 2023 is expected to boost the activities of ISRO and enable it to achieve its goals in a more effective and efficient manner.

3. KSINC launches India's first solar-powered tourist boat.

- Sooryamshu, India's first solar-powered tourist boat, launches with the capacity to produce 27 KW of energy.
- Kerala State Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has launched a solar-powered tourist boat called Sooryamshu that can produce 27 KW of energy. The boat also comes equipped with generators, which will help power passenger lift systems and air-conditioners.

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4. WhatsApp launches 'Stay Safe' campaign to educate on online safety.

- WhatsApp has initiated a safety campaign called 'Stay Safe with WhatsApp' aimed at educating users about the product features that can assist them in maintaining their online safety and improving their messaging experience.
- The safety campaign launched by WhatsApp also emphasizes the significance of securing WhatsApp accounts to ensure safety and protection at all times.

5. European Space Agency's Juice mission launches to search for life on Jupiter's moons.

- The European Space Agency (ESA) launched the Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer mission (Juice) on Friday, 14 April, at 8:14 a.m. ET using an Ariane 5 rocket from Europe's spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.
- Juice aims to explore Jupiter and three of its largest moons. Following a successful separation from the Ariane 5 rocket, the ESA received a signal from Juice about an hour after launch, confirming that communication between the vehicle and Earth-based mission control is established.

6. Elon Musk plans to launch "TruthGPT" AI platform to compete with Microsoft and Google

- Elon Musk announced his plan to launch an AI platform called "TruthGPT" to compete with Microsoft and Google's current offerings.
- Musk plans to launch an AI that seeks maximum truth and understands the nature of the universe, which he believes is the best path to safety. Musk, OpenAI, and Page have yet to respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

7. NASA's Lucy mission captures first views of Jupiter Trojan asteroids.

- NASA's Lucy mission is on a 12-year journey to observe nine Jupiter Trojans and two main belt asteroids, making it the first-ever mission to visit them.
- Despite being more than 330 million miles (530 million kilometers) away from the spacecraft, Lucy was able to capture views of four Jupiter Trojan asteroids.

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- The asteroids are relatively small in size, but Lucy used its highest resolution imager, L'LORRI, to take the images, which will help the team choose exposure times for close-up observations of the targets.

8. Kenya Launched Its First Operational Earth Observation Satellite "Taifa-1"

- Kenya's first operational Earth observation satellite, "Taifa-1," was successfully launched into space on April 15th, 2023, using a rocket from Elon Musk's rocket company, SpaceX.
- The Taifa-1 satellite was designed and developed by SayariLabs and EnduroSat over two years at a cost of 50 million Kenyan shillings (\$372,000).
- The satellite's main objective is to collect agricultural and environmental data, including floods, droughts, and wildfires, to help Kenya deal with disaster management and food insecurity.
- Taifa-1 is equipped with an optical camera that can take pictures in both multispectral and panchromatic modes.
- The satellite can operate in and out of the visible light spectrum, allowing it to capture images even in low light conditions.

9. ISRO to launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite on April 22.

- ISRO, the Indian Space Research Organisation, is gearing up for its upcoming commercial mission, which is set to launch a Singaporean Earth Observation satellite called TeLEOS-2.
- TeLEOS 2 is an Earth observation satellite that weighs 750kg.
- It has synthetic aperture radar technology that provides data at a resolution of 1 metre.
- The satellite was transported from Singapore to India in February.
- It was developed by ST Engineering.

10. NASA Successfully Extracts Oxygen from Lunar Soil Simulant.

- NASA scientists have successfully extracted oxygen from simulated lunar soil in a vacuum environment, which could pave the way for future human colonies on the Moon.

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- The ability to extract oxygen from lunar soil is crucial for providing breathable air for astronauts and can also be used as propellant for transportation and space exploration.
- To simulate the conditions on the Moon, NASA scientists used a special spherical chamber called the Dirty Thermal Vacuum Chamber.
- Inside the Dirty Thermal Vacuum Chamber, the scientists used a carbothermal reactor to extract the oxygen from the lunar soil simulant. The carbothermal reactor is a device that uses heat to break down materials into their constituent parts.

11.IIT Bombay's SHUNYA Takes Second Place in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge in the US.

- Out of 32 teams from around the world, SHUNYA was the sole representative from India in the contest.
- The team constructed a house with a 14-kW solar PV Plant and an innovative in-house automation system.
- The Solar Decathlon Build Challenge involves teams working for two years to create and operate houses in their own region, with the ultimate goal of showcasing innovative solutions for real-world problems in the building industry.
- The competition culminates in the Solar Decathlon Competition Event at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in April 2023, where teams were judged on the successful operation of their houses and the excellence of their solutions by industry experts.

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DEFENCE CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. 10th Indian - Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime exercise SLINEX-2023 begins

- The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The exercise is divided into two phases, the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase, each lasting three days.
- The Indian Navy is represented by INS Kiltan and INS Savitri, while the Sri Lanka Navy is represented by SLNS Vijayabahu and SLNS Samudura.

2. US and Indian Air Force to engage in 'Cope India' fighter training exercise.

- India's Sukhoi-30s, which are made in Russia, will participate in an exercise named 'Cope India' that involves dogfighting with American F-15 Strike Eagle fighter jets.
- Cope India is a series of wargames that originated in 2004 as a fighter training exercise held at Gwalior air station.
- the exercise has expanded to include a variety of training activities, including subject matter expert exchanges, air mobility training, airdrop training, and large-force exercises, in addition to fighter-training exercises.

3. Andaman & Nicobar command conducts large scale joint military exercise 'KAVACH'.

- The tri-service exercise 'EX-KAVACH' involved the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, aiming to enhance India's joint warfighting capabilities against potential combat challenges.
- The exercise included various operations, such as amphibious assault, maritime air strikes, and manoeuvres at sea, with the deployment of naval warships and different aircraft.
- The exercise also focused on joint activities for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.
- The exercise aimed to validate India's ability to safeguard its island territories and perform joint operations with synergy during real war scenarios.

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4. Wing Commander Deepika Misra is first IAF woman officer to receive gallantry award.

- Wing Commander Deepika Misra has made history as the first female Air Force officer to receive a gallantry medal.
- She was awarded the Vayu Seva Medal for gallantry by the President of India on Independence Day in the previous year, and recently received the award from the Air Chief Marshal of the Indian Air Force at an investiture ceremony in New Delhi.
- Her courageous actions and dedication to duty helped rescue 47 individuals, and as a result, she became the first female Air Force officer to be honored with a gallantry award, the Vayu Seva Medal for gallantry, which she received at an investiture ceremony in New Delhi from Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.

5. 2023 Locked Shields cyber-defense exercise held in Tallinn by NATO.

- Over 3000 participants from 38 countries – including, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Allies and partners – participated in the 2023 edition of the annual exercise “Locked Shields,” hosted by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn (Estonia).
- “Locked Shields” is the world’s largest cyber defence exercise. It started on 18 April 2023 and involved protecting computer systems from real-time attacks and simulating tactical and strategic decisions in critical situations.
- Locked Shields is an annual cyber defence exercise that offers a sophisticated and realistic simulation of a large-scale cyber incident. Rapid Reaction Teams from different countries are mobilised during this event to aid a fictional nation in managing a massive cyber attack.

6. Operation Kaveri launched to evacuate Indians from Sudan.

India initiated Operation Kaveri to evacuate its citizens from the unrest-stricken Sudan. As per External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar’s tweet, the operation is currently in progress, and roughly 500 Indians have already arrived at Port Sudan to evacuate Indians from Sudan.

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7. **“AJEYA WARRIOR - 2023” An Indo-UK Joint Military Exercise.**

- The exercise features soldiers from the 2 Royal Gorkha Rifles from the United Kingdom and soldiers from the BIHAR Regiment of the Indian Army. The Indian Army contingent arrived at Brize Norton on 26 April 2023 via an Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft, bringing indigenous weapons and equipment.
- The primary objective of the exercise is to enhance positive military relations, learn from each other’s best practices, and promote the ability to operate together in undertaking company-level sub-conventional operations in urban and semi-urban environments under UN mandate.
- The exercise also aims to develop inter-operability, camaraderie, bonhomie, and friendship between the two armies.

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AWARDS AND HONOURS

1. Ukrainian president decorated with Poland's top award.

- The highest decoration of Poland, the Order of the White Eagle, was presented to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky by the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, during a meeting between the two leaders at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw.
- The Order of the White Eagle is the Republic of Poland's oldest and most prestigious award. The Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland stated that Zelensky was given the award in acknowledgment of his contributions to enhancing ties between Poland and Ukraine, promoting security, and his unwavering commitment to protecting human rights.

2. Indian-American physician Dr. Nitya Abraham honoured with young urologist of the year award.

- An Indian-American physician and professor Dr. Nitya Abraham has been honoured with the Young Urologist of the Year Award conferred by the American Urological Association (AUA). Dr. Abraham is an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Program Director for the Montefiore Urology residency programme.
- She is among the honorees of the 2023 Young Urologist of the Year Award. Abraham is among members selected by their colleagues who serve on the Young Urologists Committee and endorsed by their respective Section/Society to receive the special honour for 2023.

3. C.R. Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023

- The 2023 International Prize in Statistics, which is regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in statistics, has been awarded to Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, an Indian-American statistician.
- The award is given out by a collaboration of five major international statistics organizations and recognizes major accomplishments by an individual or team. Rao will be honored with the prize, which carries an \$80,000 cash

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award, at the International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congress in Ottawa, Canada, in July.

4. Nilesh Sambare honoured with the 'Maratha Udyog Ratna 2023' award.

- Nilesh Bhagwan Sambre, the founder of Jijau Educational and Social Foundation, was recently honored with the "Maratha Udyog Ratna" award at the "Maratha Entrepreneurs Conference 2023.
- Nilesh Sambre received the award for his noteworthy achievements in the industry sector and his dedicated work in remote areas like Palghar.

5. Kumar Mangalam Birla received AIMA's 'Business Leader of the Decade' award'

- At the 13th Managing India Awards ceremony hosted by the All India Management Association (AIMA), Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, was presented with the 'Business Leader of the Decade Award' for his contributions to the Indian industry in the last ten years.
- The 'AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership' award was given to T V Narendran, Chairman of Tata Steel, while ABB India, a leading engineering services company, won the 'MNC in India of the Year' award.

6. Raj Subramaniam honoured with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman.

- Raj Subramaniam, the CEO of FedEx, a renowned global transportation company, and an Indian-American, was recently honored with the distinguished Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award.
- This award is the highest civilian recognition bestowed by India upon individuals of Indian descent and Indian diaspora. Due to travel restrictions, Subramaniam, aged 55, received the award from Taranjit Singh Sandhu, India's Ambassador to the US.

7. Utsa Patnaik selected for Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.

- Utsa Patnaik, a well-known economist of both national and international acclaim, has been chosen for the prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.

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- The award is presented annually by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, with outstanding social scientists being recognized by a national-level jury from the nominations received
- The recipient of the award will receive a citation and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh at a ceremony to be held in Chennai, the date of which will be announced by the Trust soon.

8. Alessandra Korap from Amazon wins Goldman Environment Prize.

- Alessandra Korap, an indigenous Munduruku woman from the Brazilian Amazon, has been recognized with a 2023 Goldman Environmental Prize, an esteemed award that acknowledges the efforts of six activists from six continents who work at the grassroots level to safeguard the environment.
- the Goldman Prize has celebrated leaders who engage in local initiatives that result in positive environmental changes through citizen or community involvement.

9. Shakira Receives Billboard's Inaugural Latin Woman of the Year Award

- Shakira, the renowned Colombian singer, will be recognized with the prestigious 'Latin Women of the Year' award at the inaugural Latin Women in Music gala hosted by Billboard.
- Shakira has been titled as the 'Queen of Latin Music'. The two-hour event will celebrate the achievements of prominent Latin women in the music industry and will be recorded at Miami's Watsco Center, hosted by Ivy Queen and Jacqueline Bracamontes.

10. Neeli Bendapudi receives Immigrant Achievement Award 2023.

- Neeli Bendapudi, the current president of Penn State University, is set to receive the Immigrant Achievement Award for her significant contributions to higher education in the United States.
- The award recognizes immigrants who have made significant contributions to their communities and professions, and Bendapudi's innovative leadership and extensive career in academia have earned her this prestigious recognition

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SPORTS NEWS

1. Russian superstar Daniil Medvedev Wins Maiden Miami Opens Title 2023

- Russian tennis star Daniil Medvedev claimed his fourth title of the year by defeating Jannik Sinner in a closely-contested final match in Miami Opens 2023.
- Medvedev, who was once the top-ranked player in the world, has now won 24 out of his last 25 matches, including his latest victory at the prestigious Miami Open.
- The win marked his first-ever title win at the Miami Open.

2. F1 race results: Max Verstappen wins wild Australian GP.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has claimed his first Australian Grand Prix 2023. Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton, who drove superbly in his Mercedes, finished second, while Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso filled third spot on the podium.

3. Dhoni, Yuvraj inducted with the MCC honorary life membership

- MS Dhoni, the former captain of the Indian cricket team who led the team to victories in the T20 and ODI World Cups and the 2013 Champions Trophy, along with Yuvraj Singh, the Player of the Tournament in the 2011 ODI World Cup, have been named among the five Indians to be awarded honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- The MCC, which is based in London and founded in 1787, is one of the most prestigious cricket clubs in the world and is responsible for the Laws of Cricket. The club has a long history of awarding honorary life memberships to players who have made significant contributions to the sport.

4. Peru removed as host of 2023 FIFA Under-17 World Cup

- FIFA announced that it had withdrawn Peru's hosting rights to the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2023.

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- The decision was a major blow to Peru, which had been preparing for the event for several years. The country had been investing heavily in the development of its football infrastructure.

5. David Warner becomes fastest to score 6000 runs in IPL.

During a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati, Delhi Capitals' captain David Warner became the fastest batsman to reach 6000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL). He is now the third player to achieve this feat after Virat Kohli from Royal Challengers Bangalore and Shikhar Dhawan, captain of Punjab Kings

6. Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title at World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.

In the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event, Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh, who is a teenager, pulled off a major upset by defeating former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final. Gukesh emerged as the winner in a thrilling summit clash that was full of ups and downs.

7. Kagiso Rabada becomes the fastest player to take 100 wickets in IPL.

During a match between Punjab Kings and Gujarat Titans at IS Bindra Stadium, Kagiso Rabada achieved a significant milestone by taking his 100th wicket in the Indian Premier League (IPL). He became the fastest bowler to reach this milestone in terms of matches played, completing it in his 64th IPL match.

8. Odisha's Bhubaneswar to host 2023 Intercontinental Cup in June.

Four-team Intercontinental Football Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar from June 9 to 18. This will be the third edition of the tournament with the previous two being held in Mumbai (2018) and Ahmedabad (2019). Host India will be joined by Lebanon, Mongolia and Vanuatu in the tournament.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ'S

1. 'Support for Poor Prisoners Scheme' is associated with which Union Ministry?
 - a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - b) Ministry of Defence
 - c) Ministry of External Affairs
 - d) Ministry of Finance
2. Which country hosts the multinational wargame named 'Exercise Orion'?
 - a) India
 - b) USA
 - c) France
 - d) Australia
3. Which Union Ministry appointed the 'Committee on Digital Competition Law'?
 - a) Ministry of Finance
 - b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 - c) Ministry of External Affairs
 - d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
4. 'Mircha' Rice, which recently received GI Tag, is from which state/UT?
 - a) Uttarakhand
 - b) Assam
 - c) Sikkim
 - d) Bihar
5. When is the 'World Homoeopathy Day' observed every year?
 - a) April 1
 - b) April 5
 - c) April 10
 - d) April 15
6. 'Bihu Naas' is a dance form prevalently practised in which state?
 - a) West Bengal
 - b) Bihar
 - c) Assam

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- d) Karnataka
7. Which state/UT introduced the 'Vacant land tax' for assets registration?
- Andhra Pradesh
 - Maharashtra
 - Gujarat
 - Uttar Pradesh
8. India highlighted the significance of UNCLOS along with which country?
- Vietnam
 - Sri Lanka
 - Nepal
 - Bangladesh
9. Which city is the host of the 'Third Regional Symposium on Greening the Judiciaries'?
- New York
 - Nairobi
 - New Delhi
 - Dhaka
10. 'Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)' is associated with which association?
- ASEAN
 - G-20
 - EU
 - ISA
11. 'Lynx-U2 System' is an indigenously developed naval gun fire control system, manufactured by which institution?
- HAL
 - DRDO
 - BEL
 - BHEL
12. The 'Foundational Literacy and numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT)' is organised under which program?

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- a) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan
 - b) New India Literacy Programme
 - c) Scheme of Vocational Education
 - d) National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme
13. 'AIUla Declaration', which was seen in the news, is related to which country?
- a) Russia
 - b) Qatar
 - c) Israel
 - d) Iran
14. Which country hosts the multinational wargame named 'Exercise Orion'?
- a) India
 - b) USA
 - c) France
 - d) Australia
15. 'National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical System (NM-ICPS)' is associated with which Union Ministry?
- a) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 - b) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - c) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
16. India held a 'Business Summit' recently, to commemorate 25 years of friendship with which country?
- a) Russia
 - b) France
 - c) Germany
 - d) Israel
17. Which country hosts the 'Spring Annual Meetings of IMF and World Bank'?
- a) India
 - b) USA
 - c) UK
 - d) Germany

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18. As per a recent report of the NSO, what per centage of communicable disease deaths in 2021 was due to respiratory ailments?
- a) 18 %
 - b) 38 %
 - c) 58 %
 - d) 78 %
19. Which state has passed a resolution which asks the Centre to set time limit for Governor for clearing Bills?
- a) Kerala
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) West Bengal
 - d) Rajasthan
20. What is the rate of interest payable in General Provident Fund (GPF) for the April to June 2023 quarter?
- a) 7.1%
 - b) 7.3 %
 - c) 7.5 %
 - d) 8.1 %
21. Which institution released guidelines for assessment of child suspects in heinous offences?
- a) UNICEF
 - b) NITI Aayog
 - c) NCPCR
 - d) NCW
22. Which company has built 'Starship', the most powerful rocket ever built to take humans to the Moon?
- a) NASA
 - b) ISRO
 - c) SpaceX
 - d) Blue Virgin
23. 'Vegetable Production System (Veggie)' is associated with which space agency?

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- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) ESA
- d) JAXA

24. Which city is the host of the 'G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists'?

- a) Varanasi
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Jaipur
- d) Shillong

25. Bohag Bihu is celebrated in which state/UT?

- a) Assam
- b) West Bengal
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Gujarat

26. 'Pohela Boishakh' marks the beginning of the new year in which state?

- a) Odisha
- b) West Bengal
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Meghalaya

27. As per the 'Banking on Climate Chaos Report' which is the top bank in financing fossil fuels globally from 2016-2022?

- a) Citi Bank
- b) JP Morgan Chase
- c) Wells Fargo
- d) Bank of America

28. The 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist train' was flagged off to mark birth anniversary of which leader in April?

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Dr B R Ambedkar
- c) Subash Chandra Bose
- d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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29. Which virus has been recently found to trigger cancer?
- a) Epstein-Barr Virus
 - b) Aichi Virus
 - c) Chikungunya virus
 - d) Human astrovirus
30. Siachen Day is observed by the Indian Army every year to commemorate which of its operations?
- a) Operation Meghdoot
 - b) Operation Black Thunder
 - c) Operation Jammu
 - d) Operation Black Tornado
31. 'Basava Jayanthi' is a festival celebrated in which state/UT?
- a) Jainism
 - b) Buddhism
 - c) Hinduism
 - d) Islam
32. Which institution has conducted maiden flight trial of Sea-based endo-atmospheric interceptor missile?
- a) ISRO
 - b) DRDO
 - c) HAL
 - d) BHEL
33. Which state/UT is planning to promote 'Guchhi' fungus species?
- a) Jammu and Kashmir
 - b) Arunachal Pradesh
 - c) Kerala
 - d) Karnataka
34. Avangkhu is India's first village on the border of which country?
- a) China
 - b) Myanmar
 - c) Pakistan

- d) Laos
35. Which state launched the 'Siksha Setu Asom Portal App'?
- a) Gujarat
 - b) Assam
 - c) Odisha
 - d) Telangana
36. 'Ajeya Warrior 2023' is the bilateral training exercise between India and which country?
- a) France
 - b) USA
 - c) UK
 - d) Sri Lanka
37. As per the data on global military spending published by SIPRI, which country is the largest military spender in 2022?
- a) India
 - b) USA
 - c) China
 - d) Russia
38. Using which type of waves, the composition of Mars's core composition has been predicted by NASA?
- a) X Ray Waves
 - b) Gama Ray Waves
 - c) Neutrino Ray Waves
 - d) Seismic Waves
39. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Pashudhan Jagruti Abhiyaan'?
- a) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
 - b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 - c) Ministry of Rural Development
 - d) Ministry of Home Affairs

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40. Parkash Singh Badal, who passed away recently, was the former Chief Minister of which state?
- Madhya Pradesh
 - Punjab
 - Gujarat
 - Jharkhand
41. 'Villa of Quintilii' which was seen in the news, is located in which country?
- South Africa
 - France
 - Italy
 - Australia
42. Which institution has developed a device named 'Artsens' to screen for cardiovascular diseases?
- IIT Delhi
 - IISc Bengaluru
 - IIT Madras
 - NIT Tiruchirappalli
43. What is the full form of ULIP, that has been launched under National Logistics Policy?
- Uniform Logistics Interface Platform
 - Unified Logistics Interface Platform
 - Uniform Logistics Industry Platform
 - Unified Logistics Industry Platform
44. Olkiluoto 3 (OL3) nuclear reactor is located in which country?
- Russia
 - Finland
 - Austria
 - Germany
45. Which city hosted the 'National Conference on Water Sufficient Panchayat, Clean & Green Panchayat and Healthy Panchayat'?
- Pune

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- b) Chennai
c) New Delhi
d) Guwahati
46. Which Union Ministry has launched the 'SATHI Portal and Mobile App'?
- a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
b) Ministry of Defence
c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
d) Ministry of Power
47. Who is the first Indian woman to be named as a 'Wisden Cricketer of the Year'?
- a) Smriti Mandana
b) Harmanpreet Kaur
c) Mithali Raj
d) Deepti Sharma
48. Which Union Ministries are associated with the '100 Food Streets' initiative?
- a) Health Ministry and Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry
b) Environment Ministry and Jal Shakti Ministry
c) Co-operation Ministry and Agriculture Ministry
d) Agriculture Ministry and Health Ministry
49. Which Union Ministry organised the 'Sagar Kavach Exercise'?
- a) Power Ministry
b) External Affairs Ministry
c) Commerce and Industry Ministry
d) Defence Ministry
50. Which institution has prepared the White Paper on 'Gearing Up To Solve Food Security Challenges'?
- a) NABARD
b) FCI
c) Atal Innovation Mission
d) FSSAI
51. Dr N Gopalakrishnan passed away recently at the age of 68. Who was he?

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- a) Writer
- b) Politician
- c) Scientist
- d) Social Worker

52. World Veterinary Day is observed every year on the last Saturday of April (29 April). What is the theme of World Veterinary Day 2023?

- a) Environmental protection for improving animal and human health.
- b) Value of Vaccination
- c) The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic
- d) Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in the Veterinary Profession.

53. Who has launched a book titled 'Reflections'?

- a) Anurag Thakur
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Suresh Prabhu

54. Who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Telugu Association of London?

- a) Dalai Lama
- b) Neeli Bendapudi
- c) Raghu Ram Pillarisetti
- d) Shanti Lakra

55. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Bank of India (BoI)?

- a) Pranav Haridasan
- b) deepak Mohanty
- c) Debadatta Chand
- d) Rajneesh Karnataka

56. Dubai-based airline Emirates has unveiled the world's first robotic check-in assistant. What is the name of this robot?

- a) Omega
- b) Sara

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- c) Ameca
d) Johny
57. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute in which city?
a) Silvassa
b) Puducherry
c) Port Blair
d) Imphal
58. Who has launched the first of its kind 'Millets Experience Centre (MEC)' at Dilli Haat in New Delhi?
a) Narendra Modi
b) Narendra Singh Tomar
c) Amit Shah
d) Piyush Goyal
59. World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed every year on which day?
a) 28 April
b) 25 April
c) 27 April
d) 29 April
60. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay's SHUNYA team has secured second place in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge in the United States. What is the full form of SHUNYA?
a) Sustainable Housing for Urbanizing Nation by its Youth Aspirants
b) Solar Housing for Urbanizing Nation by its Young Aspirants
c) Secure Housing for Urbanizing Nation by its Young Aspirants
d) Sustainable Housing for Urbanizing Nation by its Young Aspirants
61. Who has taken charge as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies?
a) Rajesh Verma
b) Rajiv Kumar
c) Nalin Negi

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- d) Hari Hara Mishra
62. The 'Study in India Pavilion' at the Global Education & Training Exhibition (GETEX) has been inaugurated in which city?
- a) New Delhi
 - b) Berlin
 - c) Paris
 - d) Dubai
63. International Girls in ICT Day is an annual event celebrated on the fourth Thursday of April every year. What is the theme of International Girls in ICT Day 2023?
- a) Digital Skills for Life
 - b) Access and safety
 - c) Girls in ICT
 - d) Expand horizons, change attitudes
64. The Union Cabinet has approved how much rupees for National Quantum Mission (NQM) from 2023-24 to 2030-31?
- a) 6003 cr
 - b) 5003 cr
 - c) 4033 cr
 - d) 6533 cr
65. Who has become the youngest bowler to take 200 T20 wickets?
- a) Shaheen Afridi
 - b) Naseem Shah
 - c) Rashid Khan
 - d) Sikandar Raza
66. Who will be honoured with Billboard's 'Latin Women of the Year' Award?
- a) Karol G
 - b) Rihanna
 - c) Miley Cyrus
 - d) Shakira

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67. Veteran politician and former judge Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu was sworn in as the 22nd President of which country?
- a) Tanzania
 - b) Bangladesh
 - c) Oman
 - d) Singapore
68. In which city did Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das address the Global Conference on Financial Resilience?
- a) Bengaluru
 - b) New Delhi
 - c) Hyderabad
 - d) Mumbai
69. National Panchayati Raj Diwas is celebrated every year on 24 April. Who was the Father of the Panchayati Raj System?
- a) Morarji Desai
 - b) Balwant Rai Mehta
 - c) Chaudhary Charan Singh
 - d) Rajiv Gandhi
70. Who has clinched two gold medals at Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 1 in Antalya, Turkey?
- a) Ankita Bhakat
 - b) Tarundeep Rai
 - c) Jyothi Surekha Vennam
 - d) Dola Banerjee
71. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is preparing to develop around 10,000 km of optic fiber cable (OFC) infrastructure across India by which financial year?
- a) 2024
 - b) 2025
 - c) 2026
 - d) 2027

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72. India has proposed to develop a G20 park in which city, to symbolize 'togetherness on the path of development' as part of its year-long presidency of the organization?
- a) Bengaluru
 - b) New Delhi
 - c) Hyderabad
 - d) Mumbai
73. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has set up a committee to investigate the disappearance of 1095 ponds in Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh. The bench will be headed by _____.
- a) Nidhi Khatri
 - b) Sunil Bajpai
 - c) Sanjay Agrawal
 - d) Adarsh Kumar Goel
74. Earth Day is observed every year on April 22. What is the theme of Earth Day 2023?
- a) End Plastic Pollution
 - b) Restore Our Earth
 - c) Invest in our Planet
 - d) Protect Our Species
75. Who has become the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force to be presented with a gallantry award?
- a) Shivangi Singh
 - b) Deepika Misra
 - c) Bhawana Kanth
 - d) Avani Chaturvedi
76. Which cricket player has been appointed as JioCinema's brand ambassador?
- a) Virat Kohli
 - b) Rohit Sharma
 - c) Harleen Deol
 - d) Harmanpreet Kaur
77. Which of the following state government has launched a 'Salokha Yojana' in the state?

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- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Gujarat
- d) Himachal Pradesh

78. Which state government has launched three online services, Pro-active Divyang Pension Service, 'Tau se Poochho' WhatsApp chatbot and online booking of government rest houses, to digitally empower people?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Haryana

79. Which state government has launched the One Panchayat, One Playground project for reviving the sports culture in the State?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala

80. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will launch the Earth Observation satellite TeLEOS-2 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on April 22. TeLEOS-2 is a satellite of which country?

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Oman
- d) Singapore

81. South Indian Bank has introduced SIB SEAFARER and SIB PULSE, two flexible saving accounts. Where is the headquarters of South Indian Bank?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Thrissur
- c) Chennai
- d) Thiruvananthapuram

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82. Biggest International School in Maharashtra to be setup in which of the following city?
- a) Nashik
 - b) Mumbai
 - c) Pune
 - d) Thane
83. Who will be awarded the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award on 24 April 2023?
Mohammed Rafi
- a) Udit Narayan
 - b) Anuradha Paudwal
 - c) Alka Yagnik
 - d) Asha Bhosle
84. Which of the following state has bagged the national award for the best implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the country?
- a) Tripura
 - b) West Bengal
 - c) Assam
 - d) Karnataka
85. Who among the following has been appointed as New York's first Black chief Judge by the New York Senate?
- a) Ajay Banga
 - b) Aruna Miller
 - c) Apsara A Iyer
 - d) Rowan Wilson
86. Which of the following Small Finance Bank has integrated with the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to launch bill payment services through video banking?
- a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited
 - b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
 - c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited
 - d) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited

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87. According to which organization, India has recently overtaken China to become the most populous country in the world?
- a) United Nations
 - b) World Health Organization
 - c) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
 - d) World Bank
88. The Research and Innovation Initiative gathering conference of G-20 begins in which city?
- a) Varanasi
 - b) New Delhi
 - c) Dharamshala
 - d) Mumbai
89. Which state / UTs Agriculture Production Department has launched the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan programme in the state?
- a) Jammu and Kashmir
 - b) Gujarat
 - c) Himachal Pradesh
 - d) Punjab
90. Which state has become the first state to adopt a water budget in a bid to come up with a solution to water scarcity in certain regions?
- a) Maharashtra
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Odisha
 - d) Kerala
91. Who has become the first Indian woman to win Wisden Almanack's Leading Cricketer of the Year Award 2022?
- a) Harleen Deol
 - b) Harmanpreet Kaur
 - c) Renuka Singh
 - d) Smriti Mandhana

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92. Which bank has recently launched India's 1st Voice Biometric Authentication Banking App?
- a) Federal Bank
 - b) Axis Bank
 - c) City Union Bank
 - d) HDFC Bank
93. The second G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting has begun in which city?
- a) Siliguri
 - b) New Delhi
 - c) Bhubaneswar
 - d) Ahmedabad
94. India's agricultural exports grow by how much percent during April-January of the current financial year to worth USD 43.37 billion?
- a) 6.04%
 - b) 5.04%
 - c) 7.04%
 - d) 8.04%
95. Finland has become the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). What is the capital of Finland?
- a) Warsaw
 - b) Helsinki
 - c) Copenhagen
 - d) Stockholm
96. The government has raised interest rates on most post office saving schemes by up to how much percent for the April-June 2023 quarter?
- a) 0.5%
 - b) 0.6%
 - c) 0.7%
 - d) 0.8%
97. Praveer Sinha has been re-appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of which company?

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- a) ReNew Power
- b) Tata Power
- c) JSW Energy
- d) NTPC Limited

98. Utkala Divas is celebrated every year on which day?

- a) 31 March
- b) 2 April
- c) 1 April
- d) 30 March

99. Who has recently launched the App Version of the National Logistics Portal (Marine) Sagar-Setu?

- a) Anurag Thakur
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Jitendra Singh
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal

100. Which of the following state government has recently approved a proposal to set up three new medical colleges in the state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra

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ANSWER KEY

Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.
1.	A	26.	B	51.	C	76.	B
2.	C	27.	B	52.	B	77.	A
3.	D	28.	B	53.	C	78.	D
4.	D	29.	A	54.	C	79.	D
5.	C	30.	A	55.	D	80.	D
6.	C	31.	C	56.	B	81.	B
7.	B	32.	B	57.	A	82.	C
8.	A	33.	A	58.	B	83.	D
9.	B	34.	B	59.	A	84.	D
10.	C	35.	B	60.	D	85.	D
11.	C	36.	C	61.	D	86.	A
12.	B	37.	B	62.	D	87.	A
13.	B	38.	D	63.	A	88.	D
14.	C	39.	A	64.	A	89.	A
15.	B	40.	B	65.	A	90.	D
16.	B	41.	C	66.	D	91.	B
17.	B	42.	C	67.	B	92.	C
18.	D	43.	B	68.	D	93.	A
19.	B	44.	B	69.	B	94.	A
20.	A	45.	C	70.	C	95.	B
21.	C	46.	A	71.	B	96.	C
22.	C	47.	B	72.	B	97.	B
23.	B	48.	A	73.	D	98.	C
24.	A	49.	D	74.	C	99.	D
25.	A	50.	C	75.	B	100.	C

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TRANSLATIONS: HINDI

1. कोनकार्ड ऑफ इण्डिया इंश्योरेंस कं. लिमि. बनाम निर्मला देवी (1979) 118 आई.टी.आर. 507 (एस.सी.) के मामले में न्यायमूर्ति कृष्ण अय्यर ने इस न्यायालय की खण्डपीठ हेतु बोलते हुए सम्प्रेषित किया कि प्रतिकर का विनिश्चय उदार होना चाहिए, मितव्ययी रूप से नहीं, क्योंकि विधि उदार मापक में स्वतन्त्र देश में जीवन एवं अंग को मूल्यांकित करती है ।
2. यूनाइटेड इण्डिया इंश्योरेंस कं. लिमि. बनाम बिन्दू और अन्य, (2009) 3 एस.सी.सी. 705 में इस न्यायालय ने पुनः दोहराया कि गुणक की पसन्द मृतक की आयु द्वारा विनिश्चित होनी चाहिए (या दावेदारगण की, जो उच्चतर हो और मूल राशि की गणना द्वारा, जो यदि विनियोजित की जाती, ब्याज की दर स्थिर अर्थव्यवस्था हेतु समुचित वार्षिक ब्याज के रूप में प्राप्त होगी ।
3. भगवंतसिंह बनाम पुलिस आयुक्त एवं अन्य, ए.आई.आर. 1985 एस.सी. 1285 में इस न्यायालय ने रिट याचिका व्यवहृत करते हुए विस्तृत रूप से एक प्रश्न व्यवहृत किया एवं इस सीमा तक अन्तिम रिपोर्ट की स्वीकार्यता के संबंध में निवेदन स्वीकार करते हुए कि यदि कोई प्रकरण मजिस्ट्रेट द्वारा नहीं बनाया गया था, यह परिवादी के नैसर्गिक न्याय के सिद्धान्तों का अतिलंघन होगा एवं इसलिए मजिस्ट्रेट के कार्यवाहियों को छोड़ने के पूर्व, सूचना पत्र को सुनने का अवसर दिया जाना चाहिए, क्योंकि सूचनाकर्ता जानना चाहिए कि प्रथम एफ.आई.आर. के आधार पर प्रारम्भ अन्वेषण का परिणाम क्या होता है । इस प्रकार प्रकरण में मजिस्ट्रेट यह अभिमत लेता है कि आगे कार्यवाही करने हेतु कोई पर्याप्त आधार नहीं है एवं कार्यवाहियां छोड़ता है, सूचनाकर्ता निश्चित रूप से प्रभावित होगा एवं इसलिए उसे सुने जाने का अधिकार है ।
4. इस प्रकार यह स्पष्ट होता है कि विधि द्वितीय परिवाद के दाखिल करने या व्यवहृत करने को निषेधित नहीं करती, यहां तक कि पूर्व परिवाद में उपबन्धित समान तथ्यों पर भी, अपर्याप्त सामग्री के आधार पर विनिश्चित किया गया है या आदेश बिना परिवाद की प्रकृति समझे पारित किया गया सम्पूर्ण तथ्य न्यायालय के समक्ष नहीं रखे गये या जहाँ परिवादी को कतिपय तथ्य प्रथम परिवाद के निपटान के पश्चात् पता चले, जो उसके पक्ष में संतुलन बना सकते थे, परन्तु द्वितीय परिवाद पोषणीय नहीं होगी, जिमसे पूर्व परिवाद गुणागुण पर परिवादी के प्रकरण के पूर्ण विचारण पर निपटान किया गया है ।
5. चार माह पश्चात् डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट प्रत्यर्थी को भेजा गया था, ने परीक्षण न्यायालय के समक्ष एक आवेदन पत्र अधिनियम की धारा 12(1)(5) के तहत डिक्री की प्रार्थना करते हुए यह कहते हुए दाखिल किया

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TRANSLATIONS: ENGLISH

1. In the case of concord of India Insurance Co. Ltd. v. Nirmala Devi [(1979)118 ITR 507 (SC)] Justice Krishna Iyer, Speaking for a branch of this court, observed that the determination of compensation must be Liberal, not regardly since the law values life and limb in a free country in generous scales.
2. In united India Insurance Co. Ltd. Vs. Bindu & Ors. [(2009) 3 SCC 705], this court again reiterated that the choice of the multiplier was to be determined by the age of the deceased (or that of the claimants whichever is higher) and by the calculation of a capital sum which, it invested at a rote of interest appropriate to a stable economy, would yield by way of annual interest.
3. In Bhagwant Singh Vs. Commissioner of police and Anr. AIR 1985 SC 1285 this court dealt with an issue elaborately entertaining the writ petition and accepting the submission in regard to acceptance of the final report to the extent that if no case was made out by the magistrate, it would be violative of principles of natural justice of the complainant and therefore before the magistrate drops the proceedings the informant is required to be given hearing as the informant is required to be given hearing as the informant must know what is the result of the investigation initiated on the basis of first FIR. He is the person interested in the result of the investigation. Thus in case the magistrate takes a view that there and drops the proceedings, the informant would certainly be prejudiced and therefore, he has a right to be heard.
4. Thus it is evident that the law does not prohibit filing or entertaining of the second complaint even on the same facts provided the earlier complaint has been decided on the basis of insufficient material or the order has been passed without understanding the nature of the complaint or the complete facts could not be placed before the court or where the complainant come to know certain facts after disposal of the first complaint which could have tilted the balance in his favour. However second complaint would not be maintainable where in the earlier

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complaint has been disposed of on full consideration of the case of the complainant on merit.

5. Four months after the demand draft was sent the respondent filed an application before the Trial court Praying for a decree under section 12(1)(m) of the act stating that the deposit of Rs. 10,000/- directed by the High Court had not been made by the appellant. The error in the making of the deposit thus came to the knowledge of the appellant only when he received a copy of the application moved by the respondent.

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MODEL JUDGMENT WRITING

Q. Prosecution story is that 5 days before the incident, the accused Ramesh has teased the sister of Suresh Sahu with intent to outrage her modesty on September 15, 2001. When he had complained about it to Ramesh's father then quarrel took place between accused Ramesh and Suresh and accused has threatened Suresh to face grave consequences. On September 20, 2001, when Suresh was coming back from Sabzi Mandi of Bhilai at that time accused Ramesh was sitting near the shadow of tree with the gun, when Suresh Sahu came before the accused Ramesh, the accused Ramesh opened fire on Suresh Sahu. The gunshot missed the chest of Suresh and wounded his right hand. Suresh Sahu got injuries, but he survived, he was admitted in hospital for one month. Ram Singh (PW-2) and Ram Kumar (PW-3) had reached the spot of incident after hearing the voice of gunshot, but they were frightened after seeing gun in hand of accused Ramesh. The accused Ramesh walked away from the spot presuming that Suresh was dead.

Therefore, FIR (Ex. P-1) was lodged by HC Mukesh Yadav (PW-4) as per the report by Ram Singh. Dr. R.K. Gandhi (PW-5) has given MLC report (Ex. P-2) after examining the victim Suresh. Sub-Inspector Shree Ganesh Jaiswal (PW-6) produced challan before the court after completion of Investigation. Dr. Gandhi has deposed that injuries of victim were caused by gunshot and dangerous to his life and he would have died if timely treatment was not provided to him.

Accused Ramesh has denied committing all the offences and his defence stated that he was falsely implicated in this case due to enmity and in his defence, he has also taken plea of alibi.

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THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, BHILAI, CHHATTISGARH
(Presided by.....)

CNR No.
Criminal Case No.
Police Station
Date of Institution: 20.09.2001

State of Chhattisgarh, through SHO,
Police Station:, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

..... Prosecution

Versus

Ramesh, s/o.

Age

R/o

Police Station

..... Accused

CHARGE

I,, Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, charge you accused person Ramesh s/o as follows:

Firstly: That you accused person on 15-09-2001 at around at threatened the victim Suresh with dire consequences with an intent to cause alarm to him and you thereby committed an offence of criminal intimidation punishable under section 506 part II of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and is within the cognizance of this court.

Secondly: That you accused person on 20-09-2001 at around at intentionally caused injuries on the right hand of the victim by firing at him from your gun due to which he remained admitted in hospital for 1 month and you thereby committed an offence of voluntarily causing grievous hurt punishable under section 326 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and is within the cognizance of this court.

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And I hereby direct that you accused person be tried by this court for the above framed charges.

Date:

Place:

Sign and Seal

Judicial Magistrate First Class

Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

PLEA OF ACCUSED

The charges were read over and explained to the accused to which he pleaded as follows:

“I am innocent and I have not committed any offence and I am being falsely implicated. I plead not guilty and claim to be tried.”

Sign of the accused Ramesh

Sign and Seal

Judicial Magistrate First Class

Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, BHILAI, CHHATTISGARH

(Presided by.)

CNR No.

Criminal Case No.

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..... Accused

Present Counsel:

Shri....., Ld. APP for the Prosecution

Shri....., Ld. Counsel for the Defence

JUDGMENT (Pronounced on day of 2023)

1. In present factual matrix the accused stands charged under section 506 Part II and 326 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter referred to as 'IPC') for having committed offence of criminal intimidation and voluntarily causing grievous hurt.
2. There are no undisputed facts in the present case.
3. Story of prosecution in brief is that the accused Ramesh teased the sister of victim Suresh Sahu with intent to outrage her modesty on September 15, 2001. Suresh Sahu complained about it to Ramesh's father due to which quarrel took place between accused Ramesh and Suresh and accused threatened the victim with grave consequences. On September 20, 2001 accused Ramesh was sitting near the shadow of tree with the gun waiting for victim who was coming back from Sabzi Mandi of Bhilai. The accused Ramesh opened fire on Suresh Sahu the moment he came before him. The gunshot missed his chest but hit his right hand due to which he suffered injuries but he survived. However, the victim had to be admitted in hospital for one month. On hearing the voice of gunshot Ram Singh and Ram Kumar reached the spot of incident and saw the accused with the gun. Presuming that Suresh had died the accused Ramesh walked away from the spot. Thereafter FIR was lodged by HC Mukesh Yadav as per the deposition of Ram Singh. After the completion of the investigation police report was submitted under section 173(2) of Cr.P.C. upon which the cognizance was taken by this court under section 190(b) of the Cr.P.C.
4. On charges being read over and explained to accused he pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried and in his personal examination under section 313 of Cr.P.C. he denied all the allegations and stated that he is being falsely implicated in this case due to enmity and in his defence also took plea of alibi.

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5. POINTS FOR DETERMINATION

- I. Whether on the alleged date, time, and place the accused threatened the victim Suresh with dire consequences with intent to cause alarm to him?
- II. Whether on the alleged date, time and place the accused voluntarily caused injuries on the right hand of the victim by firing at him from his gun due to which he remained admitted in hospital for 1 month?
- III. Acquittal or conviction, if any?

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

Point No. (i), (ii) and (iii)

6. For avoiding the repetition of evidence and to avoid the overburdening of court records all the points are being analyzed and determined simultaneously. As per Section 102 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (hereinafter referred to as 'IEA') the onus of proving these points is on the prosecution. Due to the cardinal principle of criminal jurisprudence viz, the presumption of innocence, the prosecution has to prove the guilt of the accused beyond any reasonable doubt.
7. To discharge its burden of proof prosecution first examined the victim as PW-1 who deposed that the accused Ramesh teased his sister with intent to outrage her modesty on September 15, 2001. This fact is relevant under section 9 of IEA being an introductory fact as it introduces the fact in issue and is a backgrounder fact. PW-1 further deposed that he complained about it to Ramesh's father. This fact is relevant under section 8 of IEA as constituting motive for the offences committed by the accused. PW-1 further deposed that accused Ramesh got angry when he complained to his father and picked up quarrel with him and threatened him with grave consequences. PW-1 further deposed that on September 20, 2001, he was coming back from Sabzi Mandi of Bhilai. This fact is relevant under section 7 of IEA as constituting the occasion in which the offence was committed and out of which the accused carved out the opportunity to commit the offence. PW-1 further deposed that when he reached the spot, accused Ramesh who was sitting near the shadow of tree with the gun, opened fire on him. The fact that the accused was sitting near the shadow of tree with the gun is relevant under section 8 of IEA as showing previous conduct on the part of the accused. PW-1 further deposed that the gunshot missed his chest but wounded his right hand due to which he got injuries and had to remain

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- admitted in hospital for one month. This fact is relevant under section 7 of IEA as effect of fact in issue. PW-1 remained unrebutted in cross examination.
8. Prosecution further examined Ram Singh as PW-2 who deposed that he and Ram Kumar heard the voice of gunshot. The hearing of voice of gunshot is relevant under section 6 of IEA as fact forming part of the same transaction that with fact in issue and also under section 7 as effect of fact in issue. He further deposed that they reached the spot of incident and saw accused Ramesh with gun in his hand and they got frightened. The fact that accused was having the gun in his hand is relevant under section 9 of IEA as it supports the inference suggested by the fact in issue. He further deposed that the accused Ramesh walked away from the spot presuming that Suresh was dead. This fact is relevant under section 8 of IEA as showing subsequent conduct of the accused. This much testimony of PW-2 was corroborated by testimony of Ram Kumar who was examined as PW-3. PW-2 further deposed that he immediately went to police station and deposed everything before H.C. Mukesh Yadav who lodged FIR (Ex. P-1). This fact is relevant under section 6 of IEA as fact forming the part of same transaction as the latter is reasonably and logically connected with the former. This much testimony of PW-2 stands corroborated by FIR (Ex. P-1) as per section 157 of the IEA. Both PW-2 and PW-3 remained unrebutted in cross examination.
 9. Prosecution further examined H.C. Mukesh Yadav as PW-4 who deposed that on 20-09-2001 he lodged FIR (Ex. P-1) on the basis of facts deposed by Ram Singh (PW-2). PW-4 remained unrebutted in cross examination. Prosecution further examined Dr. R.K. Gandhi, who conducted medical examination of the victim, as PW-5. He proved MLC report (Ex. P-2) given by him after examining the victim Suresh. He also deposed that injuries of victim were caused by gunshot and could be dangerous to his life and he would have died had timely treatment been not provided to him. His testimony is relevant under section 45 of IEA as expert opinion. PW-5 also remained unrebutted in cross examination.
 10. Sub-Inspector Shree Ganesh Jaiswal who produced challan before the court after completion of Investigation, was examined as PW-6. He deposed about investigation, arrest of accused and spot map and remained unrebutted in cross examination.
 11. After the closure of prosecution evidence, the accused was personally examined under section 313 of the Cr.P.C. during which he denied all the allegations and stated

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that he is being falsely implicated in this case due to enmity and in his defence also took plea of alibi.

12. On the basis of relevant facts duly proved by prosecution this court is of the considered view as follows. From the un rebutted testimony of PW-1, PW-2 and PW-3 it is clear that it was accused only and not someone else who was present at the scene of occurrence with gun in his hand on the relevant day. Their testimony establishes the identity of the accused. Also, from the testimony of PW-2 and PW-3 it is clear that a gunshot was infact fired and their evidence falls under the category of direct evidence as they stated about the fact which they have heard. From the un rebutted testimony of PW-1 it is clear that the accused fired a shot at him and it is further corroborated by the fact that PW-2 and PW-3 had seen the accused with the gun in his hand. Also from the testimony of PW-1 and PW-5 and from (Ex. P-2) it is clear that victim suffered injuries at his right hand due to the gunshot due to which he remained admitted in hospital for 1 month. Therefore the actus reus for the offence under section 326 of IPC i.e., causing grievous hurt with a shooting weapon stands established. From the un rebutted testimony of PW-1 and also from the fact that the accused actually opened fire at the complainant, it stands proved that the accused had criminally intimidated him with dire consequences 5 days before shooting at him because the complainant had complained to accused father that the accused had teased his sister. Thus, the offence under section 506 stands proved. The previous conduct of the accused viz, intimidating the complainant, the kind of weapon used viz, the gun and the manner of attack viz, the open fire manifest that the accused fired at the complainant intentionally. The mens rea required under section 326 is 'voluntarily' and as per the definition of 'voluntarily causing grievous hurt' 'intentionally' is included 'voluntarily'. Therefore, the mens rea for the offence under section 326 also stands proved.
13. On the other hand, accused pleaded false implication on the ground of enmity and also took plea of alibi. However, he could not produce any evidence to substantiate any of his defences. Mere pleas will not help him anyway. As per section 103 of IEA a very heavy burden lies on the accused to prove that he was present somewhere else then the spot where incident took place. In the present factual score prosecution with the help of trustworthy oral evidence and unimpeached documentary evidence has successfully proved that it was only the accused who fired at the victim and accused has produced no evidence to rebut this. Hence, the plea of alibi of the accused which

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would be relevant under section 11 as a fact which is inconsistent with the fact in issue held to be untenable in the light of circumstances of cases. Therefore, this court can conclude that the prosecution has proved its case beyond any reasonable doubt which the accused has failed to rebut. Accordingly accused is held guilty of offence under section 506 and 326 of IPC.

14. The accused shall execute bail bond with sureties under section 437A of Cr.P.C to ensure his presence in the appellate court. It shall remain valid for 6 months. On the furnishing the same the previous bail bonds shall stand cancelled.
15. Copy of the judgment shall be given to the accused free of cost as per section 363 of Cr.P.C.
16. Copy of judgment be placed on official website of district court.
17. The pronouncement of judgment is temporarily suspended to hear the accused on the question of sentence as per section 248(2) of Cr.P.C.

This judgment is being dated, signed and pronounced in an open court.

Sign
Judicial Magistrate First Class
Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

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Judicial Magistrate First Class
Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

ORDER ON SENTENCE

1. The prosecution and the defence side were heard on the question of sentence while the prosecution prayed for strict punishment the accused prayed for leniency. Keeping in view the grave nature of the offence this court does not consider this case to be a proper case to exercise its discretion to grant the benefit of probation to the accused under section 360 of Cr.P.C. or sections 3, 4 and 6 of the Probation of Offenders Act. This is because the offence has been committed in broad day light and these types of offences causes a sense of shock and insecurity in the society. Hence

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keeping in view all the relevant facts and circumstances this court passes the following sentence

S. No.	Name of the Accused	Convicted under Section (IPC)	Imprisonment	Fine	Imprisonment in lieu of fine
1.	Ramesh	326	2 years (Simple imprisonment)	5000	45 days (simple imprisonment)
2.	Ramesh	506	6 months (Simple imprisonment)	2000	15 days (simple imprisonment)

2. As per section 31 of Cr.P.C, punishment for both the offences shall run concurrently.
3. The imprisonment in lieu of fine shall be undergone by the accused person after undergoing the substantive period of sentence as per section 30(2) of Cr.P.C.
4. Statement under section 428 of Cr.P.C. be prepared to set off the imprisonment undergone during investigation, inquiry and trial against the sentence awarded to the accused person respectively.
5. Out of the total fine, amount of 2000 Rs. be given to the victim as compensation under section 357 of Cr. P.C.

Pronounced in open court today i.e., <date>

Sign
Judicial Magistrate First Class
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE MCQ'S

1. Privilege motion can be raised against a Minister when he
 - a) Loses confidence in the Government
 - b) Absents himself for a long time
 - c) Withholds facts of a case or given distorted versions of facts
 - d) Limit value

2. Who among the following has the right to vote in the elections to both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha?
 - a) Elected members of the Lower House of the Parliament
 - b) Elected members of the Upper House of the Parliament
 - c) Elected members of the Upper House of the state Legislature
 - d) Elected members of the Lower House of the state Legislature

3. Which one of the following statements is correct?
 - a) Only the Rajya Sabha and not the Lok Sabha can have nominated members
 - b) There is a Constitutional provision for nominating two members belonging to the Anglo-Indian community to the Rajya Sabha
 - c) There is no Constitutional bar for nominated members to be appointed as a Union Minister
 - d) A nominated member can vote both in the Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections

4. Parliament may legislate on any subject of State List when
 - a) There is assent of President
 - b) Resolution thereof has been passed by State
 - c) In any situation
 - d) General permission of State Legislative Assembly has been received

5. The Parliament can make law for the whole or any part of India for implementing International Treaties.
 - a) With the consent of all the States
 - b) With the consent of majority of States
 - c) With the consent of the States concerned
 - d) Without the consent of any State

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6. The Supreme Court consists of a Chief Justice and
- Seven Judges
 - Nine Judges
 - Thirty three Judges
 - Twenty five Judges
7. The current sanctioned strength of Judges of Supreme Court of India is
- 20
 - 25
 - 30
 - 34
8. When was the Supreme Court inaugurated in India?
- 27 January, 1950
 - 28 January, 1950
 - 29 January, 1950
 - 30 January, 1950
9. The sanctioned strength of Supreme Court of India is
- 24
 - 20
 - 18
 - 34
10. The status of women in Indian Society was glorified by a Judgment of a Court in _____ September, 2003. The Court is
- Supreme Court of India
 - Local Courts
 - Special Courts
 - High Court, U.P
11. Under which of the following Article of Indian Constitution the Governor may reserve a Bill for the consideration of the President?
- Article 169
 - Article 200
 - Article 201
 - Article 202

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12. Under which Article of the Constitution can the Governor refer any Bill for the approval of the President?
- Article 166
 - Article 200
 - Article 239
 - Article 240
13. Who is the Constitutional Head of the State Governments?
- Chief Minister
 - Governor
 - Speaker
 - High Court Judge
14. Who appoints the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir?
- The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir
 - The Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir
 - The Prime Minister of India
 - The President of India
15. Who amongst the following administer the oath of office to the Governor?
- President of India
 - Chief Justice of Supreme Court
 - Chief Justice of High Court
 - Outgoing Governor of the concerned State
16. The pension of a retired High Court Judge is charged to the
- Consolidated Fund of India
 - Consolidated Fund of the State where he last served
 - Consolidated Fund of the different States where he has served
 - Contingency Fund of India
17. The age of retirement of a High Court Judge is
- 65
 - 60
 - 62
 - 58

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18. Which among the following is not correct about a High Court in India?
- The second appeal to the High Court is within its appellate Jurisdiction
 - Every judge of a High Court is appointed by the President
 - Governor of the State appoints the Judges of a High Court
 - High Courts may accept a petition related to 'Public interest litigation'
19. The salaries and allowances of the Judges of the High Court are charged to the
- Consolidated Fund of India
 - Consolidated Fund of the State
 - Contingency Fund of India
 - Contingency Fund of the State
20. The number of High Court of Judicature in India is
- Twenty five
 - Twenty one
 - Twenty two
 - Twenty three
21. Which Indian state is the largest producer of Coffee?
- Maharashtra
 - Kerala
 - Odisha
 - Karnataka
22. Which of the following States of India produces more than 70 percent coffee of the country alone?
- Tamil Nadu
 - Kerala
 - Maharashtra
 - Karnataka
23. National Horticulture Board was established in the year.
- 1976
 - 1987
 - 1984
 - 2002

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24. Which one of the following states is the largest producer of tea in India?
- a) Assam
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Arunachal Pradesh
 - d) West Bengal
25. From the export of which of the following cash crops maximum foreign exchange is earned?
- a) Tobacco
 - b) Flax
 - c) Wheat
 - d) Tea
26. The 'Father of Green Revolution' in the world is
- a) Norman E. Borlaug
 - b) M.S. Swaminathan
 - c) G.S. Khush
 - d) B.P. Pal
27. Green Revolution was the result of adoption of new Agricultural Strategy, which was introduced in 20th century during decades of
- a) Fifties
 - b) Seventies
 - c) Sixties
 - d) Eighties
28. Where are Tapovan and Vishnugarh Hydroelectric Projects located?
- a) Madhya Pradesh
 - b) Uttar Pradesh
 - c) Uttarakhand
 - d) Rajasthan
29. Mahakali Treaty is signed between India and which of the following countries?
- a) Pakistan
 - b) Nepal
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Sri Lanka

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30. Which one of the following is not correctly matched?

- a) Kalpakkam - Tamil Nadu
- b) Rana Pratap - M.P.Sagar
- c) Narora - U.P.
- d) Tarapore - Maharashtra

31. Cauvery River Water Dispute (CRWD) is related to which of the following states?

- a) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat
- d) Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry

32. Water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka is related to

- a) Krishna
- b) Cauvery
- c) Godavari
- d) Mahanadi

33. The historic 'Dandi March' is associated with

- a) Boycott of elections
- b) Violation of 'Salt Law'
- c) Hindu-Muslim Unity
- d) Abolition of untouchability

34. Which event occurred first?

- a) Dandi March
- b) Quit India Movement
- c) Arrival of Simon Commission
- d) Gandhi-Irwin Pact

35. The date 6 April, 1930 is known in Indian History for

- a) Dandi March of M. Gandhi
- b) First Round Table Conference in London
- c) Gandhi-Irwin Pact
- d) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

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36. After, the arrest of Gandhiji during Salt Satyagraha, who took his place as the leader of the movement?
- Abbas Tyabji
 - Abul Kalam Azad
 - Jawaharlal Nehru
 - Sardar Patel
37. Where was Mahatma Gandhi when a raid was made by Congress volunteers on Dharsana Salt a Depot?
- In Yervada Jail
 - In Sabarmati Jail
 - Agha Khan Palace, Poona
 - In Ahmadnagar Fort Jail
38. Gandhi-Irwin Pact was signed in a
- 1931
 - 1935
 - 1942
 - 1919
39. Among the following whose adjournment was proposed in Gandhi Irwin Pact?
- Non-Co-operation Movement
 - Khilafat Movement
 - Round Table Conference
 - Civil Disobedience Movement
40. Who played an important role in the signing of Gandhi-Irwin Pact?
- Motilal Nehru
 - Madan Mohan Malviya
 - Tej Bahadur Sapru
 - Chintamani
41. Hitachi Astemo has installed its India's first solar power plant in which of the following state?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Gujarat
 - Rajasthan

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- d) Maharashtra
42. Which country has granted citizenship to former US security contractor Edward Snowden?
- France
 - Russia
 - UK
 - India
43. Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended for a further period of how many months?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
44. Which of the following bank will devote at least \$14 billion through 2025 to help ease a worsening food crisis in the Asia-Pacific?
- New Development Bank
 - African Development Bank
 - World Bank
 - Asian Development Bank
45. Which of the following bank has inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE)?
- State Bank of India
 - Union bank of India
 - Punjab National Bank
 - HDFC Bank
46. Who has been appointed as Independent Director of Stashfin?
- Rajesh Verma
 - Vijay Jasuja
 - Sanjay Khanna
 - R K Gupta
47. Team World defeated Team Europe to win the Laver Cup 2022 for the first time. Laver Cup is related to which sport?
- Hockey

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- b) Tennis
- c) Squash
- d) Football

48. BSE has received the final approval from the capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for introducing the EGR on its platform, EGR stands for _____.

- a) Electronic Gold Receipts
- b) Enhanced Global Receipts
- c) Electronic Global Receipts
- d) Electronic Government Receipts

49. Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and addressed the _____ FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022.

- a) 10th
- b) 15th
- c) 9th
- d) 13th

50. Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country in September 2022?

- a) UAE
- b) Iran
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Yemen

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ANSWER KEY

Q.	Ans.	Q.	Ans.
1.	C	26.	B
2.	D	27.	A
3.	C	28.	C
4.	B	29.	B
5.	D	30.	B
6.	C	31.	D
7.	D	32.	B
8.	B	33.	B
9.	D	34.	C
10.	A	35.	A
11.	B	36.	A
12.	B	37.	A
13.	B	38.	D
14.	D	39.	D
15.	C	40.	C
16.	A	41.	D
17.	C	42.	B
18.	C	43.	C
19.	B	44.	D
20.	A	45.	B
21.	D	46.	B
22.	D	47.	B
23.	C	48.	A
24.	A	49.	D
25.	A	50.	C

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RECENT CASE STUDIES

1. State v. Hemendhra Reddy, 2023 (SC)

Facts:

On 30.06.2006, the office of Superintendent of Police (CBI) was in receipt of the following information:

D. Dwarakanadha Reddy (A-1) was holding the post of Appraiser, Customs Department since 2004, and his main income was his salary.

His wife D. Sujana Reddy (A-2) has no agricultural land in her name and does business in the name of M/s Sujana Engineers.

That the couple had acquired assets worth Rs. 64, 41, 690.92 lakh between 01.04.2001 and 31.03.2005, however their combined income during the said period was Rs. 50, 95, 371.57/-, comprising of salary income of A-1, agricultural income of A-2, business income of A-2, bank interest, housing loan from the Andhra Bank, capital gain on sale of property, rewards given to A- 1 etc.

During the period between 01.04.2001 and 31.03.2005, they incurred expenditure of Rs. 12, 74, 347.16/-, leaving them with the savings of Rs. 38, 21, 024.41/-.

Therefore, their total disproportionate assets were worth Rs. 26, 20, 666.51/- as on 31.03.2005. In such circumstances referred to above, an FIR in RC MA 1 2006 A 0027 was registered by the CBI under Section 13(1)(e) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short, 'the 1988 Act') along with Section 109 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, 'the IPC').

On 24.12.2008, the CBI/ACB filed an application before the Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Chennai, with a prayer to close the proceedings and return the documents for the purpose of regular departmental action against the accused. The application stated inter alia as follows:

"After completion of investigation it has come to light that the accused cannot be prosecuted. Hence, Final Report u/s. 173 Cr.PC is being filed which may be accepted."

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It was further prayed that the documents seized during the course of investigation be returned so that the same could be used in the regular departmental action that may be initiated against the accused.

The aforesaid application filed by the CBI was taken up by the Special Court and the following order dated 29.01.2009 came to be passed:

Analysis:

If, upon an investigation under this Chapter, it appears to the officer in charge of the police station that there is not sufficient evidence or reasonable ground of suspicion to justify the forwarding of the accused to a Magistrate, such officer shall, if such person is in custody, release him on his executing a bond, with or without sureties, as such officer may direct, to appear, if and when so required, before a Magistrate empowered to take cognizance of the offence on a police report, and to try the accused or commit him for trial."

The perusal of the aforesaid Section would reveal that the Investigating Officer is under an obligation to release such person, who is in custody on executing a bond with or without sureties, if evidence is not sufficient and/or there are no reasonable grounds of suspicion to forward such person to the Magistrate.

The plain reading of Section 169 of the CrPC, therefore, postulates that when the Investigating Officer reports his action to the learned Magistrate, it will not be a report, however it will be a report of his action either by the Investigating Officer or by the Officer in-charge of the police station.

Section 173 of the CrPC states about the steps to be taken by the Investigating Officer after the completion of the investigation. The Officer incharge of the police station is required to forward the report under said Section to the Magistrate empowered to take cognizance of the offence in prescribed form.

Held:

The Supreme Court held that it is not necessary that the order accepting the closure report should be reviewed, recalled or quashed before carrying out further investigation under Section 173(8) CrPC.

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The bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala summarized the 'further investigation' powers of investigating agencies under Section 173(8) CrPC as follows:

- 1) Even after the final report is laid before the Magistrate and is accepted, it is permissible for the investigating agency to carry out further investigation in the case. In other words, there is no bar against conducting further investigation under Section 173(8) of the CrPC after the final report submitted under Section 173(2) of the CrPC has been accepted.
- 2) Prior to carrying out further investigation under Section 173(8) of the CrPC it is not necessary that the order accepting the final report should be reviewed, recalled or quashed.
- 3) Further investigation is merely a continuation of the earlier investigation, hence it cannot be said that the accused are being subjected to investigation twice over. Moreover, investigation cannot be put at par with prosecution and punishment so as to fall within the ambit of Clause (2) of Article 20 of the Constitution. The principle of double jeopardy would, therefore, not be applicable to further investigation.
- 4) There is nothing in the CrPC to suggest that the court is obliged to hear the accused while considering an application for further investigation under Section 173(8) of the CrPC.

2. G. NAGARAJ v. B.P. MRUTHUNJAYANNA, 2023 (SC) 311

Facts:

In this case, the plaintiffs filed a suit in the City Civil Court at Bangalore claiming a declaration of title and for permanent injunction. Allowing the application filed by the defendants, the plaint was rejected by the Trial Court on the ground that the plaint does not disclose the cause of action. This order was upheld by the High Court.

Analysis:

In appeal before the Apex Court, it was contended that the Courts have gone into the question of correctness of the averments made in the plaint by pointing out inconsistent statements made in the plaint.

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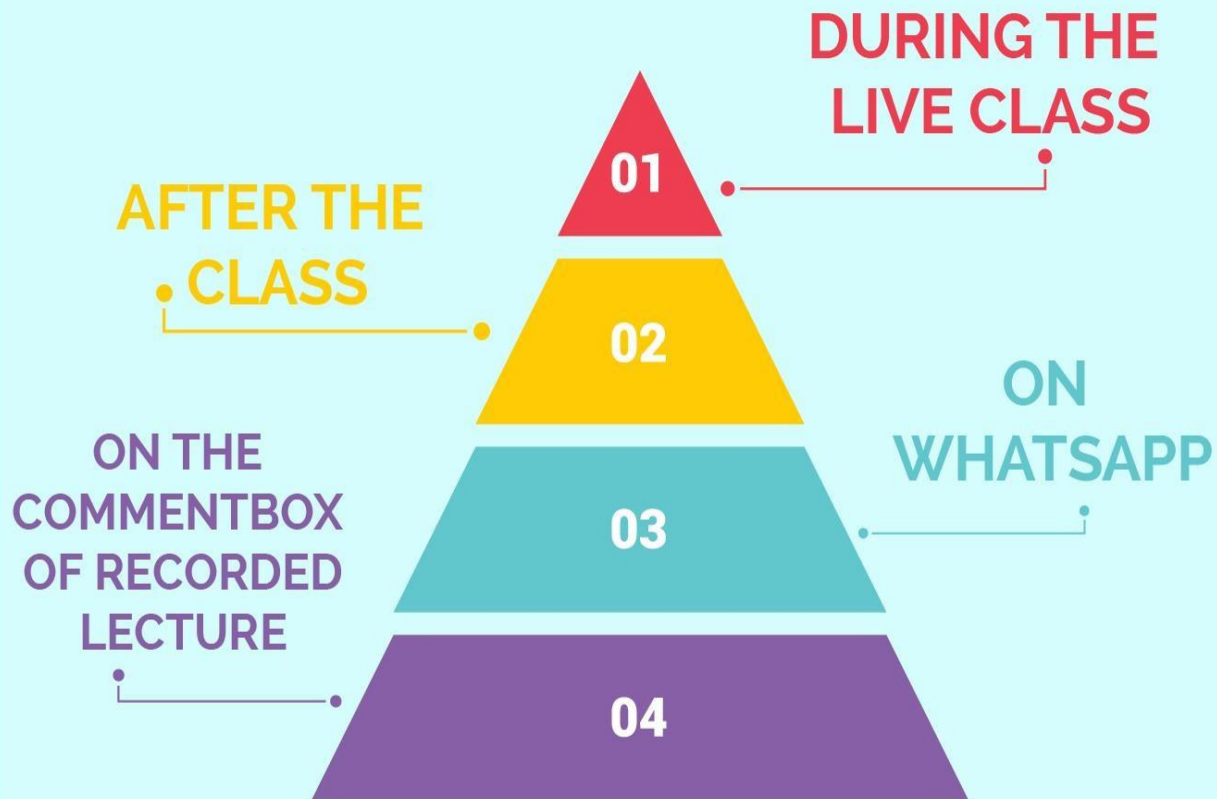
Held:

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