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# Centre issues 19 anti-Covid SOPs

New Delhi, Nov 25: In the wake of ongoing Covid-19 cases, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Wednesday issued a 19-point Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) giving nod to states and UTs to impose local restrictions if necessary.

The SOPs, part of a month-long guidelines issued by the MHA, will be effective from December 1 and will remain in force up to December 31.

States and Union Territories (UTs) have been allowed to impose night curfew but "shall not be allowed to impose any local lockdown outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Centre".

Staggered office timings and other suitable measures shall be implemented in the cities with the positivity rate in 10 per cent so as to ensure social distancing. The MHA has also not restricted any inter-state or intrastate movement.

People above 65-years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years have been advised to stay home while advising the general public to use Aarogya Setu mobile application.

The district authorities have been asked to carefully demarcate containment zones considering prescribed MoHFW guidelines. The authorities have also been asked to notify the list of containment zones on the website of respective district collectors.

All activities have been permitted outside containment zones, except for some which have been permitted with certain restrictions-- international air travel; cinema halls and theatres with

up to 50 pc capacity; swimming pools

only for training of sports persons

While only essential activities shall be allowed in the containment zones, strict perimeter control will be there to ensure that there is no movement of people, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential services.

There shall be intensive house-tohouse surveillance by surveillance

**DECEMBER GUIDELINES States and Union Territories** (UTs) have been allowed to impose night curfew but 'shall not be allowed to impose any local lockdown outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Centre" Staggered office timings

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teams formed for the purpose.

Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80 per cent of contacts to be

Quick isolation of Covid-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities or home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).

Clinical interventions, as prescribed, shall be administered and surveillance for influenza-like Illness or Severe Acute Respiratory Infection cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.

Awareness shall be created in communities on Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and local district, police and municipal authorities shall be responsible to ensure that the prescribed containment measures are strictly followed and state or UT governments shall ensure the accountability of the officers concerned in this regard.

It is directed to state and UT governments to take all necessary measures to promote Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and to ensure strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing.

In order to enforce the core requirement of wearing of face masks, states and UTs may consider administrative actions, including imposition of appropriate fines, on persons not wearing face masks in public and work spaces. For observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets, weekly bazaars and public transport, MoHFW) will issue a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which shall

be strictly enforced by states and UTs. All activities have been permitted

outside Containment Zones, except for some which have been permitted with certain restrictions-- international air travel of passengers, as permitted by MHA; cinema halls and theatres, with upto 50 per cent capacity; swimming pools, only for training of sports persons; exhibition halls, only for business to business (B2B) purposes; social, religious, sports, entertainment, educational, cultural, religious gatherings, with upto a maximum of 50 per cent of the hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed spaces, keeping of the size of the ground in open spaces.

However, the MHA said, based on their assessment of the situation, state and UT governments may reduce the ceiling to 100 persons or less, in closed spaces. The main focus of the guidelines is to consolidate the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of the deadly disease which is visible in the steady decline in number of active cases in the country.

"Keeping in view the recent spike in new cases in few states and UTs, ongoing festival season and onset of winter, it is emphasised that to fully overcome the pandemic, there is need to maintain caution and to strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy, focused on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines or SOPs issued by MHA and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)," it said.



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### Kalia, 1 of conjoined twins, gives up fight

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Kalia, one of the craniopagus twins who were separated in 2017 in one of the most complex medical procedures in India, died of pneumonia and septicaemia at a hospital in Cuttack Wednesday, officials said.

Kalia, undergoing treatment at SCB Medical College and Hospital, was critical over the last one week and put on ventilator support two days back, they said. "We are sorry that Kalia succumbed to pneumonia and septicaemia at 9.10 pm. Despite our all-out efforts, Kalia passed away," said Bhubananda Maharana, the emergency officer of the hospital.

The twins were admitted to the hospital in September last year after their dis-



charge from AIIMS-New Delhi where they had undergone two major medical procedures for the separation of their heads.

"Deeply shocked to hear the untimely passing away of one of the conjoint twins 'Kaalia' separated at AIIMS, New Delhi with full assistance from state government. As per kind direction of our Hon'ble CM. I express my heartfelt condolence to the family and may his soul rest in peace," Health

Minister NK Das tweeted.

**Controversial farm** 

**Bill tabled in House** 

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Amid

protests by the Congress, the con-

troversial Odisha Agriculture

Produce & Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Bill

was introduced in the house

Wednesday. The bill, once passed, will replace the ordinance.

tabled the bill despite strong

protests from the Congress. The

state government had promul-

gated the first ordinance on agri-

cultural marketing May 13 this

year. However, it could not bring

the bill in the last season. The

Cabinet brought in the second or-

dinance to enforce the rules.

Terming the bill anti-farmer and

pro-corporate, Congress leader

Narasingh Mishra said, farmers

of the state will be ruined. If outsiders are allowed to purchase

farm produce, it will be a disaster.

he added. Stating that the bill is sim-

ilar to the one brought by the

Centre, Mishra said, "Even though

the BJD opposed the central bill

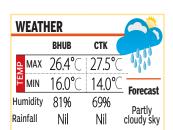
Cooperation Minister RP Swain

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work-from-home trend started, people are buving only shirts, not trousers!

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### CB to probe Nayagarh minor girl's murder

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar: Nov 25: A day after the uproar in Assembly over alleged murder of a minor girl in Nayagarh, the state government Wednesday ordered a crime branch (CB) probe into the case.

Making a statement in the house. Minister of State for Home Dibva Shankar Mishra said the state government has decided to hand over the case to crime branch so that it can investigate and take necessary steps. Narrating the incident, Mishra said Ashok Kumar Sahu of Jadupur village in Nayagarh had lodged a complaint on missing of his five-year old daughter at Nayagarh Sadar Police Station July 14 this year. A case was registered under Sections 363, 364, 302 and 210 of the IPC and the investigation was entrusted to Sadar police sub-inspector SK Das.

The Sadar police later informed all police stations under its jurisdiction about the incident through VHF message. While the process began for immediate publication of the case in the Criminal Intelligence Gazette (CIG), a sniffer dog was

pressed into duty, he said. The complainant July 23 found the decomposed body of the child inside a sack behind the backyard of his house and informed the police. The IIC of Sadar Police Station

Rinarani Sahu arrived at the spot. "Going by the circumstantial

evidence, it was found that the miscreants had murdered the girl after kidnapping her. Later, Sadar IIC took over the case from SK Das. July 24, the scientific team arrived at the spot with a sniffer dog for an on-the-spot probe," the minister added.

Mishra further said that the body was later sent for postmortem to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. "The postmortem report by the doctors revealed that the bone and soft tissue produced was of human origin and appeared to be of a female child of 5-6 years and the time since the death was more than a week. However, the evidence of sexual abuse and the cause of the death could not be determined as the body parts had decomposed," Mishra said

From a DNA test, it was confirmed that the body was of the daughter of the complainant. The police conducted the polygraph test of four persons while 34 suspects were interrogated, he pointed out.

The issue created a ruckus in the house Tuesday as Opposition BJP and Congress members came down heavily on the state government following self-immolation bid by the parents of the victim near the Assembly.



Fishermen move their boats to a safer place near Mamallapuram before the landfall of cyclone Nivar Wednesday.

# IFS officer in Vigilance net

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: The Vigilance Wednesday carried out multiple raids on the houses of 1987-batch IFS officer Abhay Kant Pathak, Additional PCCF (plan, program and afforestation) in connection with amassment of assets disproportionate to his known

sources of income. The raids, touted to be one of the biggest ever in Odisha, involved 150 officials and took place at 12



locations including in Bihar and Maharashtra.

More than 150 vigilance and other officials have been deployed in the operations. Searches are hap-

pening at five places in Bhubaneswar and seven places at Mumbai and Pune. Teams comprising chartered accountants. bank officers and officers of the cyber cell are assisting the investigation, said a vigilance official.

Based on a warrant issued by vigilance special judge, Bhubaneswar, separate teams of the anti-corruption wing conducted the search. Searches are also underway at different places in Bihar and Udaipur in Rajasthan.

#### in Parliament, the government has brought ordinances to enact the same rules here.

Congress's 'Man Friday'

**Ahmed Patel dies** AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 25: Congress ace troubleshooter Ahmed Patel passed away Wednesday due to multi organ failure. He was under treatment for post-covid problems.

Considered the Congress party's Man Friday, Patel was the most efficient and ace troubleshooter and pacifier for

the party. In 2008 when the UPA government was facing confidence motion after the Left withdrew support, he managed to muster enough numbers for the government to survive.

The void created by his demise will not be filled in the party as he was an old style politician who had a cross party outreach and had friends everywhere. In 2007, when Sonia Gandhi gave a task to Patel to launch Rahul Gandhi in-Uttar Pradesh, it was Patel who managed each and everything.

# Football legend Maradona no more

AGENCIES

Buenos Aires, Nov 25: Football legend Diego Maradona has died, aged 60, according to Argentine media reports. He had been discharged from hospital just two weeks ago after undergoing surgery for a blood clot in the brain.

Maradona underwent surgery November 3 after which his personal doctor Leopoldo Luque said that Maradona was suffering from confusion caused by "abstinence". He, however, recovered enough to leave the hospital and was taken to a house in Tigre, on the northern outskirts of Buenos Aires.

His lawyer Matias Morla said the 1986 FIFA World Cup winner was feel-

What sad news. I lost a great friend and the world lost a legend. There is still much to be said, but for now, may God give strength to family members. One day, I hope we can play ball together in the sky

ing well after overcoming "maybe the toughest time of his life".

PELE

Widely rated as the greatest player of all time, Maradona was captain when Argentina won the 1986 World Cup. The tournament featured a

number of sublime performances from the legendary forward, the most prominent of which came in a semi-final match against England and has since been dubbed 'Goal of the Century'. He scored after going on a 60-vard run with the ball from midfield, dribbling past six English players.

Born in a slum area in the southern outskirts of Buenos Aires October 30, 1960, Maradona made his senior debut for Buenos Aires-based Argentinos Juniors in 1976. He went on to a play for Argentine giants Boca Juniors in the 1981-82 season. He then shifted to Europe where he spent two tumultuous seasons with Spanish giants Barcelona. His tenure with the Catalan club ended with a nasty brawl that triggered crowd trouble in the 1984 Copa del Rey final.

Maradona then went to Italian club Napoli, where he had arguably the most productive period of his career. He won two Serie A titles, a Coppa Italia and one UEFA Cup in his seven seasons with the club, leaving as their all-time highest goalscorer, a record that stood until Marek Hamsik overtook his tally in 2017. He went on to spend a sea son each at Spanish club Sevilla and Argentine club Newell's Old Boys before ending his career at Boca Juniors.

As a coach, Maradona notably managed Argentina between 2008 and 2010. He was in charge of Gimnasia y Esgrima in Argentina's top flight at the time of his death.





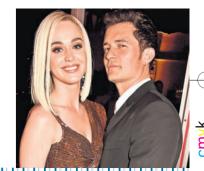


#### **BIEBER UPSET OVER HIS GRAMMY NOMINATIONS**

Pop star Justin Bieber finds his Grammy Award nominations strange, and is upset that his nominations were in pop instead of R&B categories. He earned four Grammy Award nominations for his album Changes.

#### KATY PERRY, ORLANDO BLOOM **ARE HANDS-ON PARENTS**

Star couple Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom is doing a great job balancing parenthood with their careers. According to a source, they are on the 'same page' when it comes to their approach to parenting, reports etonline.com.



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Your day is packed full. There are negotiations commitments, plans and decisions to wade through. You may fee low on energy and swamped due to lack of information and inputs from others. But clarity will return gradually as matters conclude, says Ganesha.

#### **TAURUS**

Today is a day of closure. You may find yourself on things, says Ganesha Pending projects will reach completion and you will achieve satisfaction and suc cess in education. With a little extra effort, you can build a castle from stone

#### GEMINI

Today, you will do an amazing job in dividing your time between work and family. Despite your preoccupation with work, you will take time off for your family, and even plan out a small outing, leaving them pleasantly surprised. Also, your dreams are about to come true. Now, how many times does that happen in a lifetime?

#### CANCER

There is something different about today. It is Just when you will star believing that there is nothing great about the day, it will spring a surprise There have been days where life has thrown carrots at you; then there have been days when it has hurled brickbats.

#### **LEO**

You will be confused with issues relating to the work-place today. You need to accept you present circumstances for what they are, and work towards resolving your immediates concerns to find your way ahead in life. This period of doubt will pass very soon, says Ganesha

#### **VIRGO** Your beloved will not

only give you a surprise today but also demand one, says Ganesha. There may be some good news on the business front. Ganesha says own up to your old mistakes so that you don't repeat them, and chalk out the plans for the future.

get the answers to all your questions. You will small things and issues. You will be able to earn from different sources today. Ganeshii assures that if you keep you mind balanced you will achieve amazing results in your work.

#### **SCORPIO**

You may bump into people with different tastes and temperaments, says Ganesha. Some may sur prise you, while some may just shock you. Sometimes, it is difficult to under stand when people react indifferently to your success.

#### SAGITTARIUS

The winds of fortune will usher in your dreams and make them come true. Be careful not to go overboard with your foresightedness, lest they be marked delusions, warns Ganesha. You must realise that the only thing permanent is change, and hence, you must overcome any disappointment with strong will and determination.

#### CAPRICORN

Today, you'll like to hold a cup of hot coffee in one hand, relax and go down the memory lane to cher ish some golden moments. You may want to give another chance to your romantic relationship as you develop lik ings for your ex-boyfriend/girlfriend.

#### **AQUARIUS**

Eat, drink, and make merry. But watch out don't empty your pockets in one go. Also, guard your reputation. A lot depends on your behaviour, and the big daddies may be watching you. You have a lot at stake, and there should be no regrets later.

#### **PISCES**

Now is the time when the inner circle of friends that vou have nurtured over the years will prove their worth, says Ganesha. It is good to know that in times of need you can bank on their support and count on their cooperation. You will be able to luxuriate in the benefits of their friendship today

# Women dominate Grammy nominations | Jallikattu is India's



# official Oscar entry



Mumbai: The Malayalam film, Jallikattu, has been selected as the official Indian entry in the Best International Feature Film category at the upcoming 93rd Academy Awards, 2021.

trade analyst Ramesh Bala. "Lijo Jose Pellissery's #Jallikattu is India's entry for the Best International Film #Oscar category," Bala wrote on official Twitter account.

The news was confirmed by

The 2019 action drama is directed by Lijo Jose Pellisserv with a screenplay by S Hareesh and R Jayakumar. It is based on the short story named Maoist by

Hareesh. The film stars Antony Varghese, Chemban Vinod Jose, Sabumon Abdusamad and Santhy Balachandran.

The story revolves around a buffalo that flees from a slaughterhouse in a remote hill town of Kerala, and how the entire townsfolk end up in its hunt. As the hapless animal runs riot in the town, the plot brings alive the vicious side of humanity. The film had its international premiere at the 2019 Toronto International Film Festival. It has been screened at the 24th Busan International Film Festival before theatrical release October 4 last vear in Kerala.

### **Plant-based diet works** better for Manushi

**Taylor Swift** 

Mumbai: Actress Manushi Chillar says being a vegetarian is more of a personal choice for her, and shared that it makes her feel fitter and healthier.

solo debut.

Earning four

On International Meatless Day, Manushi said: "For me, being vegetarian was more of a personal choice. It has been and will always be a way of life for me because my parents are vegetarians and I have inculcated this through them. However, they never forced this on me I made my choice after I realised that it suits me remarkably and makes me feel fitter and healthier."

Manushi, who will enter the Hindi film industry in 2021, says she enjoys eating clean.

I have realised over the years that a plant based diet works better for me. I can't point out one negative to eating like this. Being a vegetarian is an integral part of my life and I have realised multiple benefits due to my life choice,' she revealed. Manushi will

make her debut opposite Akshay Kumar in the upcoming historical drama, Prithvirai based on the life and heroism of Prithviraj Chauhan.



# 15-day theatre workshop kicks off in Dhenkanal

Performing artistes from 17 districts of Odisha are set to learn the nuances of 'Set and Light Designing' under the guidance of eminent theatrician Dolgovind Rath

POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal: A 15-day state level theatre workshop was inaugurated on the campus of Maharshi Davanand Service Mission at Govindpur here, Wednesday. The programme is being conducted by the Department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture and Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi(OSNA) in collaboration with District Council of Culture and Alternative Rhythm Theatre (ART), a local professional theatre troupe



Guests attend the inaugural ceremony, Wednesday

Among others, Culture Minister Jyotiprakash Panigrahi, Director Ranjan Kumar Das, Collector Bhumesh Chandra Behera. and OSNA President Ramakrushna Sahoo attended the event virtually and wished for the workshop's grand success. The programme is being participated by artistes from 17 districts of the state.

OSNA Secretary Prabodh Rath, while inaugurating the event, said, "These types of workshops are indispensable

and will be extremely beneficial for the performing artistes. 'Theatre is a therapy for so-

cial reformation and building of humanity. Everyone must strive for its progress.' He also acknowledged the dedication of ART members in organising the workshop. The programme was presided over by Pushpalata Rath, Member of Odisha Sahitya Akademi and Chairperson of ART. Apart from workshop director Rath. District Culture Officer

Shukru Swain and Chief of Maharshi Dayanand Service Mission Pradip Kumar Sahoo also spoke on the occasion.

Eminent theatre personality Dolgovind Rath who is also an alumnus of National School of Drama, Delhi and acclaimed theatre director Dinesh Das have been roped in as the workshop director and co-director respectively. The participants will be imparted training on 'stage and light design' by several other experts in the field, said the organisers

#### **PEANUTS**



#### CALVIN AND HOBBES

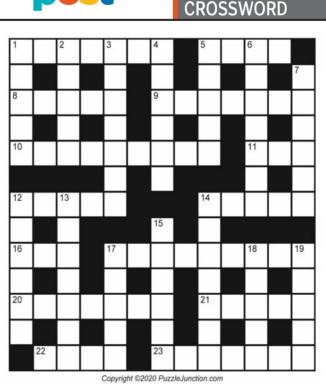


#### BREVITY



NO. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR RIDICULOUS DINNER CONVERSATIONS HARKEN ME BACK TO SLAPPING YOUR SILLY FACE?

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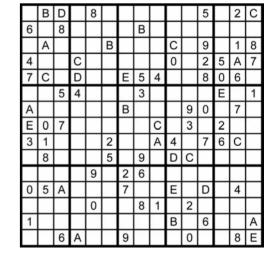
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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.



#### SOLUTIONS



SUDOKU

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#### HITTING THE STREET

CITU activists take out a rally at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday, to protest the Odisha **Essential Services Maintenance Amendment Bill-2020** 



# Efforts on to settle border disputes amicably: Minister

THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS IN COMA, SAYS CONG MLA NARASINGHA MISHRA

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: The state government is aware of the border disputes with four neighbouring states and taking steps to resolve the issues through mutual understanding, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Sudam Marndi told the Assembly, Wednesday.

The minister was replying to an adjournment motion moved by Opposition members on inter-state border dispute issue.

Marndi's statement came in the wake of reports about fresh interstate boundary dispute between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh under Pottangi tehsil of Koraput district.

Admitting that there is border dispute between some districts of Andhra Pradesh on 21 cluster villages of Kotia Panchayat and Sambai village in Koraput district, he said that efforts are on by the Koraput district administration and the Revenue Divisional Commissioner (southern division) to resolve the issue.

Marndi said the Vishakhapatnam district administration in Andhra Pradesh has been informed that borderline will be demarcated with mutual understanding between the two states. "As per the direction of the Chief Minister, I have been continuously reviewing the development in Kotia with senior officers," said Marndi.

Referring to the border dispute with West Bengal, he said nine revenue villages in Balasore district are in dispute. A high-level meeting between the senior revenue officials of the two states was held in Bhubaneswar July 24 last year where it was decided that the demarcation of the boundaries will



be made in accordance with the guidelines of National Green Tribunal (NGT). Besides, illegal sand quarry in the bordering villages in Balasore district will be stopped, he said. He also said that the state gov-

ernment has formed a survey team with the additional district collector sub-collector of Balasore. state government. tehsildar of Jaleswar, Assistant Director Land Record and Survey (ADLRS) and two scientists of the Odisha Remote Sensing Application Centre (ORSAC) as members for demarcation of the villages along the Subarnarekha river with the officials of the West Bengal.

Apart from Koraput and Balasore districts, a number of villages in Ganiam, Keonihar, Mayurbhani and Nuapada districts are in disputed areas with states like Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

On the border dispute between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh on some villages in Ganjam and Gajapati districts, Marndi said revenue officials of both the states have conducted a joint inspection and the final report is awaited.

two states "The House Committee of the State Assembly has directed the state government to examine the inter-state border disputes and take necessary action for an early solution," the minister said, adding that there was no major problem relating to the border dispute due to the timely intervention by the

Vishakhapatnam

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Participating in the debate, opposition BJP and Congress members slammed the state government for not taking strong action on border disputes.

Senior Congress MLA Narasingha Mishra said the state government is in coma. Though an assembly committee has been formed to advise the government on the issue of border dispute. Mishra said the committee has not even met once. The Congress veteran also staged a walkout accusing speaker SN Patro of not giving him adequate time to speak on the

Paralakhemundi BJP MLA K Narayana Rao said the state government should try for permanent solution of the border dispute issue as people in the disputed areas are

# 10L migrants returned to state

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: The state government Wednesday officially admitted that more than 10 lakh migrant workers have returned to Odisha during the pandemic.

In written response to a query raised by Congress MLA Santosh Singh Saluja, Labour Minister Sushanta Singh told the Assembly that a total of 10,07,330 migrant workers have returned to the state during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The minister also shared districtwise details of returnee migrant workers. The list claimed that out of the total mi-

grants who returned to the state during the Covid-29 outbreak, Ganjam registered the highest number of returnees. A total of 2,25,602 migrant workers returned to Ganiam during the pandemic.

It was followed by Bolangir which registered 1,08,469 returnees during the critical time while Balasore

**Sundargarh victim** 

Bhubaneswar: Sundargarh district

the sponge iron factories, the state

government revealed in the Assembly

Wednesday. Forest and Environment

Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha told

the House the district is home to 44

industries which generate solid waste

in the form of dust and dolochar with

an annual potential of 29,17,800 tonnes

per year. This is the highest collection

of solid waste from the industries deal-

ing with sponge iron. He said 16 ther-

mal power plants in the state also pro-

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: The state

government has proposed to the

Centre to set up an All India Institute

of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in

the tribal-dominated and mineral-

rich Sundargarh district so as to pro-

viding better healthcare to the peo-

ple in western parts of the state. Chief Secretary Asit Kumar

Tripathy has recently written to

Union Health Secretary Rajesh

Odisha presently has a fully func-

tional AIIMS in Bhubaneswar

which has emerged as one of the

leading AIIMS in the country in

terms of medical education and

quality healthcare, Tripathy said,

adding that a second such campus

will help the state fulfil the re-

He said a second branch of AIIMS

has been established in Bihar and

a similar proposal is under con-

quirement of the people.

Bhushan in this regard.

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File photo of migrants returning to Odisha amid the pandemic

was ranked third in terms of returning migrant workers. The north-

ern district saw 72.392 migrant workers returning to their homelands amid the

On the other side, Nuapada district reported the fourth highest return of migrant workers from outside. Kendrapara was ranked fifth in terms return of 58,737 migrants. Other districts reported lesser returnees than these five regions which had been considered as the prime hot

spots of migration. The minister said that steps have been taken to register the migrant **RETURN OF MIGRANTS** 

DISTRICTS	RETURNEES
Ganjam	2,25,602
Bolangir	1,08,469
Balasore	72,392
Nuapada	65,785
Kendrapada	58,737

workers at gram panchayat levels in various migrant labour prone districts of the state. Singh also said that in 2016, 2,407 contractors were licensed for the employment of 1.36,447 migrant workers. Last year, data on foreign workers from the state and abroad was collected from the relevant departments.

pandemic said that for Ganjam migration is a perennial problem and it's not distressed migration.

According to people working in the migration sector, migrations from different parts of Odisha are

different in nature. Loknath Mishra,

the chief functionary of the NGO-

Aruna (Association for Rural Uplift

and National Allegiance) at Ganjam,

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district during the

migrant workers

"Migration in Ganjam is continuous and traditional and not a case of distressed migration. It happens throughout the year. Around 5 lakh of Ganjam population always remain outside the state mainly in Gujarat. While a majority goes to Gujarat several others also go to Maharashtra, Kerala and other states to earn a living.'

Several other migrants from Odisha are said to head towards Chhattisgarh or Andhra Pradesh for better livelihood options.

# Bill tabled to protect whistle-blowers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Centre urged to set up

**AIIMS in Sundargarh** 

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: BJP chief whip Mohan Charan Majhi has brought a private member's Bill to provide protection to whistle-blowers in the Assembly for which the debate has started Wednesday.

As there is rampant corruption in government institutions, there is need for introduction of the Whistle Blowers Protection Bill, 2020, Majhi said.

The Bill seeks to protect whistle-

sideration in another state.

'Therefore, a second AIIMS may be

considered for western Odisha in

view of the healthcare require-

ments. There is readily available in-

frastructure for college and hos-

pital in Sundargarh. As a CSR

initiative, an MoU has been signed

between the Odisha government

and NTPC to establish a medical col-

lege and hospital. Construction of

the project has been completed and

equipment procurement process

The hospital in Sundargarh is de-

signed for 500 beds and the college

will be adequate enough to have

MBBS 100 seats, he said, adding

the infrastructure can be utilised

for setting up of AIIMS within a

population in the area and help

provide quality tertiary care in

the backward area of western

Odisha," the chief secretary said.

"It will cater to a large tribal

short span of time.

is underway," Tripathy said.

blowers, who may be a government employee making a public interest disclosure related to an act of corruption, misuse of power, or criminal offence by a public servants. They may make such a disclosure to the appropriate state authority or commission and the identity of the complainant will not be disclosed, as per the Bill.

The Commission to be appointed for the purpose would have the power to receive complaint, take action against the government official.

BJP members Bishnu Charan Sethi, Jaya Narayan Mishra and Mukesh Mahaling and Congress members Taraprasad Bahinipati spoke in support of the Bill. However, the debate remained unconclusive. Another BJP member Mukesh Mahaling has introduced the Western Odisha Development Council (Amendment) Bill to include all elected members including MPs, MLAs, Zilla Parishad and intellectual experts of the western Odisha in the Council.

#### **MYRIAD HUES**



Girls draw Rangoli in front of their houses in Sankarpur area of Cuttack on the first day of Panchaka ritual, Wednesday. Though Kartik Purnima is celebrated with pomp, the govt has imposed curbs due to Covid оррното

### **CM SEEKS CLARITY ON** TIME FRAME OF EXAMS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has sought clarity from the Centre on the time frame for conduct of the Board and Higher Secondary Examinations and duration of the academic session, 2020-21 in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In absence of clarity on academic session and conduct of both Standard-X and Standard-XII Board Examinations, all enrolled students and their parents/teachers are in a state of uncertainty.' Patnaik wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday. He said absence of clarity has led to anxiety among all.

Patnaik said, "As all competitive entrance examinations and admission in institutions of higher education are interlinked, national guidelines with tentative timelines will help the state in framing appropriate strategy.' "It will also help students who are

anxious about the examination dates to plan and prepare accordingly, the Chief Minister mentioned in the letter. Patnaik also drew the Prime Minister's attention by noting that all educational institutions across the state were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic since March 17.

"Keeping in view the safety and security of students and after consultation with different stakeholders and experts, we have decided to keep educational institutions closed up to December 31, 2020," Patnaik said.

The state government has been trying to reach out to maximum number of students digitally through different modes, he said, adding that it is not possible to cover all students and prepare them to face board and different competitive examinations.

# Govt took extra precautions during admissions: Minister

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Higher Education Minister Arun Kumar Sahoo, Wednesday, said that extra precaution has been taken in admission process in the colleges to ensure that no student is left behind during the admission this year.

The minister said this at an orientation programme held for 120 newly recruited teachers of Odia department selected by State Selection Board (SSB) for the non-government aided colleges here Wednesday. "We are also taking steps to com-

plete recruitment of more number of teachers in several colleges in the state," said the minister and added that development of Odia language and literature would be possible with the help of Odia teachers who can inspire future generation in taking up the language and work for its expansion.

On the occasion, Higher Education department Commissioner-cum-Secretary



Higher Education Minister Arun Sahoo hands over an appointment letter to a newly-appointed lecturer at the event, Wednesday

Saswat Mishra said that the new teachers must prepare themselves mentally to adapt to any type of pressure and must not be afraid of tackling any issue.

'They must learn the qualities of leadership and administration and must not be afraid of teaching at any places in the state." Many a times teachers are seen requesting for teaching job near their native areas or distracts but they should be ready to impart education and knowledge at any place or district across the state, Mishra

#### Now, students will get money instead of laptops

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: The Higher Education department has decided to convert the laptop distribution scheme to a DBT scheme whereby ₹30,000, the cost of a laptop last year, would be transferred to the bank account of each student beneficiary.

Laptops were being distributed under Biju Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana to 15,000 Class XII passout students every year since 2013.

A list of meritorious students passed out from CHSE is being prepared by the department for the new provision in the scheme.

A meeting was also held recently under the chairmanship of commissioner-cum-secretary with the representative of OCAC for finalisation of software module to obtain student beneficiary account details. A notification in this connection will be published after finalisation of the list and development of the module. A total of 99 students have take admission under civil service coaching scheme for the year 2019-20.

# Odisha gets NITI pat for Covid hosps in every dist

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 25: 'Mitigation and Management of Covid-19', a compendium of best practices, released by NITI Aayog contained a slew of initiatives undertaken by the Odisha government to control and manage Covid-19 outbreak

The NITI Aayog stated in its report that Odisha was one of the first states in the country to have dedicated Covid hospitals in every district by April end.

"A collaborative approach with private sector enabled Odisha to become one of the first states in the country to have a dedicated Covid hospital in each of its districts before end-April, 2020," the NITI Aayog said.

The compendium was released by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant

and other members Wednesday. The NITI Aayog noted various initiatives taken by the state government to boost health infrastruc-



ture, create awareness among peo-

ple and for welfare of healthcare

workers. The report released by

the Aayog mentioned that online

competition 'Mo Pratibha', was or-

ganised by the state with different

categories like art, painting, slo-

gan writing, poster making, short

stories and poetry to keep children

engaged during the lockdowns as

The report also stated that ad-

vance payment of four months'

salary to healthcare workers to

boost their morale was among the

best practices to contain spread of

well as to create awareness.

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the deadly virus.

The NITI Aayog also noted the work done by self-help groups (SHGs) in the state. The report stated that over 65 lakh reusable face masks were produced manufactured and sold at nominal prices to frontline workers by the SHGs.

"At least 300,000 masks were additionally distributed free of cost by SHGs to the poor and vulnerable. Over 7,300 SHGs were involved with kitchen management and provided over 1.9 crore meals in ruraland urban areas during the lockdown," the NITI Aayog said.

#### 7 more ROBs to ease transport

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Committed to ensure safety of both passengers and rail users and to enhance the safety of train operations and facilitate hassle-free movement of both Rail and Road Traffic, Road Over Bridges (ROBs), Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Limited Height Sub-Ways (LHS) are being constructed by ECoR by abolishing Level Crossing Gates

In order to archive this goal, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Engineering Projects (India) Limited (EPIL) for construction of seven ROBs between Dhanmandal-Brahmapur Railway Stations on Bhadrak-Palasa section of Khurda Road Division in Howrah-Chennai

 $MOU\,for\,construction\,of\,these$ 7 ROBs has been signed to one party on composite contract basis at the estimate cost of ₹303.36 Crores. Biswajit Biswas, Executive Director, EPIL signed the MoU with Brijesh Kumar Mishra, Chief Engineer (Road Safety Works) of East Coast Railway in presence of Narottam Singh Üikey, Principal Chief Engineer, East Coast Railway

The ROBs scheduled to be constructed are at Level Crossing Number 181 between Gopalpur Balikuda-Barang Stations, LC No. 169 between Dhanmandal-Byree Stations, LC No. 202 between Khurda Road- Kaipadar Road Stations, LC No. 289 between Ganjam-Chatrapur Stations, LC No. 292 between Chatrapur-Jagannathapur Stations, LC No. 303 between Jagannathapur-Brahmapur Stations and LC No. 304 between Jagannathapur-Brahmapur Stations over Khurda Road Division.

The work for these 7 ROBs has been assigned to EPIL by Railway Board and EPIL will be paid management fee of 4.21% over the project cost. Modality for execution and standard MoU was finalised at the level of Railway Board and work specific MOU was to be signed at the level of East Coast Railway, in consultation with EPIL.

#### **Notice issued for VC** posts in 3 varsities

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: A notification was issued by the Higher Education department Wednesday to fill the post of vice chancellor of three universities in the state.

The notices were for Ravenshaw University Sambalpur University and Odisha Open University. As per notification, candidates can apply by December 21. Earlier. Governor and Chancellor of Universities of Odisha Ganeshi Lal appointed Vice-Chancellors (VCs) for six universities of the state Monday.

The Governor appointed Aparajita Chowdhury, Sabita Acharva. Dinabandhu Sahoo. N Nagaraju, Kishore Kumar Basa and Prafulla Kumar Mohanty as VCs of Rama Devi Women's University, Utkal University, Fakir Mohan University, Gangadhar Meher University North Odisha University and Khallikote University respectively.

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

An affidavit before Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar Sucharita Sarangi (33), W/o.- Girija Sankar Sarangi resident of A/L - 130, Bhimatangi H.B. Colony, P.S.- Airfield, Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khurda. Declare that, I have changed my name from "Sucharita Panda" to "Sucharita Sarangi" on 03.05.2009. Henceforth, I shall be known as "Sucharita Sarangi" for all purposes.

# Virus caseload goes past 3.16L

Odisha registers 730 fresh coronavirus cases and 16 fatalities in 24 hours



Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: State's Covid-19 tally mounted to 3,16.001 Wednesday as 730 more people tested positive for the infection, while 16 more patients succumbed to the infection, pushing Odisha's coronavirus death toll to 1,687, an official of the Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) department said.

As many as 419 new cases were reported in quarantine centres, while 311 infections were detected during contact tracing..

Mayurbhanj district registered the highest number of new cases at 68, followed by Khurda at 65 and Sundargarh at 57, said the official.

Four fresh fatalities were reported in Sundargarh, three in Puri, two in Khurda and one each in Angul, Bargarh, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam and Jajpur, the official pointed out.

Khurda district, under which Bhubaneswar falls, has so far reported the highest number of coronavirus fatalities at 283, followed by Ganjam (240), Sundargarh (136)

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THE COASTAL STATE'S POSITIVITY RATE STANDS AT 5.56 PER CENT

and Cuttack (134), the official added. As many as 53 coronavirus patients have so far died in Odisha due to comorbidities, the official said.

Odisha has so far tested over 56.85 lakh samples for Covid-19, including 43,453 Tuesday, the of ficial said, adding that the coastal state's positivity rate stands at

## Don't throng Puri for festivities: Admin

POST NEWS NETWORK

Puri, Nov 25: The Puri district administration Wednesday urged the residents of other districts not to visit the Holy City on the occasions of Nagarjuna Besha ritual at Srimandir and subsequent Kartika Purnima.

'Srimandir has been closed for people due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We urge the residents of other districts not to throng the Holy City on the occasions of Nagarjuna Besha November 27 and Kartika Purnima November 30. They are urged to offer prayers to Lord Jagannath from their homes," said Puri Sub-Collector Bhabataran Sahu.

The district administration and the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) had earlier



Besha (warrior attire) ritual of Lord Jagannath would be organised without the presence of devo-

The administration Wednesday made it clear that the residents of Puri would be allowed to have the glimpses of Patitapaban, the image of Lord Jagannath at the Lions' Gate of Srimandir, on the occasions of Nagarjuna Besha and

"A three-tier security arrange ment would be in place around Srimandir for the smooth conduct of Nagarjuna Besha, which is being organised after a gap of 25 years. Traffic curbs have also been imposed for the unique ritual." Sahu said.

The Sub-Collector further revealed that the district administration and the SJTA have also made special arrangements for the

sale of Mahaprasad to devotees during Nagarjuna Besha and

"There is every possibility that large number of devotees would throng the temporary counters at the North and South gates of Srimandir to buy Mahaprasad. We would make additional arrangement at the Jagannath Ballav mutt to sell the temple delicacies to people," he said. Srimandir sources, meanwhile, said that Lord Jagannath was adorned with the Laxminarayan Besha on the first day of Panchaka ritual Wednesday. "Lord Jagannath would be decorated with Bankachuda Besha November 26. Tribikram Besha November 28. Laxminrusingha Besha November 29 and Rajadhiraj or Suna Besha November 30," said a servitor.

#### **SEEKING COOPERATION**



CPI. AITUC and BKMU workers take out a rally at Master Canteen Square in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday, seeking cooperation for the 'Bharat Bandh', protesting the Centre's 'anti-labour policies', scheduled for Thursday

#### **Daringbadi shivers** at 8.5 degrees C

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Cold wave condition continues to prevail in the state with mercury falling down to 8.5 degrees Celsius at Daringbadi, Wednesday.

As per India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, Daringbadi was the coldest place of Odisha Wednesday while Sonepur recorded a minimum temperature of 9.4 degrees Celsius. Similarly, the minimum temperature at Phulbani was 10.5 degrees, Angul (11), Baripada (12), Keonihar (12), Jharsuguda (12.2), Bhawanipatna (12.2), Talcher (12.3), Koraput (12.6), Boudh (14), Cuttack (14), Bolangir (14.8) and Titlagarh (15).

The IMD said night temperature is likely to rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius in several districts of Odisha during next two days while it will again gradually fall by 2-3 degrees thereafter (from

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: To create awareness on Covid-19 and convey the message of standing for humanity, Thakurdas Sasmal aka Dasu Da of West Bengal had started his journey of covering the Golden Quadrilateral on foot August 25. His aim is to pass through the four metro cities of India. Starting from Kolkata, his aim is to reach Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and then be back

Till now, he has walked over 5500 kilometer in the last three months covering all four metro cities to raise awareness on Covid 19. After completing his Golden Quadrilateral tour. Dasu da reached Bhubaneswar Wednesday on his way back to West Bengal.

The 59-year-old farmer from Udaynarayanpur in Howrah had



**Thakurdas Sasmal** 

earlier toured in bikes and cycles donation. He is also connecting with people during this journey through his social media account.

Sasmal said that he had planned to tour 28 countries in the beginning of the year but after the covid 19 lock-

down, he planned to start this journey by walking and also aims to set a world record of walking the longest distance.

He said, "During the journey, I got help from several people despite the fear of Covid 19 which shows the greatness of this nation. I also feel the grief of migrant labourers who struggled and had walked long distances to their homes during the lockdowns.

Apart from Bhubaneswar, Sasmal crossed Berhampur and Navagarh during his journey and will cover Cuttack, Bhadrak, Balasore. He will also travel several districts of West Bengal before ending at Bardhman district from where he had started. Sasmal founded a village bikers group in 2003 which at present has more than 800 members hailing from various village and districts of West Bengal.

#### **BK Patel to be new** OHRC chairperson

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Retired Orissa High Court judge BK Patel will be the new chairperson of Odisha Human Commission (OHRC).

A committee headed by the Chief Minister has approved the name of Patel for the post during the panel's meeting Wednesday. Assembly Speaker SN Patro and Leader of Opposition PK Naik are other two members of the panel, sources said. The panel has recommended Patel's name for the post. A notification will be issued after approval of Governor Ganeshi Lal

The post of OHRC chairman has been lying vacant with the retirement of Justice Bimal Prasad Das November 14. Das held the post of chairperson for a period of

#### **ILLEGAL SAND MINING**

### Dhenkanal villagers seek govt help



The illegal sand mining site along Brahmani river

# Outfits pledge to fight gender-based violence

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: In an effort to help end gender based violence in the society, more than 20,000 members of People's Collectives across the state took a pledge to symbolise their commitment to help end violence against women.

This mass pledge, which was organised by women collectives Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha, Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha and Atmashakti Trust, came as a part of the event to celebrate the day of Convention of Elimination of Domestic Violence against Women which falls 25th November every year and the launching of the UN's 16 days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence in

the state. While the mass pledge took place in both the state as well as the district level by the local Sangathan members of these outfits, many of the members raised awareness in the Master Canteen square of capital city where they were holding placards with messages to end violence against women and showing



their pledges to garner public support for the cause

"We took the pledge to draw attention to this issue that pervades our society. It is a problem that we come across each and every day around us," said Shanti Bhoi, President of the Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, Odisha.

'We are happy to be a part of the UN's 16 days of Activism campaign against Gender Based Violence and are taking a vow to never be a silent by stander and be strong allies in raising our voices against violence that victimises women," said Ruchi Kashyap, Executive Trustee of Atmashakti Trust.

The state government has taken several steps to curb violence against women such as launching a WhatsApp number for reporting cases of domestic violence during the Covid-19 lockdown. Similarly, the Women and Child Development Department has also issued a helpline number 181 to address issues related to violence against

However, Odisha has achieved the shady variance of claiming the 3rd place in the country as far as crime against women is concerned, as per the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau

#### **WORRYING TRENDS**

Odisha stands at the 3rd place in the country as far as crime against women is concerned, as per the latest NCRB report

The crime rate registered per lakh women population stood at 62.4 in 2019. Also, the conviction rate stands at 8.3 per cent

According to state government's Economic Survey report, women earn nearly 3 times less than men in the state

According to the NCRB report, the Crime against women in Odisha witnessed an increase of 14.3% in 2019. As many as 23183 cases related to crime against women were registered in Odisha in 2019 while the number of cases in 2018 was

The crime rate registered per lakh women population stood at 62.4 in 2019. Also the conviction rate stands at negligible 8.3 per cent in the state.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Villagers living near Sarang in Dhenkanal district have now approached the state government seeking their action against rampant violation of environmental norms and dangerous levels of illegal sand mining along Brahmani river.

The aggrieved villagers have now written to the Chief Secretary. State Pollution Control Board. Water Resources Department and others citing several violations of sand mining norms by the miners in the area and sought their intervention against the menace. It has been alleged that while the mining plan for the area was given only for manual sand mining which should be done with labour without machines, excavators and other heavy machines have been deployed which extracting excessive sand from the river, causing harm to both the river ecosystem and also adding to the woes of villagers living nearby.

The complaint filed before the state government claimed that artificial sand bars and approach roads have been constructed to reach the interior parts of the rivers by the trucks which in return is affecting the flow of river.

It was said that mining activities are taken up even during the night while only daytime mining is allowed. Meanwhile, extraction of sand beyond permissible limits and undertaking mining during monsoons against norms are also

The villagers in their complaint have also written that the mining activities are taken within 50 metres from a bridge on the river which is against the basic norms of sand mining and have threatened the structure due to the negligence of local authorities.

'We demand immediate removal of the illegal approach road constructed by the lease holders/sand mafias to ensure the free flow of river by dismantling the artificial approach roads for transportation of sand loading vehicles inside the river, surprise inspections to see the

violations," the letter said. It also asked the authorities to measure the levels of excessive mining done, suspend the mining leases if violations are found and also initiate criminal proceedings against the errant besides the seizure of the machines and vehicles founded indulged in illegal

sand mining.

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# Minor boy does a u-turn on third degree allegation

POST NEWS NETWORK

Patana, Nov 25: Keonjhar district Superintendent of Police Mitrabhanu Mahapatra ordered a probe Wednesday into the alleged 'third degree torture' on a minor boy, which took place at Patana police station November 21. The minor boy belongs to Kameswarpurpatna

village in Keonjhar district. However, surprisingly, the minor

boy did a u-turn on his allegation Wednesday. Talking to some reporters here, he said that he was not subjected to third degree torture by policemen at the police station, but he got his leg fractured after falling from his scooter.

Meanwhile, the SP has directed

The boy now says he wasn't subjected to third degree torture by cops, but got his leg fractured after falling off his scooter

Ghatagaon SDPO Rabindra Kumar Mallick to probe into the incident and submit a report within 24 hours.

The directive came a day after the victim and his mother lodged an FIR with the SP in this connection. The  $\,$ SDPO visited the Patana police station and started his inquiry. The investigation is going on basing on the CCTV footage at the police station.

The minor boy had visited the Patana police early in the day. When he did not return till the afternoon, his family members went to the po-lice station to look for him. They found him with severe injury marks on his legs for which the boy was not being able to stand. The boy then alleged that he had been beaten up by policemen.

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## Lungs & antioxidants

xidation is a chemical reaction that happens when a substance is exposed to oxygen. For instance, when some foods, like apples and bananas, have their peels removed and are exposed to oxygen, they turn

Oxygen is sometimes referred as 'Deal with the Devil' because the same oxygen that helps in the process of producing energy and fighting bacteria also creates substances in the process that may be dangerous to life.

The oxygen that we breathe helps to break down the molecules in the food so that they produce energy. This happens through a process called oxidation of food. Oxidation also takes place when our immune system is fighting bacteria and creates inflammation. It happens when our bodies try to detoxify pollutants like cigarette smoke. There are many processes like this in which oxidation occurs

In this process, the oxygen molecules split up into single atoms with unpaired electrons. Electrons like to be in pairs, so these single atoms are called free radicals and these roam around like smash and grab artists trying to grab electrons from other molecules in the body. When these electrons are stolen, the cell is damaged.

Free radicals, which are the end-products of oxidation, are not absorbed by the body and they damage cells, proteins and DNA. Once free radicals are formed, a chain reaction occurs. The first free radical pulls an electron from a molecule. This destabilises the molecule and turns it into a free radical. That molecule then takes an electron from another molecule, destabilising it and turning it into a free radical. This domino effect can eventually disrupt and damage the whole cell.

Oxidative stress occurs when there are too many free radicals and too much

cellular damage. Oxidative stress refers to cell and tissue damage and has been linked to heart diseases, cancer, stroke, respiratory diseases, immune deficiency, Parkinson's disease and other inflammatory conditions.

But nature has provided an answer to free radicals: Antioxidants.

Antioxidants keep free radicals in check. They are molecules in cells that prevent free radicals from taking electrons and causing damage. Antioxidants are able to give an electron to a free radical without becoming destabilised themselves, thus stopping the free radical chain reaction. Just like fibre cleans up waste products in the intestines, antioxidants clean up the free radical waste in the cells. Our body produces some antioxidants on its own, but we need to eat them in order to reduce or eliminate the effect of free radicals.

Thousands of studies have shown that consuming fruits and vegetables is linked to a lower rate of chronic diseases. In a research study published by the European Respiratory Journal, scientists examined the combined association of meat consumption, vegetable and fruits consumption and compared the total antioxidant capacity with lung function. The study was conducted among 1,551

males and 1,391 females in the UK. The study found that lung function deteriorated in those who consumed mainly meat with very low fruit and vegetable consumption. Lung function was found to improve with an increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, showing the effect of antioxidants on breathing ability.

But why is that? The ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) is a method developed by scientists at the National Institute of Health and Aging to measure the antioxidant capacity of different foods. Foods with higher ORAC scores have greater antioxidant capacity, and more effectively neutralise harmful free radicals. Scientists state that the body can effectively use 3000-5000 antioxidant or ORAC units per day. Any more than this (i.e. megadosing in supplement form) seems to be of no added benefit and 'excess' is most likely excreted by the kidneys. I quote Dr Ronald Prior of the US Department of Agriculture Research Service at Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts: "A significant increase in antioxidants of 15-20% is possible by increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables, particularly those high in ORAC value. However, in order to have a significant impact on plasma and tissue antioxidant capacity one can only meaningfully increase one's daily intake by 3000-5000 ORAC units. Any greater amount is probably redundant. That is because the antioxidant capacity of the blood is tightly regulated. Thus there is an upper limit to the benefit that can be derived from antioxidants. Taking in 25000 ORAC units at one time would be no more beneficial than taking in a fifth of that amount: the excess is simply excreted by the

The ORAC value of a food is determined by a lab test that quantifies the 'total antioxidant capacity' (TAC) of a food. The food is put in a test tube, along with molecules that generate free radical activity and molecules that are vulnerable to oxidation. The food is measured on how well it protected the vulnerable molecules from oxidation by the free radicals. The less free radical damage there is, the higher the antioxidant capacity of the test substance. Research published in Nutritional Journal 2010, categorised 3100 differ-

ent foods into 24 categories to measure for ORAC value. The ORAC values of eggs, meat and fish are at abysmally low levels. Pork

has the lowest ORAC value. In this COVID age, your immunity depends solely on the oxygen carrying capacity of your blood and lungs. The higher the ORAC values in your

food, the higher the capacity. Natural food such as spices, fruits and vegetables - even just a teaspoon of ginger, tulsi, turmeric - have very high ORAC values. The higher ORAC value foods increase your immunity and prevent cancers, neuro-degenera-

also have nutrients such as iron, vitamin C, zinc, omega 3, magnesium and Herbs like brahmi, ashwagandha, shatavari, mulethi, arjunarishtam, peppermint, coriander seeds, and cumin black seeds are now being tested

tive disorders, diabetes and so many chronic conditions. High ORAC foods

Milk not only has a really low ORAC value but it goes one step further in destroying your health: it actively blocks antioxidants. Several studies have been conducted to find whether milk decreases the antioxidant capacity of other food substances. Research shows that adding milk to tea decreases the antioxidant capacity of tea (Source: Effect of milk-alpha-casein on tea polyphenols, PubMed). The milk protein, casein, reduces the ability of antioxidant substances to fight free radicals. One study found that milk reduced the antioxidant capacity of chocolate by approximately 30 per cent, while another study found that milk negated the antioxidant effects of chocolate altogether. (Source: Plasma antioxidants from chocolate, PubMed). Eating blueberries with milk reduced the absorption of their polyphenols and blocked their antioxidant effects. (Source: Antioxidant activity impaired by milk. PubMed)

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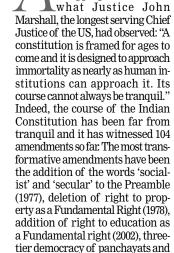
Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful.

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# THE CONSTITUTION'S COURSE



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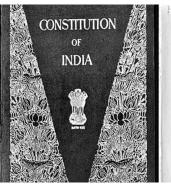
Constitution Day it would

of GST Council (2016), and anti-defection laws (1985). The Parliament had tried to assert its supremacy by having unfettered powers to amend, delete or emasculate any provision of the Constitution in its 24th amendment. However, the path-breaking Kesavananda Bharati judgement (1973) checkmated the powers of the Parliament, by enunciating the basic structure doctrine, which includes secularism, federalism, separation of power and the power of the Supreme Court to exercise

municipalities (1993), formation

judicial review as inviolable. Stung by this judgement, the Parliament tried again to amend Article 368 by taking away the power of judicial review and by making the Parliament's will supreme. The Supreme Court in the Minerva Mills case (1980) gave a body blow to such untrammelled power of the Parliament, by striking down both 368(4) & (5). To quote Justice Chandrachud: "The donee of a limited power cannot by the exercise of that power convert the limited power into an unlimited one." This judgement finally cemented the position of the Supreme Court as the last arbiter of people's hopes and aspirations and an unshakable check and balance against

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blatant misuse of Article 356 by the Governors as agents of the Centre has deeply dented Centre-State relationship. In the Bommai judgement (1994), the court clearly ruled that majority of a contending party cannot be decided in the lawns of Raj Bhawan but on the floor of the assembly! The Bommai judgement marked a watershed moment in the relationship between the Parliament and the judiciary and reaffirmed the Minerva Mills judgement. In a sense it has ensured that arbitrary dismissal of State Governments is prevented.

Prof. Andre Beteille wrote: "A constitution indicates the direction in which we are to move, but the social structure will decide how far we are able to move and at what pace." The founding fathers were of the view that reservation of SC/ST will remain a transitional requirement. It has sadly persisted and the politics of caste has now gone beyond OBC to reservation for the upper caste on basis of economic criteria. Politics of caste has trumped merit and dented the right to equal opportunity.

The Supreme Court emerged as a strong institution after the Kesavananda Bharati judgement. However, denial of speedy access to justice through dilatory and self-indulgent process has been rampant in which judges and lawyers are equally guilty. There is also a perception, going by recent the approach of the Supreme Court that it has taken a predominantly pro government approach. It has also delayed dispensing its judgement on matters of national importance like scrapping of Article 370 or dealing with the purchase of Rafale aircraft. There is also clear dichotomy in its treatment of freedom of speech cases

After 50 years of working of the Constitution, the Atal Behari Vajpayee government had appointed a constitutional review panel in 2002 to suggest measures to improve it. Some of the important changes it had suggested are (a) to include freedom of press as a fundamental right, (b) right to compensation, if life or liberty is illegally deprived and right to privacy. It had also suggested that the Governor's report for invoking Article 356(1) (constitutional emergency) should be a speaking document containing a precise and clear statement of all material facts and grounds, on the basis of which the President may satisfy itself, as to the existence or otherwise of the breakdown in constitutional machinery. It had also suggested for the establishment of a National Judicial Commission to appoint judges to the Supreme Court. The Commission had also suggested inclusion of a new sub clause 30D as per which right to safe

drinking water and pollution-free environment should be a fundamental right.

These recommendations should have been put in place, going by the experience of 'horse trading' that takes place for assuming political power in the States, and also to cleanse the impression that the existing collegiums system is opaque for selecting judges to the High Court and the Supreme Court. It is indeed a pity that the Supreme Court did not uphold the concept of a National Judicial Appointment Committee, which was struck down under the alibi of offend ing 'basic structure doctrine'. This is rather unfortunate as both merit and transparent selection process will lend gravitas to the judiciary and carry faith of all Indians. There are rumblings that the present government, given its brute majority, is contemplating a further review of the constitution to delete secularism. This would be highly ill-advised as secularism is a basic structure of our democratic polity as clarified in both Kesavananda and Bommai judgements.

There are many subtexts of socio-economic justice that need to be given urgent attention. One of them is the mismatch between free and compulsory education (6-14 years) as a Fundamental Right (Article 21A) and early childhood education as a directive policy (Article 45). The New Educational Policy has struck a right note by recommending that the early childhood education (3-6 years) and provision of adequate nutrition to these children should be made a Fundamental Right. Given India's poor human development record quality deficit in education and large-scale malnutrition amongst children as brought out by the Global Hunger Index it is high time the scope of Article 21A is expanded to include early childhood care and education as Fundamental Right. If India is to reap demographic dividend, the Constitution must ink suitable provision for ensuring right to quality education, adequate nutrition and healthcare to every child irrespective of caste, class and religion.

> The writer teaches Constitutional Law.

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# Protecting child workers during pandemic



Jiniya Afroze

**BOTH** INTERNATIONAL **AND LOCAL BRANDS NEED** TO BE HELD **ACCOUNTABLE REGARDING THEIR DUTY TO CARE** 

**FOR CHILDREN** 

impact of COVID-19 will be un-Leven, with poorer countries bearing the brunt of the fallout. This includes the 1.2 million children in Bangladesh who are engaged in the harshest forms of child labour. In such uncertain times, these children - and millions of others elsewhere – are even more vulnerable to exploitative and hazardous work.

The reason is simple. When major global retail outlets cancelled orders due to lockdown-related cutbacks, the production of low-cost fashion in much of the world came to a standstill, leaving many garment workers in the Global South without an income. Since March, Bangladesh's exports of leather goods have declined by 22 per cent. The country's footwearmanufacturing industry, the world's eighth largest, has also been affected, with exports down by 50 per cent since the pandemic began.

With leather-goods producers facing cancelled orders and restrictions to slow the transmission of COVID-19, the unregulated informal sector has become much more competitive, with factory owners targeting children as cheap labour. In the informal leather sec-

for little or no pay, frequently doing work that is physically and psychologically harmful and dangerous jobs during the production process. But despite the risks, most children rely on such employment to support themselves and their families.

International brands and corporations have an opportunity to help. Global retail outlets must recognise not only the immediate financial impact of cancelling orders, but also the unintended consequences for both the formal and informal sectors. This means approaching the problem holistically, with established brands and their customers being well informed about where, how, and by whom goods are produced. Brands need to take responsibility for ensuring ethical behaviour throughout their supply chain. Stricter monitoring is necessary to guarantee all suppliers, international and local, meet the same standards in terms of labour codes and working conditions. A transparent system is needed for tracking the sources of raw materials and ensuring that children are not used in bonded labour or working in hazardous conditions.

While plenty of initiatives to protect child workers have been often fall short. Tracking the long supply chain is difficult, so a culture of violence at its origin persists, sustained by structural inequalities that constant global demand for cheap products embeds in the production process.

Having to comply with a monitoring regime would prevent suppliers from subcontracting their work to informal, often unregulated companies in which workers, including many children, labour in harmful and hazardous conditions. Responsible brands could also implement the 'positive deviance' approach, publicly sharing their ethical business strategies and practices, which may encourage other brands to investigate

their own practices in turn. Furthermore, relevant government agencies, civil-society groups, and private-sector organisations must focus on enforcing existing policies and protecting children's rights. Both international and local brands need to be held accountable regarding their duty to care for children. All businesses should adhere to a minimum-age requirement, maintain standard working hours, and guarantee safe workplace conditions. To ensure comdren must have a multi-stakeholder consultation system in place, including representatives from the government, civil society, humanrights organisations, and academia, as well as social workers.

Finally, to protect children from harmful work and modern slaverv in industries like leather goods requires listening to children themselves. The pandemic has exposed the intricacies of global supply chains and the vulnerability of the people working within them. Even in normal times, children are vulnerable to exploitation by unregulated, informal firms, which will pick up business where other firms cannot. But now this risk is greater than ever. Understanding global supply chains and the impact of sudden changes on vulnerable people who form their links is crucial. Policymakers must devise and implement robust accountability systems to uphold the rights of the millions of children – in Bangladesh and globally – who must work.

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TO THE EDITOR

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Corporates in banking sector

Sir, Reportedly, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given a proposal to allow corporates to enter the banking sectors and set up banks. Presently, the Indian banking system is a robust system which consists of public sector banks, private sector banks, foreign banks, regional rural banks, urban cooperative banks, rural cooperative banks and hundreds of cooperative credit institutions. It is difficult to understand as to why big business houses are proposed to be allowed to enter the banking sector. This move ultimately may be a dangerous one as this may facilitate the concentration of economic and political power in the hands of cer-

tain big business houses Gourang Charan Parida, PURI

#### Vaccine challenges for India

Sir, While the national count of new Covid-19 infections is showing a decline, local cases are increasing in some parts of the country. At a meeting of the chief ministers to discuss the Covid-19 situation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed upon the need to take precautions that will prevent the spread of the disease. True, complacence in following precautions will put us in peril. The PM asked the states to prepare logistics of vaccine distribution as well. The success of the late-stage clinical trials of AstraZeneca-Oxford candidate, Covishield, a vaccine that requires only regular refrigeration is of special significance for India. Even though the other vaccines like Moderna's and Pfizer-BioNTech's in the US need deep-freeze storage and use 'messenger RNA' to activate immunity, they have claimed a little better performance. As for India, Covishield is a better choice than the other two American vaccines. The Serum Institute of India has already manufactured a great deal of Covishield. In addition to these vaccines, Russia's Sputnik-V, Bharat Biotech-ICMR and Zydus Cadila's vaccines are also in advanced stages of testing. Considering this, we are sure to get administered with a Covid vaccine in a few months. However, vaccination of the entire population poses significant challenges. One, the vaccine needs to be administered optimally across India. Two, we need to plan to maximise the yield of our public investment in a mass vaccination drive. Three, we need to identify the individual members of priority groups for vaccination. Four, age-wise categorisation needs to be done. Five, vaccine impact needs to be maximised by distributing vaccines among states according to population and infection rate. -Six, a record of recipients of vaccine needs to be maintained properly

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# 49 candidates with criminal record in fray in GHMC polls

Hyderabad, Nov 25: As many as 49 candidates belonging to four major contesting parties in the Greater Hyderabad civic polls have criminal record.

Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) tops the list with 17 candidates, followed by ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) whose 13 candidates were found to be having a criminal record.

According to NGO Forum for Good Governance, 12 candidates of Congress and seven of Majlise-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) also have criminal cases against them.

records. A total of 41 wards have candidates with criminal records. In Malkaigiri division, all the contesting candidates from main parties have criminal records.

During the previous GHMC elections in 2016, the political parties had given tickets to 72 candidates who had criminal cases against them. "This time the number is reduced to 49 which is a good sign for decriminalisation of politics, said Reddy.

"Due to recent unprecedented floods residents of Hyderabad have suffered heavily. To avert such calamity in future, there is a need for efficient and effective GHMC.

#### THEY DON'T MIND



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Forum Secretary M Padmanabha Reddy said they analysed the antecedents of candidates who filed tors," he said. their nominations for December 1 election to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

The NGO said affidavits indicating the criminal cases of candidates belonging to four parties were downloaded from the State Election Commission website and analysed

A total of 96 criminal cases are pending against 49 candidates. There are six women candidates among those having criminal To make this possible, we have to elect honest and clean corpora-

The Forum for Good Governance appealed to voters to vote for candidates with clean record and who can serve the people with all sincerity. If a voter does not like any of the contesting candidates, he as a last resort should vote for NOTA (none of the above), it said.

Over 74 lakh voters are eligible to cast their votes in December 1 polls to 150-member GHMC. The counting of votes will be taken up

# After 'love Jihad', it's no-beef on Yedi's list

CM Yedi assured at the recently held BIP state executive committee meet that his govt is "committed to enact stronger laws to ban cow slaughter as well as prevent forcible conversions"



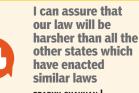
Prabhu Chauhan said Tuesday that a law to ban cow slaughter, sale and consumption of beef would be tabled in the forthcoming Assembly session starting December 7

Speaking to reporters, Chauhan said that the department has been consulting with the experts from various fields besides studying similar laws enacted by other states. "I can assure that our law will be harsher than all the other states which have enacted similar laws," he said.

Chauhan added that he has held discussions with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in this regard and he too is happy with the progress.

Yediyurappa had assured at the BJP state executive committee meeting held in Mangaluru recently that his government is committed to enact stronger laws to ban cow slaughter as well as prevent forcible conversions ('Love Jihad').

He added that once the new law comes into force, selling and con-



PRABHU CHAUHAN KARNATAKA ANIMAL HUSBANDRY MINISTER suming cow meat and slaughtering of cows will be banned completely, along with transportation of cows to

"Safeguarding cows is our priority. I am very happy that this law will be piloted by me in the Assembly," he said.

In 2010, Yediyurappa in his first stint as Chief Minister had introduced the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle

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Both the passage of the Bill in 2010 and its withdrawal triggered protests by groups on the opposite spectrum of the debate on cow slaughter.

Karnataka already has the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964, which permits slaughter of bulls, bullocks and buffalos that are over 12 years of age and are unfit for breeding and giving milk.

# Will Karna get a new CM, Cong wonders

LoP Siddaramaiah asks if CM BS Yediyurappa was on his way out after the govt appointed over 30 people to various statutory boards and corporations in the past few days



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Bangalore, Nov 25: Senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah Wednesday hit out at the BS Yediyurappa government over a slew of appointments made to various statutory bodies in the state, questioning the need when it was facing "financial stress." He also wondered whether Chief Minister Yediyurappa was on his way out that he was making 'political appointments. "Maybe it's guaranteed that he is (Yediyurappa) going.... this is what I feel, I don't know. What was the need to make these appointments hurriedly when it was not done for one year four months?"

Siddaramaiah has repeatedly claimed that the ruling BJP will change its Chief Minister in the state.

"The state government is bankrupt financially; I had suggested even during the budget that the unnecessary expenditure should be reduced and more allocations have to be made for the development of the state," the Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly told reporters here.

"Pension was not being given to the poor senior citizens, widows and persons with disabilities for seven to eight months now, there was no money for it, in such a situation what was

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here has also been intense speculation in some quarters that BJP central leadership was mulling leadership change in Karna in the days to come considering Yedi's age

the need to appoint Chairmans to so many statutory boards?, he asked.

Instead of cutting down on unnecessary expenditure, taking such decisions was a treachery towards the state, the former chief minister alleged.

The government has appointed over 30 people as chairpersons and directors to various boards and corporations in the state. Those appointed include MLAs, former legislators, BJP workers and supporters.

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# OWAISI, SAFFRON TRADE 'SURGICAL STRIKE'



Hyderabad, Nov 25: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi dared the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to carry out surgical strike in Ladakh, where China has occupied Indian territory

Reacting sharply to Telangana BJP chief Bandi Sanjay's promise to carry out surgical strikes in the old city area here should his party win the December civic polls of Greater Hyderabad, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi made the comment.

The Hyderabad MP wanted to know why no surgical strikes are being carried out against China which has occupied 920 square kilometers of Indian territory.

Condemning Sanjay's surgical strike comment, he wondered how

death anniversary Tuesday.

to an actor in Karnataka.

was called 'Rebel Star'.

The dedicated temple in

Ambarish's name is a testimony to

the fact that, how much he was loved

by his fans and this is perhaps the

first-ever temple built and dedicated

Till his last breath, Ambarish re-

mained true to the title 'Mandyada

Gandu (Man from Mandya)' fondly

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merable fans, though on screen he

a political party can speak such a language just

for an election. 'They are saying they will carry out surgical strike

CHIEF & HYD MP in the old city to drive away Pakistanis." "How many Pakistanis are there in the old city? I am challenging them to show at least 100 Pakistanis living here,"

Owaisi said at an election meeting.

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He also said if Pakistanis have been living in the old city then Prime Minister Narendra Modi should first remove Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy from his Cabinet as this was happening under his nose.

He also wanted to know what BJP government at the Centre was doing for six-and-half years if Pakistanis were living in the old city.

Terming this as an insult to Hyderabad, Owaisi asked people to give a befitting reply to BJP in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections scheduled December 1. He alleged

that BJP is trying to create hatred and re-create situation of 1980s and 1990s in Hyderabad.

"Hyderabad is the growth of engine of India. It is attracting investment of billions of rupees in information technology and pharmaceutical sector.

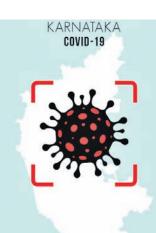
Amazon and Microsoft have set up their second biggest global centres in Hyderabad. Youth belonging

to all communities are getting jobs, he said. Owaisi said people of all communities live in harmony in Hyderabad and there have been no communal problems for six and half years. There are Muslims, Hindus,

Dalits, Backward Classes and Sikhs living peacefully here. MIM works for all people irrespective of their

Actor Ambarish's fans build temple in his memory

### Karna logs more recoveries than fresh Covid infections



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Fresh cases: 1870

Bangalore, Nov 25: With as many as 1,949 patients getting discharged, Karnataka continued its trend of registering more recover-

ies than positive cases. Karnataka reported 1,870 new cases of Covid-19 and 17 succumbed to the virus, taking the total number of infections to 8,76,425 and the death toll to 11,695 Monday, the health department said Tuesday.

Out of 1,870 fresh cases reported Tuesday, 927 cases were from Bangalore urban alone.

As of November 23, cumulatively 8,76,425 Covid-19 positive cases have been confirmed in the state, which include 11,695 deaths and 8,40,099 discharges, the health department said. It said, out of 24,612 active cases,

24.194 patients are in isolation at des-

ignated hospitals and stable, while 418 are in ICU. As many as 12 out of the total 17 deaths reported Monday are from

Bangalore urban. Most of the dead are either with a history of Severe Acute Respiratory

Infection (SARI) or Influenza-like illness (ILI). Among the districts where the new

cases were reported. Bangalore urban accounted for 927, Mysuru 159, Tumakuru 95, Bangalore Rural 89, Vijayapura,

Kalaburagi and Chitradurga 41, Mandya Chikkaballapura

36, Hassan and Shivamogga 35, followed by others.

Bangalore urban district tops the list of positive cases, with a total of 3,65,317 infections, followed by Mysuru 50.286 and Ballari 38.132.

Among discharges too, Bangalore urban tops the list with total 3,43,169 discharges, followed by Mysuru 48,595 and Ballari 37,298.

A total of over 1,04,47,705 samples have been tested so far, out of which 1,18,232 were tested Monday alone, and 21,879 among them were

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#### Mandya, Nov 25: Fans of yesteryear's Kannada superstar Ambarish in the state's Mandya district have built a temple - 'Ambi Amara' (Eternal Ambarish) – by pooling in their own resources and it was formally inaugurated on his second

Image from Mangalorean.com

Hottegowdana Doddi village in Maddur taluk of Mandya have built of Ambarish, to which they pay obeithis temple spending ₹10 lakh from

Villagers from remote their own pockets. Almost every house in this village has a portrait sance every day.

RESIDENTS OF REMOTE HOTTEGOWDANA DODDI IN MADDUR TALUK OF MANDYA HAVE BUILT THIS TEMPLE SPENDING ₹10 LAKH FROM THEIR

ALMOST EVERY HOUSE IN THIS VILLAGE HAS A PORTRAIT OF AMBARISH, TO WHICH THEY PAY OBEISANCE **EVERY DAY** 

The actor-turned-politician was mainly known for his philanthropic works and also for his portrayal of rebel characters on celluloid screens.

The 'Ambi Amara' has a bronze bust of the 'Rebel Star' and was unveiled by actor's son and film actor Abhishek Gowda and his widow and Mandya MP Sumalatha Amarnath. Kannada film industry's reigning super stars, Darshan and Yash, who were considered to be very close to Ambarish, were also present on the Villagers told his widow and son

that they built the temple of Ambarish with an intention to highlight the welfare works done by him.

They told Sumalatha that the temple also has the ashes from Ambarish's funeral pyre beneath the bronze bust, and till the temple was built, the ashes were kept in the office built for Ambarish and worshipped every day.

While inaugurating the temple all that an emotionally choked

Sumalatha and Abhishek could say was: "This is all we know is that vou loved him unconditionally and he reciprocated the same equally."

# national



I believe that people of this country expect that their elected representatives to follow parliamentary norms. People get hurt when their elected representatives use unparliamentary words or indulge in indiscipline in **Parliament or in the Assembly** 

RAM NATH KOVIND | PRESIDENT

#### **FLIPKART DONATES 50K** PPE KITS TO UP GOVT

India's indigenous e-commerce company Flipkart along with 'GiveIndia Foundation' Wednesday donated 50.000 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to the Uttar Pradesh government



Shocked & saddened to learn about the untimely passing away of senior Congress leader & friend



AMARINDER SINGH | PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

West Bengal has turned into second Kashmir, Everyday terrorists are being arrested and illegal

bomb-making factories are being unearthed every next day

**DILIP GHOSH** WEST BENGAL BJP CHIEF

I think Gogoi ji was not just a leader of Assam. He was a formidable CM and

a national leader. He inspired us by uniting the people of Assam and bringing peace to the state

#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### BJP, TMC clash in Birbhum

Kolkata: Crude bombs were hurled and stones thrown at passing vehicles when ruling TMC and BJP activists clashed on way to a rally by the saffron party's state unit president Dilip Ghosh in West Bengal's Birbhum district Wednesday. Police said the clash broke out when BJP activists travelling in a mini truck to the rally at Suri had an altercation with the local TMC workers while passing through Simurali in the district.

#### Farmers fined for burning stubble

Muzaffarnagar: Yet another farmer was imposed a fine for allegedly burning stubble in the field amid growing resentment against the airpollution control measure that saw BKU activists dumping harvest residues in the office campus of a revenue official in Khatauli near here. Ashok Kumar, a farmer from Sikandarpur village in Muzaffarnagar district was imposed a fine of Rs 2,500 Tuesday, said Additional District Magistrate Amit Singh.

#### Former Raj min passes away

Bikaner: Former Rajasthan finance minister Manik Chand Surana died in Jaipur Wednesday. The 79-year-old is survived by two sons and a daughter. The funeral will take place Thursday. according to his son Jitendra Surana. Surana started his political career by winning the post of president of Dungar College.

#### **AP CM launches PM SVANidhi scheme**

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy Wednesday launched the PM Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, meant for extending collateral-free loans up to Rs 10,000 each to street vendors, but named it after himself, drawing flak from the BJP. The Chief Minister renamed the Central Sector Scheme, fully-funded by the **Union Ministry of Housing** and Urban Affairs, after himself as 'Jagananna Todu' claiming that the state government would bear the full interest on the loans.

Noida (UP): A 23-year-old undertrial prisoner died in a iail in Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddh Nagar due to a kidney related ailment, officials said Wednesdav. Rahul. a resident of a slum in Noida's sector 4. was lodged in the Luksar iail since August 2019 in connection with robbery cases

# 'DELHI CHALO' STIR INTENSIFIES

Chandigarh, Nov 25: A day ahead of farmers' slated protest march to Delhi against the Centre's farm laws, Haryana on Wednesday heavily barricaded its borders with Punjab and suspended its bus service to the neighbouring state in a bid to foil the march

The Haryana police also used water cannons against the state's farmers on the national highway in Ambala and Kurukshetra to stop them from moving to Delhi. The BJP-ruled Haryana also suspended its transport bus service to Punjab with immediate effect on Wednesday because of the farmers' "Delhi Chalo" call. "We have suspended roadways service to Punjab for the next two days," Haryana Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma told PTI. Chandigarh Transport Undertaking too, meanwhile Wednesday evening, suspended its bus services to Haryana for the next two days amid the farmers "Delhi Chalo" call, said officials. Braving the cold and rainy weather, thousands of farmers assembled during the day along with their tractor trolleys on the Punjab side of the inter-state border to undertake onward march to Delhi but had to stay put in Punjab amid the heavy police deployment on the border. Harvana will completely seal its borders with Punjab on November 26 and 27, the day for

Will ensure TMC

victory in polls

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

from jail: Mamata

Bankura (WB), Nov 25: Calling

the BJP "garbage of Lies" and

"biggest curse of the nation", West

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee on Wednesday dared the

saffron party to arrest her and as-

serted she will ensure TMC victory

in the upcoming elections even

Election to the 294-member West

Bengal Assembly is due in April-

May. Accusing the BJP of trying

to poach TMC MLAs by attempt-

I am not afraid of the BJP or its

agencies. If they have the guts,

they can arrest me and put me

behind the bars. I will fight elec-

tions from jail and ensure the vic-

tory of the TMC," Banerjee said in

her first major public rally here in

cluded Bihar elections, Baneriee

said even RJD leader Lalu Prasad

Yadav has been put behind the

bars but still he ensured his party's

Referring to the recently-con-

power in the state.

post-COVID times.

good performance.

ICG seizes 100 kg

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

heroin from SL boat

Tuticorin (TN), Nov 25: In a

near 10-day operation Involving

"stealthy" trailing, the Indian Coast

Guard (ICG) has recovered drugs,

including 100 kg heroin and guns

from a Sri Lankan boat, with the

contraband changing hands from

a Pakistani dhow on the high seas.

Six crew members were appre-

hended in connection with the

seizure following the operation,

which started November 17 based

The boat was identified

November 24 off the coast here, it

said. ICG said in a release it re-

ceived credible information from

intelligence agencies on an illegal

consignment of narcotic drugs to

be smuggled in India through the

sea route. The information further

revealed that the consignment was

being transhipped through a Sri

Lankan boat. Subsequently, five

Coast Guard ships were deployed

to apprehend the smugglers, even

as two aircraft were involved in

air-sea coordinated search, it said.

The 'suspicious' Lankan vessel was

identified south of Tuticorin on

Tuesday and "ICGS Vaibhav stealth-

ily followed the boat and boarded

it at the opportune moment at

about 10 NM (nautical miles) off

Kanyakumari" last evening,

the release said

on intelligence inputs.



Police make a human barricade to stop various farmer organisations during

which farmers' bodies have given the call for Delhi Chalo. Haryana police officials said amid the COVID-19 restrictions, they cannot allow movement of a large number of people towards the national capital.

The Haryana authorities have also imposed prohibitory orders under section 144 of the CrPC in several parts of the state to prevent assembly of protesters. Meanwhile Wednesday evening, a large group of farmers having gathered on GT Road near Mohra village in Ambala during the day under the leadership of Harvana BKU chief Gurnam Singh, allegedly jumped over the barricade following which the police resorted to the use of water cannon against them. Despite this, a splinter group managed to proceed to Tiyora-Tiyori village on Ambala-Kurukshetra border, where the police again used the water cannon against them to stop their onward march to Delhi. Amid the farmers blocking various stretches of roads. the vehicular traffic too was severely disrupted for several hours on the national highway.

A few army vehicles also remained stranded in Kurukshetra district for some time due to the agitation, officials said. Gurnam Singh later told reporters, "Even if the police use lathis and force, nothing can stop farmers. We will continue our march towards Delhi. We will force the Centre to roll back these black anti-farmer laws"

Farmers were seen carrying food and clothes and had stocked other essentials in their tractor-trollies and planned to spend the night either in their vehicles or temporary shelters they had set up along the high

way. Karnal's Superintendent of Police Ganga Ram Punia told reporters that sufficient police force has been deployed to maintain law and order because of the farmers protest march. Videography and photography were being done at inter-state borders and other sensitive points by the Haryana police. The Haryana police has deployed an adequate number of security personnel at roads bordering Punjab to prevent farmers from moving towards Delhi.

The Haryana police put up multilayered barricades and boulders on roads from Punjab to check farmers' entry to the state, officials said, adding the traffic would also be diverted. The police were also keep ing vigil over farmers' groups with drones hovering over them on interstate borders.

A Punjab police official on duty at Khanauri inter-state border told reporters that the Harvana police used cranes to put boulders on roads and the movement of traffic to the other side has been stopped. Earlier on Tuesday, a detailed advisory was issued by the Harvana police urging commuters to modify their travel plans because of the farmers' protest march.

Asserting that farmers from Punjab will not be allowed to enter the state, the Harvana police said it has deployed water cannons and riot vehicles on the borders

# PDP youth wing leader held by NIA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 25: PDP vouth wing president Waheed ur Rehman Parra was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Wednesday for allegedly conspiring with Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists in securing their support during the 2019 parliamentary elections, officials said here.

The officials alleged that Parra, who recently filed his nomination for district Development Council (DDC) elections from Pulwama in South Kashmir, was arrested for his alleged "close links" with Irfan Shafi Mir, arrested along with Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Naveed Babu and suspended Deputy Superintendent of Police Davinder Singh.

According to officials, during investigation into Singh's association with Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, the NIA came across the phone records of Mir which showed that he was in close touch with Parra.

The spokesperson of the NIA only gave a brief statement saving "today NIA arrested Waheed Ur Rehman Parra, the youth wing leader of People's Democratic Party, in connection with the Naveed Babu-Davinder Singh case for supporting Hizbul Mujahideen in conspiracy with the other accused persons." During questioning, Mir had claimed that Parra had actively sought his support during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections for party candidate Mehbooba Mufti, who is also the president of PDP, the officials said

Meanwhile, Mehbooba reacted on Twitter saying that "BJP milks illegal scrapping of Article 370 in every nook and corner of the country. But when it comes to Kashmiris questioning its abrogation they are locked up and punished. Everyone knows at whose behest Devinder Singh worked for. Ironic that they have the gall (sic) to blame others.

She also said that Waheed has no



and "is being falsely charged. All just to blackmail and intimidate PDP and other mainstream political parties in JK".

Officials said that Parra, who was being interrogated for the last two days at the NIA headquarters, was not cooperating during the questioning prompting the agency to place him under arrest.

Mir was acting as a front man for Naveed Babu and indulging in political support against monetary and other gains, the officials said.

Mir, who has emerged as a "double agent", was arrested along with Singh and Syed Naveed Mushtaq alias Naveed Babu and accomplice Rafi Ahmad Rather.

Mir was sitting in the car driven by Singh on January 11 along with Naveed and Rather when their car was intercepted by Jammu and Kashmir Police near Qazigund on the national highway connecting the Valley with the rest of the country.

A search of the vehicle led to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle, three pistols and a cache of ammunition and explosives. The NIA took over the case on January 17.

The NIA filed the charge sheet under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and various sections of the Indian Penal Code against Mir, Singh, Naveed, his brother Syed Irfan Ahmad, Rather and businessman Tanveer Ahmad Wani, former president of the Line

#### A man, wearing warm clothes, walks during heavy snowfall at Gund area in Ganderbal district, J&K. ing to bribe them, Banerjee, without naming anyone, said some people are acting as fence-sitters who are under the illusion that the saffron party might come to "But let me tell them very clearly, vaccine amid nCoV spread'



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 25: In view of the winter season and Covid-19, health experts Wednesday said that many people are taking pneumonia and influenza vaccines as a precaution to save themselves from respiratory infections.

Experts have warned that it is highly possible that people may contract both influenza and the Covid-19 infection in winter, leading to devastating consequences. Dr Avi Kumar. Consultant - Pulmonology, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in New Delhi told IANS: "What we are generally following is that in post Covid patients we are giving flu vaccine as well as the pneumonia vaccine." "Because

right now we are at the start of winter and this is generally the beginning of flu season as well as coronavirus. Both are RnA viruses so the vaccine which is available against influenza is known to be very helpful in reducing hospitalization," Kumar explained. International researchers have recently found that receiving the influenza vaccine does not increase a person's risk of contracting Covid-19 or worsen associated morbidity or mortality.

Published in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science, the study shows the flu vaccine is the single most important intervention to help in staying healthy this fall and winter. According to Dr Akshay Consultant Budhraja, Department of Pulmonology, Aakash Healthcare Super Speciality Hospital, in the absence of a vaccine specific to the Covid-19 virus right now, they are checking the vaccination history of the patient.

### 'More Indians getting flu 'Delhi riots a terrorist activity'

New Delhi, Nov 25: The use of deadly weapons during the widespread riots in the national capital in February, which had resulted in the death of a police personnel and over 50 civilians, falls under the definition of a 'terrorist activity', the Delhi Police said in a supplementary charge sheet in a case related to the alleged larger conspiracy in the communal violence.

The supplementary charge sheet has been filed against former JNU student Umar Khalid, university's research scholar Sharjeel Imam and Faizan Khan. The case pertains to conspiracy to incite the riots, which had left 53 people dead and 748 injured.

"In this case, the use of firearms, petrol bombs, acid attacks and deadly weapons on police officials on duty causing death of a police personnel and grievous injuries and other injuries to a total 208 police personnel with the intention to overawe the state and force the Central government to withdraw the CAA, NRC clearly falls in the definition of terrorist activity," police stated in the charge sheet.

It added, "Causing death of over



50 persons and causing serious iniuries to over 500 public persons apart from massive damage to the public and private properties by arson and other means would also clearly fall within the definition of terrorist activity.

The Delhi Police further said the disruption of supplies and services essential to life of the community was also clearly visible in these riot-affected areas as public transports were shut, access to essential items ceased, board examinations were deferred, and hospitals and medical shops became unreachable. "This disruption of supplies and services essential to the life of the community squarely falls within the ambit of terrorist act."

"In the present case, acts were done to threaten the unity of India. to strike terror in the people. It is also established that funds have been raised for the aforesaid purpose with clear and unequivocal knowledge of the end use of the same. Thus, clearly the offences punishable under the provisions of Sections 13, 15 to 18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 have been committed," the police emphasized.

The charge sheet, running into 930 pages, has been filed under relevant sections of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, sections of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act and Prevention of Damage to Public Properties Act

### Over 88% Indians know at least one Covid infected person

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 25: With over nine million coronavirus cases in India, 88 per cent citizens now have one or more contacts in their social network who have had the viral disease, a survey revealed Wednesday.

India's caseload went past 92 lakh with 44,376 new cases reported in a day, while the number of recoveries surged to 86.42 lakh, according to the Union Health Ministry data. To understand the extent of

spread bottoms up, LocalCircles

conducted a survey which received

Of this, 66 per cent respondents were men while 34 per cent respondents were women. It received 58 per cent responses from tier 1, 23 per cent from tier 2, and 18 per cent were from tier 3, 4 and rural more than 9,000 responses from districts. The survey asked, "How

has Covid-19 impacted your social network (family, extended family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, business associates, etc.), including yourself in the last 8 months?" responses from 9,171 citizens were received. Of which, 28 per cent said they know 5-10 individuals, 26 per

cent said they know 1-4 individuals, 19 per cent said they know more than 20 individuals, 13 per cent said they know 11-20 individuals in their network who have had Covid-19. Notably, 88 per cent citizens now have one or more contacts in their social network who have had Covid-19. In a similar survey published in September, the percentage stood at 77 per cent, and 31 per cent and seven per cent in July and May respective surveys.

The comparative results per these surveys indicate that in seven months there has been over 12 times jump in the number of people with Covid-19 cases in their social network. After comparing the

Covid-19. With 88 per cent citizens saying that they have one or more individuals in their network, it confirms that Covid-19 continues to penetrate social networks of people at a fast pace. LocalCircles also observed an increase in citizen posts suggesting that Covid-19 cases are continuing to increase, but many people are refraining from re-

latest results of November with a

similar survey published in

September, there has been a 29 per

cent rise in the number of citizens

reporting five or more individuals

in their social network who have had

porting their symptoms and getting tested.





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**Nobody becomes** Maharashtra-drohi iust because someone calls that person so. When allegations of corruption are levelled against them, they call that person a Maharashtra- drohi **DEVENDRA FADNAVIS** | SENIOR BJP LEADER

#### **KERALA CM'S CLOSE AIDE IN HOSPITAL**

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's close aide CM Ravindran was admitted to the staterun Medical College Hospital Wednesday afternoon, a couple of hours after the ED directed him to appear before agency officials at its Kochi office Friday for questioning in the gold smuggling case





wedding season begins from today, my appeal to all is to comply with rules and regulations put

in place to contain the spread of COVID-19 infection. All must wear a mask, keep social distancing and not exceed the number of guests allowed in a function

ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

As the world raises to find a cure and vaccine for Covid-19, India is looking to be self-reliant in

both - vaccine and its mass production. Called as the pharmacy of the world, India has the largest capacity to produce Covid-19 vaccines

HARSH VARDHAN UNION HEALTH MINISTER

Hyderabad is the growth of engine of India. It is attracting investment of billions of rupees in

information

technology and pharmaceutical sector. Amazon and Microsoft have set up their second biggest global centres in Hyderabad. Youth belonging to all communities are

ASADUDDIN OWAISI | AIMIM CHIEF

#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### **Central team visits** 5 Assam districts

Guwahati: A high level interministerial Central team visited five Assam districts for an on-the-spot assessment of the damages due to flood and landslide this year. After its three-day visit which ended Wednesday, the team headed by Additional Secretary (Mitigation), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Sandeep Poundrik, held discussions with senior state government officials here, a press release said. The team, comprising seven members from different ministries of the central government, discussed about the damages and loss of livelihood and property in Nagaon and Hojai districts.

#### **Woman raped** for 14 days

Kota (Raj): A 20-year-old woman has accused a man of abducting and raping her for 14 days while keeping her in his captivity in a jungle near Mandana town of Kota district, police said Wednesday. In her complaint lodged at the Anta police station in neighbouring Baran district, the woman said she was able to approach the police after her father managed to rescue her from the 22-year-old man's captivity November 22.

#### **Avalanche warning** issued in J&K

Srinagar: An avalanche warning was issued in 12 districts of Jammu and Kashmir Wednesday in view of heavy snowfall in the higher reaches of the Union Territory (UT) in the last three days, officials said here. A 'medium danger avalanche warning has been issued for the higher reaches of Kishtwar, Kupwara and Bandipora districts, they said. The officials added that a 'low danger' warning was issued for the higher reaches of Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, Anantnag, Kulgam, Baramulla, Ganderbal and Leh districts of the UT.

#### 10 pistols seized

New Delhi: Delhi Police Special Cell has busted an interstate gunrunners' racket by arresting two gang members and seizing 10 sophisticated pistols from them, a senior police officer said Wednesday.

#### Vijay Kumar Sinha new Speaker of Bihar assembly

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, Nov 25: The ruling NDA in Bihar Wednesday emerged victorious in the first trial of strength in the newly constituted assembly where its candidate Vijay Kumar Sinha got elected as the Speaker by a majority vote.

Sinha, a senior BJP leader, was declared elected by Pro-Tem Speaker Jitan Ram Manjhi who told the House that the NDA candidate got 126 votes against 114 polled by Awadh Bihari Chaudhary who was fielded by the opposition Grand Alliance.

In the 243-member assembly, the lone BSP MLA did not take part in the voting, so is pro-tem Speaker Manjhi and probably one among the opposition coalition allies absented.

The only Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) legislator sided with the NDA. Hyderbabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi headed AIMIM's five MLAs voted against the BJP nominee.

The election took place amid rumpus by a petulant opposition which demanded that voting be conducted by secret ballot and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his cabinet colleagues who were not members of the assembly be asked to leave the House.

The demands were turned down by the Chair, evoking vociferous protests by the opposition, which forced adjournment of the House for about five minutes, a development which was frowned upon by the treasury benches which observed that such obstructions during the election of the Speaker were unheard of.

Proceedings of the day began with swearing in of four MLAs who could not take oath in the last couple of days.

# Over 1L evacuated from TN, Pondy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 25: Over one lakh people have been evacuated from the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry in order to "tide over the worst challenge" put up by Cyclone Nivar that is expected to make a landfall in the early hours of Thursday, the NDRF chief said Wednesday.

The National Disaster Response Force has earmarked a total of 50 teams -- with 30 being deployed on the ground in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh - in view of the cyclone moving ahead from the Bay of Bengal towards the coastal areas. Twenty teams have been kept on

standby at Vijaywada (Andhra Pradesh), Cuttack (Odisha) and Thrissur (Kerala). S N Pradhan, the director general of the federal disaster response force, said all preparations have been done to tide over the worst challenge that

is put up by the cyclone". "As per reports last received, the cyclone may make a landfall a little later than earlier predicted and it could be after 2-3 am Thursday or November 26," Pradhan said in a recorded audio-visual message. The speed is going to be that of a very severe cyclonic storm which is 130-145 kms per hour with gusting winds, he said. The landfall is expected to take place between Mamallapuram and Karaikal. "As per latest reports, more than one lakh people have been evacuated across Tamil Nadu and in Pondicherry about 1,000-2,000 people have been evacuated by the local authorities and the NDRF," he said. He said there is "perfect coordination" between the state and central authorities which are monitoring the cyclone and the force is prepared with equipments like cutters and boats to help rescue those trapped and ensure resumption of normal life. "A total

### **CYCLONE NIVAR**



of 25 NDRF teams are deployed on the likely affected coastal areas of Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andhra Pradesh after consultation with state authorities. "Out of these, 15 teams have been deployed in costal districts of Tamil Nadu. Six have been positioned at Cuddalore, three at Viluppuram, two teams each at Chennai and Chengalpattu, while one team each at Mayiladuthurai and Nagapattinam districts," an NDRF spokesperson said.

Besides, three teams are deployed at Pondicherry and one team at Karaikal, he said.

Three NDRF teams have been deployed at Nellore district and one team at Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, the spokesperson said.

Sensing severity of the situation, five additional NDRF teams have also been kept on alert at Vijayawada and two teams at Vishakhapatnam for immediate

Maha exempts flight crew

from nCoV negative report

### **FLYING TOGETHER**



Migratory seagulls on the banks of Ganga river, in Prayagraj, Wednesday

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Nov 25: The Maharashtra government on Wednesday exempted on-duty cockpit and cabin crew members of all airlines from the mandatory RT-PCR test across airports in the state.

The exemption, however, will be subjected to following all necessary COVID-related protocols by the respective airlines, Maharashtra Chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar said in an order. The exemption was granted after the state government received a request from the national carrier Air India in this regard, the order stated.

In its revised standard operating procedures on preventive measures to check the spread of COVID-19 in the state, issued on November 23, the state government made it mandatory for all persons seeking to enter the state from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa to carry RT-PCR negative reports amid the rising number of cases in these states.

However, as per the guidelines of the state, COVID RT-PCR (Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction) has been made compulsory for all persons arriving at the airport, which leads to delay in scheduling in flights, it said.

**NIGHT CURFEW** 

IN PUNJAB FROM

Chandigarh, Nov 25: The Punjab

government Wednesday decided

to reimpose night curfew from

December 1 in all cities and towns

of the state, besides doubling the

The fresh restrictions to fight

COVID-19 were announced amid

fears of a second wave of the in-

fection in Puniab in the wake of the

The night curfew will remain in

force from 10 pm to 5 am, said

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder

Singh after a Covid review meet-

grim situation in Delhi-NCR.

fine for not wearing masks

**DECEMBER 1** 

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

### LV Bank will cease to exist from Nov 27

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai. Nov 25: From November 27, the 94-year-old Karur-headquartered Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) will cease to exist officially and be amalgamated with DBS Bank India Ltd, a subsidiary of DBS Bank, Singapore.

The Central government Wednesday notified in the official gazette that the Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited (Amalgamation with DBS Bank India Limited) Scheme, 2020 will come into force November 27. As announced earlier by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its draft scheme of amalgamation, the Centre has notified: "On and from the appointed date, the entire amount of the paid-up share capital and reserves and surplus, including the balances in the shares or securities premium account of the transferor bank, shall stand written off."

"On and from the appointed date (November 27, 2020), the transferor bank shall cease to exist by operation of this scheme, and its shares or debentures listed in any stock ex-

change shall stand delisted without any further action from the transferor bank, transferee bank or order from any authority" the notification states. As per the amalgamation scheme, all the employees of the LVB shall continue in service and be deemed to have been appointed in DBS Bank India at the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions of service, as were applicable to such employees immediately before the close of business November 17 the day when the LVB board was superseded and an administrator was appointed.

The notified scheme also enables DBS Bank India to discontinue the services of the key managerial personnel of the LVB after following the due procedure at any time after November 27, as it deems necessary, and providing them compensation as per the terms of their employment. As per the notified scheme, DBS Bank India has the option of merging the 563 branches of LVB according to its convenience or close down or shift as per the instructions issued by the RBI.

## CENTRE LAUNCHES PORTAL FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 25: A national portal to help transgender community members in applying for a certificate and an identity card online was launched by Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot Wednesday.

Gehlot said applicants can get their I-cards without any physical interface and without having to visit any office.

Once the certificate and I-card are issued, the applicant can download them from the portal itself. In case of delay or rejection, the applicant has the option to submit grievances through the portal which are forwarded to the person concerned and will be resolved at the earliest, Gehlot said.

The issuing authorities through the dashboard provided to them can view the number of applications received, the applications approved and the applications which are pending or put on hold



so that they can take the required action from their end, the minister said. He hoped that the portal will help a lot of people from the community to come forward and get Transgender Certificate and identity cards as per their selfperceived identity which is an important provision of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

Gehlot also e-inaugurated a 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in

Vadodara which will be run in

association with Lakshya Trust The scheme of 'Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' includes shelter facility, food, clothing, recreational facilities, skill development opportunities, yoga, meditation/prayers, physical fitness, library facilities, legal support, technical advise for gender transition and surgeries, capacity building of trans-friendly organisations, employment and skillbuilding support, etc.

#### ing here, according to a government statement. The fine for not wearing masks and ignoring social distancing norms too shall be hiked from the

present Rs 500 to Rs 1.000.

The curbs, which shall be reviewed on December 15, also curtail operation timings of hotels, restaurants and marriage places and they will have to be closed by 9.30 pm. The CM warned people against letting their guard down under any circumstances



Given the inflow of patients from Delhi for treatment in Punjab, it has also been decided to review

and optimise the availability of

beds in the state's private hospitals.

The CM has asked Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan to work with the concerned departments to encourage more private hospitals to come on board and earmark beds for Covid care. To further strengthen the availability of oxygen and ICU beds, Singh also ordered the strengthening of the level-2 and level-3 hospitals, with constant monitoring of districts that are not equipped with level-3 facilities. The management practices in government medical colleges and hospitals and civil hospitals should also be examined in light of the recommendations of the report received from the expert group, he said.

# 26/11 case: 50 per cent justice done, Pak yet to act

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Nov 25: As India solemnly marks the 12th anniversary of the dastardly terror strikes by 10-heavilv armed Pakistani mercenaries November 26, 2008, full justice eludes the victims of attacks even today.

cerned, India has done full justice in the matter... But that is not enough. We want full justice by trying and booking the prime perpetrators who are presently in Pakistan," said Special Public Prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam.

The celeb lawyer, who guided the high-profile case that grabbed global attention, pointed out that the main conspirators and planners like Lashkar-e-Taiba commanders Hafiz Saeed and Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi are still at large despite being the accused in India.

Significantly, last fortnight, India formally demanded that Pakistan discard its "obfuscation and dilatory tactics in discharging its interna-



tional obligations" in the 26/11 attacks trial.

MEA Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said even other countries have called upon Pakistan to expeditiously bring the perpetrators of the attacks to justice. "It is a matter of serious concern that, despite its own public acknowledgment as well as the availability of all necessary evidence, including that

shared by India, Pakistan is yet to show sincerity in delivering justice to the families of 166 victims from 15 countries across the globe, even as we near the 12th anniversary of 26/11 attacks," Srivastava pointed out. Concurring, Nikam said that while "50 per cent of justice has been done" in the case from the Indian side. "but Pakistan has yet to act and fulfil the remaining half" to ensure complete justice to the 166 victims, who included many foreigners, besides the injured.

He said India has provided voluminous evidence provided not only about Kasab but also about David Coleman Headley disclosing close links between the LeT and Pakistan's ISI, besides "documentary evidence of email exchanges between them (LeT-ISI)".

took 59-year old Headley's evidence by video-conference in Feb. 2018 and it was Pakistan's turn to record his evidence, or accept the tangible proof provided by India, he added.

Nikam said India has repeatedly asked Pakistan to expedite the 26/11 trial on the perpetrators on its soil. examine the Indian witnesses via video-conference, or send a judicial commission to India to record their statements, but there is no movement so far.

India went a step further and arrested the dreaded terrorist Syed Zabiuddin Ansari alias Abu Jindal,

who manned the LeT terror control room in Karachi and guided the 10 terrorists during carrying out the mayhem in Mumbai from the night of Nov.26, 2008, till the end.

"Abu Jindal has confessed to his role during the actual terror attacks, his links with the LeT masterminds like Lakhvi and other agencies... Unfortunately, despite all this, things have not progressed much on the Pakistan side to do full justice," rued Nikam.

Currently, Abu Jindal - who was nabbed at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on June 25, 2012 - is undergoing trial in a Mumbai Special Court - making it the only case linked to the 26/11 incident pending final disposal.

The positive outcome is that post-26/11, there has not been a single terror strike in Maharashtra, even as Indian central and state security agencies boosted infrastructure and built up muscles during the period to tackle any eventuality in future.

### "As far as the attackers are con-As per the 'plea bargain', India

# international



If Iran and the US could find a path back to "the situation on Jan 20, 2017," **President Donald Trump's** inauguration day, "it could be a huge solution for many issues and problems"

HASSAN ROUHANI | IRAN'S PRESIDENT

#### **OBAMA MEMOIR SELLS RECORD 1.7 MN COPIES**

Former President Barack Obama's "A Promised Land" sold more than 1.7 million copies in North America in its first week



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#### **SHORT TAKES**

#### 7 migrants die

Madrid: At least seven people died after a migrant boat carrying more than 30 people hit rocks close to a small port on the Canary Island of Lanzarote, Spanish rescue services said Wednesday. The boat was one of 12 intercepted in the islands' waters overnight. Some 300 people were rescued in the other boats but one died later. The Canary Islands emergency service said the Lanzarote boat crashed into pier rocks and overturned in the Orzola area on the north of the island late Tuesday. Video images showed rescue workers pulling young men in T-shirts from the water in the dark and other migrants sitting on the rocks.

#### Nine killed

Cairo: A head-on collision between a bus and a truck in Sudan's West Kordofan province killed at least nine people and injured more than three dozen others, the country's state-run news agency reported Wednesday. Sudan's SUNA news agency said that the crash took place Tuesday night on a highway near the town of Abu Zabad, more than 600 kilometers (370 miles) south of the capital, Khartoum. The report said the bus carried oil company employees while street vendors had boarded the truck.

#### Six injured

Kandahar: At least six policemen were wounded in a suicide attack in the southern province of Kandahar Wednesday morning, Afghanistan Interior Ministry said in a statement. The incident happened in Aino Mina Township in PD11 of the city Kandahar when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive-laden vehicle, the statement said. TOLO news reported. Local officials said the incident happened close to a security checkpoint. So far, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast.

#### **55** soldiers **COVID** positive

Seoul: Fifty-five newly enlisted South Korean soldiers tested positive for the new coronavirus at an Army boot camp in the central border town of Yeoncheon, the defence ministry said Wednesday. They underwent virus tests after one of their colleagues showed symptoms and tested positive, even though he tested negative in an initial test taken upon his entrance into the camp, according to the ministry, Yonhap news agency reported. They all joined the military on November 10. The figure is feared to grow, as the authorities are conducting tests for around

1,000 new enlistees.

# **US READY TO LEAD THE WORLD: BIDEN**

Washington, Nov 25: Declaring "America is back," President-elect Joe Biden has introduced his key national security and foreign policy officials and said the incoming administration is ready to lead the world and once again sit at the head of the table

Signaling a sharp shift from outgoing Republican President Donald Trump's "America First" policy over the last four years, Biden said America is "ready to confront our adversaries, not reject our allies. And ready to stand up for our values."

Speaking from his transition center in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, Biden, a Democrat, introduced his six top officials and highlighted the need to rebuild alliances, as well as tackling the coronavirus pandemic and climate change. World leaders, he said, were "looking forward to the United States reasserting its historic role as a global leader over the Pacific, as well as the Atlantic, all across the world."

Biden's nominees and appointees,



including Antony Blinken for secretary of state and former secretary of state John Kerry to a new position as special presidential envoy for climate, spoke for the first time since being announced on Monday by the transition team, and many of them offered implicit rebukes of President Trump and his isolationist and "America First" worldview."The team meets this moment.

this team behind me," Biden said. "They embody my core belief that America is strongest when it works with its allies," he said. "That's how we truly keep America safe without engaging in needless military conflicts, and our adversaries in check and terrorists at bay," he said.

"And it's a team that reflects the fact that America is back, ready to lead the world, not retreat from it. Once again, sit at the head of the table," the 78-year-old, who is scheduled to be inaugurated on January 20 as the 46th US President despite incumbent Trump not conceding, said. Biden said, "America leads not only by the example of our power, but by the power of our

He said the officials he has picked "will not only repair, they

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#### Xi congratulates Biden

Beijing: President Xi Jinping Wednesday congratulated US President-elect Joe Biden on winning the presidential election, expressing hope that the two countries will uphold the spirit of non-confrontation and advance the healthy and stable development of bilateral ties, official media reported. President Xi sent a message to Biden to congratulate him on his election as US president, becoming one of the last major leaders to congratulate the Democratic presidential candidate. Promoting healthy and stable development of China-US relations not only serves the fundamental interests of the people in both countries, but also meets the common expectation of the international community, Xi said in his message, according to state-run Xinhua news agency.

will reimagine American foreign policy and national security for the next generation.

### App ban order violates WTO rules, says China

India Tuesday blocked 43 more Chinese mobile apps, including Alibaba Group Holding's e-commerce app AliExpress, in a fresh wave of web sanctions amid its border standoff with China



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Beijing, Nov 25: China Wednesday said it was firmly opposed to India's decision to block 43 more Chinese apps on national security grounds, claiming the move violated WTO

India Tuesday blocked 43 more Chinese mobile apps, including Alibaba Group Holding's e-commerce app AliExpress, in a fresh wave of web sanctions amid its border standoff with China.

The banned applications, which include a few dating apps, were a threat to the "sovereignty and integrity of India", an official statement said in New Delhi. The Ministry of Electronics and IT issued the order for blocking the access of these apps by users in India based on the comprehensive reports received from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center. Ministry of Home Affairs, the release said.

Earlier on June 29 this year, the government had blocked access to 59 mobile apps and on September 2. another 118 apps were banned under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act. The ban had come in the backdrop of border tensions with China in eastern Ladakh since Mav. Asked for his reaction to the lat-

est ban on Chinese apps by India, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here China expresses serious concern over India's move. "Since June this year four times India has imposed restrictions on smart phone apps that have Chinese backgrounds under the pretext of national security," he said.

"This behaviour violates market principles and World Trade Organisation rules, severely undermines the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies. China firmly rejects it," the spokesman said.

Zhao said Chinese government always asks its companies to abide by international rules and local laws and regulations when doing business overseas. "Following the market principles, the Indian government has the responsibility to protect their lawful rights and interests of international investors, including Chinese companies", he said. He said the nature of China India economic and trade cooperation is mutually beneficial.

"We urge the Indian side to immediately correct its discriminatory behaviour and avoid further damage to bilateral cooperation,

#### NZ MP takes oath in Sanskrit

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Melbourne, Nov 25: Dr Gaurav Sharma, one of the youngest and newly-elected MPs in New Zealand, Wednesday took oath in Sanskrit in the country's Parliament.

Sharma, 33, hailing from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur, was recently elected as the Member of Parliament from the Labour Party for Hamilton West in New Zealand

India's High Commissioner to New Zealand and Samoa, Muktesh Pardeshi said on Twitter that Sharma took oath first in "New Zealand's indigenous Maori language, followed by India's classical language - Sanskrit, showing deep respect for cultural traditions of both India and New Zealand.'

Sharma, who did his MBBS from Auckland and MBA from Washington, is working as a General Practitioner (GP) in Nawton, Hamilton. He has previously been involved in public health, policy, medicine and consulting in New Zealand, Spain, the US, Nepal, Vietnam, Mongolia, Switzerland and India

#### **Indonesia Cabinet** minister arrested

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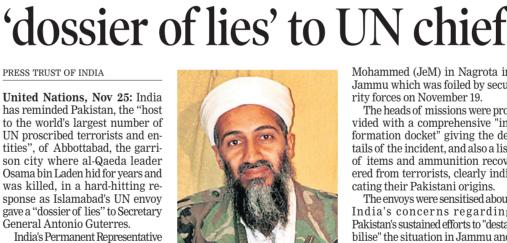
Jakarta, Nov 25: Indonesia's anticorruption commission said it arrested the country's fisheries minister Wednesday amid an investigation into exports of lobster larvae.

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Minister Edhy Prabowo was arrested upon arrival at the Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta international airport from a working visit to the United States, the deputy chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission, Nurul Ghufron, said.

'The arrest is related to lobster seed exports," Ghufron said without elaborating in comments aired on the station.

He said investigators were still questioning Prabowo and another announcement would be made later Wednesday

Prabowo earlier this year rolled back a ban on lobster larvae exports put in place by his predecessor.



Protesters flash the three-finger protest gesture during a rally Wednesday, in Bangkok Thailand. Thai authorities have

escalated their legal battle against the students leading pro-democracy protests, charging 12 of them with violating

India derides Pakistan's

alleged India was promoting ter-

rorism in the country. In his stinging tweet, Tirumurti made a reference to the Pakistani garrison city of Abbottabad, where bin Laden was hiding for years and was killed in an operation by the US

Navy Seals in May, 2011. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla Monday briefed top envoys of key nations, including the US, Russia, France and Japan on the planned terror attack by Pakistanbased terrorist group Jaish-e-

Mohammed (JeM) in Nagrota in Jammu which was foiled by security forces on November 19.

The heads of missions were provided with a comprehensive "information docket" giving the details of the incident, and also a list of items and ammunition recovered from terrorists, clearly indicating their Pakistani origins.

The envoys were sensitised about India's concerns regarding Pakistan's sustained efforts to "destabilise" the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and to "subvert" upcoming local elections and democracy

in the union territory, sources said. Four suspected JeM terrorists, who were hiding in a truck, were killed by security forces near Nagrota in an encounter on Thursday morning after which the government asserted that a major terror attack was foiled by the Indian security forces. India is all set to join the powerful UN Security Council as a non-permanent member for a two-year term beginning

### Meghan Markle says she had miscarriage

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London, Nov 25: Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex. has written about her and husband Prince Harry's "unbearable grief" after she suffered a miscarriage in July.

The 39-year-old American actress, who has been living in California with Prince Harry and her one-and-a-half-year old son Archie since the couple stepped back as Britain's frontline royals, wrote in 'The New York Times' about losing her second child while holding her firstborn

"It was a July morning that began as ordinarily as any other day: Make breakfast. Feed the dogs. Take vitamins. Find that missing sock. Pick up the rogue crayon that rolled under the table. Throw my hair in a ponytail before getting my son from his crib," writes Markle.

"After changing his diaper, I felt a sharp cramp. I dropped to the floor with him in my arms, humming a lullaby to keep us both calm, the cheerful tune a stark contrast to my sense that something was not right. I knew, as I clutched my firstborn child, that I was losing my second," she said.

The Duchess went to the hospital with Prince Harry, Queen Elizabeth II's grandson, where she recalls watching her "husband's heart break" as she held his hand. "Hours later, I lay in a hospital bed, holding my hus-



band's hand. I felt the clamminess of his palm and kissed his knuckles, wet from both our tears. Staring at the cold white walls, my eyes glazed over. I tried to imagine how we'd heal," she writes.

She adds: "In the pain of our loss, my husband and I discovered that in a room of 100 women, 10 to 20 of them will have suffered from miscarriage. "Yet despite the staggering commonality of this pain, the conversation remains taboo, riddled with (unwarranted) shame, and perpetuating a cycle of

solitary mourning. The article is titled 'The Losses We Share', in which the royal goes on to talk about the importance of asking people if they are OK. A source close to Markle confirmed that she is currently in good health. The couple took time to process what happened in July and, having come to appreciate how common miscarriage is, they wanted to talk about it publicly, the source added

### from the Pakistan government that 4,400 species globally facing threats from changes in wildfires

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Melbourne, Nov 25: Changes in fire activity are putting at risk more than 4.400 species across the globe, according to a new study which calls for people and governments to act and confront the diverse human-driven changes to the environment.

The research, published in the journal Science, found that the species categorised as threatened by an increase in fire frequency or intensity, include the orangutan in Indonesia, and the bird species mallee emu-wren in Australia.

"Those species include 19 per cent of birds, 16 per cent of mam-

mals, 17 per cent of dragonflies and 19 per cent of legumes that are classified as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable, said lead author. Luke Kelly from the University of Melbourne in Australia."That's a massive number of plants and animals facing threats associated with fire," Kelly said.

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General Antonio Guterres.

to the UN, Ambassador T S

Tirumurti on Tuesday tweeted that

the "dossier of lies presented by

Pakistan enjoys zero credibil-

ity"."Concocting documents and

peddling false narratives is not new

to Pakistan, host to the world's

largest number of UN proscribed

terrorists and entities. Remember

The Indian Ambassador's tweet

was in response to Islamabad's UN

envoy Munir Akram meeting

Guterres to hand over the dossier

Abbottabad!" he said.

According to the researchers, the recent fires have burned ecosystems where wildfire has historically been rare or absent, from the tropical forests of Queensland, Southeast Asia, and South America to the tundra of the Arctic Circle.

'Very large and severe fires have also been observed in areas with a long history of recurrent fire, and



this is consistent with observations of longer fire seasons and predictions of increased wildfire activity in the forests and shrub lands

of Australia, southern Europe and the western US," Kelly said.

While frequent fires are an important part of African savanna

ecosystems, the scientists said less fire activity in these parts of the world can lead to shrub encroachment, which can displace wild herbivores such as wildebeest that prefer open areas.

"Understanding what's causing changes in different places helps us to find effective solutions that benefit people and nature," Kelly said. The scientists identified three main groups of human drivers as transforming fire activity and its impacts of biodiversity - global climate change, land-use and biotic invasions. They urged people and governments around the world to act and confront the diverse changes to the environment that are occurring. "It really is time for new, bolder conservation initiatives. Emerging actions include largescale habitat restoration, re-introductions of mammals that reduce fuels, creation of low-flammability green spaces and letting bushfires burn under the right conditions," Kelly said.

"Our research highlights the magnitude of the challenge fire poses to animals, plants and people, given worsening climatic conditions - a conclusion echoed in the recent Royal Commission report into last summer's fires," said Michael Clarke, another co-author of the study from La Trobe University in Australia.



# business



In H1 2020, the role of IT services vendors gained higher prominence, as organisations increasingly approached them to help ensure business continuity by putting in place various technologies, solutions, best practices and frameworks GARIMA GOENKA | MARKET ANALYST

#### **INVESTOR WEALTH TANKS ₹2.24 L CR**

Investors' wealth declined by ₹2,24,978.33 crore Wednesday as equity markets tumbled from record highs on profitbooking. Snapping a three-session winning streak, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 694.92 points or 1.56% lower at 43,828.10.





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pre-COVID times, we have in fact seen a 150% increase in transaction volume per customer

RAJAN BAJAJ | CEO AND FOUNDER, SLICE

government's Affordable Rental Housing Complex scheme for migrants, which was launched few

months ago, has been progressing

well and the programme has the potential to stop creation of slums

**DURGA SHANKER MISHRA** HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS SECRETARY

#### SHORT TAKES

#### Banking ops to be hit today

Chennai: Banking operations will be affected across the country Thursday with about 4.5 lakh bank employees joining the nationwide strike called by the central trade unions, said a top official of the All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA). The strike was called to protest against the "anti-people policies" of the Central government.

#### SIDBI inks MoU with TN govt

Chennai: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Wednesday said it has signed a MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to develop micro, small and medium enterprises eco system in the state. As per the MoU, SIDBI would deploy a project management unit for training and capacity-building programmes in areas like technology transfer, intellectual property rights and research and development, among others.

#### 'Thar gets 4-star safety rating'

New Delhi: Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Wednesday said the all new version of Thar has received four-star rating from vehicle safety group Global NCAP. Vehicles are rated from zero to five based on their safety features, and automobiles with higher rating are considered more safe for occupants. The Thar has set a new benchmark in safety with highest ever rating for a body-on-frame SUV tested by Global NCAP so far, M&M said in a statement.

#### MoU between ICAI, VRC approved

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Netherlands-based Vereniging van Register controllers (VRC). The MoU would help in strengthening and development of accounting. financial and audit knowledge base between the Netherlands and India, according to an official release. "The engagement between the premier institutes of both the countries would help to generate greater employment opportunities for Indian chartered accountants and also greater remittances back to India," it added.

#### **RIDING ON VACCINE HOPES**

# Economy to escape recession early 2021: Poll

Bangalore, Nov 25: India's economy is expected to recover early next year from recession, but at a modest pace, according to a majority of economists in a Reuters poll who said their upgraded growth predictions were based on the progress of COVID-19 vaccines.

The recent vaccine news has boosted Indian stocks to repeated record highs and fueled hopes of a pick-up in economic activity. That, coupled with festive-led demand, has lifted optimism amongst economists over the past month.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents, 26 of 40, to an additional question said their growth views - which have been raised from a month ago were based on that vaccine

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New Delhi, Nov 25: India's crude

steel output increased marginally

by 0.9% to 9.058 million tonne (MT)

in October 2020, according to World

Steel Association (worldsteel). The

country had produced 8.981 MT

crude steel during the same month

last year, the global industry body

64 countries reporting to world-

steel was 161.890 MT in October

2020, a 7% increase compared to

presented by the COVID-19 pan-

demic, many of this month's figures

are estimates that may be revised

with next month's production up-

China registered a 12.7% y-o-y

growth in steel output to 92.202 MT

during October 2020, compared to

81.781 MT in the same period last

MT of crude steel in October 2020,

down 15.3% from 7.250 MT.

8.150 MT a year ago.

The US production stood at 6.143

Japan's output slipped 11.7 per

South Korea's steel production fell

cent to 7.200 MT of crude steel from

According to the worldsteel data,

"Due to the ongoing difficulties

151.248 MT in October 2019.

date," worldsteel said.

"Crude steel production for the

said in its latest report.

covery to strengthen...helped by continued normalisation in economic activity as incoming COVID-19 data remain benign and do not require large-scale shut-downs.' said Upasana Chachra, chief India economist at Morgan Stanley.

'We also assume vaccine availability in Q1 2021 would help reduce the tail risks and accelerate the pace of opening up of the The November 18-25 poll of nearly

50 economists showed the economy would contract in the July-Sept and Oct-Dec quarters by 8.8% and 3%, respectively, but less than the -10.4% and -5% predicted last month.

The median expectation for the July-Sept quarter was an upgrade for the first time since polling began

**Crude steel output rises** 

0.9% in Oct: worldsteel

**Crude steel production** 

reporting to worldsteel

1.8% to 5.859 MT for the month

under review, as compared to 5.964

MT in the year-ago period.

for the 64 countries

was 161.890 MT in

October 2020, a 7%

increase compared

to 151.248 MT in

October 2019



for the period in April 2019.

While the economy was expected to return to growth, expanding 0.5% in the Jan-March quarter and come out of recession, the consensus of -8.7% for the current fiscal year would still mark the first full year of contraction in four decades.

The economy was then forecast to expand 9% and 5.8% in the next

Germany's crude steel output

Italy's crude steel production

France produced 1.065 MT of

crude steel in October 2020, 9.9%

lower from the year-ago period.

Spain's steel production stood at

crude steel in October 2020, up by

3.5% from October 2019. Turkey's

crude steel production for October

2020 was at 3.208 MT, up 19.4% from

October 2019," worldsteel said.

Brazil produced 2.784 MT of

1.113 MT, a fall of 7.7% y-o-y.

rose 3.1% to 3.417 MT as against

was 2.119 MT in October 2020, down

4.6% from 2.222 MT a year ago.

3.315 MT.

fiscal year and 2022/23, respectively, but it was not expected to return to pre-COVID-19 levels any time soon.

That is in stark contrast to stock market strategists polled expect growth by Reuters this recovery to week, strengthen...helped by overwhelmcontinued normalisation in ingly expect economic activity as company incoming COVID-19 data earnings to remain benign and do not recover require large-scale shutwithin the downs next year. But the recovery still UPASANA CHACHRA I CHIEF

INDIA ECONOMIST, MORGAN faces several downside risks, in cluding the availability

and the distribution of vaccines to over 1.3 billion people in the

A resurgence in coronavirus cases in some parts of the country has led to renewed lockdowns, which is likely to further

> damage the ongoing supply-side disruptions such as transport, increasing the risk of high inflation for a prolonged period.

> > flation, which has remained above 4% - the middlepoint of the Reserve Bank of India's target range of

Indeed, retail in-

than a year, was expected to average above the upper-end of that

#### LIVINGUARD TO **LAUNCH COVID PROTECTIVE MASKS**



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: Livinguard AG, the globally renowned hygiene brand, has partnered with former captain of the Indian cricket team Sourav Ganguly, who as its brand ambassador will promote the use of face masks and gloves amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Through this association, Livinguard will also be launching a limited edition autographed 'Sourav Ganguly street mask' at the end of this month.

The announcement of Souray Ganguly's association took place via a virtual press conference in the presence of Sanjeev Swamy, Founder, Inventor & CEO, Livinguard AG, Victoria Banaszak, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Livinguard AG and Ankit Mittal, Director & Senior Vice President (Sales) at Livinguard, Asia.

Swamy said, "Freie Universität Berlin and The Department of Environmental Science at the University of Arizona, scientifically confirm our technology's antiviral properties. These third-party researchers confirmed masks treated with Livinguard technology kill greater than 99.9% of SARS-CoV-2, and many other common viruses.

These limited edition masks treated with the Livinguard technology have been proven to destroy 99.9% of bacteria and viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

# Cabinet approves ₹6,000cr infusion in NIIF debt platform

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, November 12 had proposed the move under the 12 key measures made as part of the government's stimulus to the economy

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 25: The Central government will infuse equity of ₹6,000 crore into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Debt Platform, subiect to certain conditions, the Union Cabinet decided Wednesday. The platform comprises of Aseem Infrastructure Finance Ltd (AIFL) and NIIF Infrastructure Finance Ltd (NIIF-IFL).

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, November 12, had proposed the move under the 12 key measures made as part of the government's stimulus to the economy, under 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0'

According to an official communique, the infusion will take place subject to certain conditions.

"That only ₹2,000 crore would be allocated during the current year 2020-21. However, in view of the unprecedented financial situation and availability of limited fiscal

SHIVA CEMENT TO INVEST



19, the proposed amount may be disbursed only if there is readiness and demand for debt raising," it said.

"NIIF will take all necessary steps to use the equity investments from domestic and global pension funds and sovereign wealth funds expeditiously." The ₹6,000 crore will be invested

as equity in the 'NIIF Debt Platform' over two financial years, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The 'Debt Platform' comprising an 'NBFC Infra Debt Fund' and an 'NBFC Infra Finance Company was set up by NIIF Strategic Opportunities Fund.

### 50% tech startups expect pre-Covid level rev in 6 months



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 25: Indian tech

startups are now witnessing a

gradual road to recovery, with

over 50% of them saying that they

expect revenue to reach pre-Covid

level in less than six months, ac-

### Govt approves ₹2,480cr FDI by ATC Asia Pacific

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ment Wednesday approved ATC Asia Pacific buying about 12% stake in ATC Telecom Infrastructure for  $\rat{2,480}$ crore. With the approval from the Cabinet Committee on **Economic Affairs** (CCEA), the cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) of ATC Asia Pacific into ATC Telecom Infrastructure (ATC India) would be ₹5,417.2 crore.

New Delhi, Nov 25: The govern-

Briefing reporters after a meeting of the Cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the investment underlines the growing confidence of investors in India's telecom sec-

tor and its infrastructure.

'Today, CCEA allowed FDI by ATC Asia Pacific Ltd to the tune of ₹2,480 crore, for purchasing 12 per cent stock of ATC Telecom,' Javadekar said.

> This also shows that global community sees India as a robust market with strong growth, he added.

Telecom ATCInfrastructure is engaged in the business of provid-

ing telecom infrastructure services to operators. The company has existing FDI approval up to 86.36% and with this approval it would rise to 98.68%.

The inflow of foreign investment to India will spur economic growth, and foster innovation, an official release said.

# ₹1,500CR IN SUNDARGARH

Bhubaneswar, Nov 25: "Shiva Cement Limited will invest over ₹1,500 crore in a 1.36 million tonne clinker unit project to be established in Sundargarh district,

Odisha," said Parth Jindal, MD

POST NEWS NETWORK

of JSW Cement Ltd. During a webinar held Wednesday, Jindal said, "This project also includes setting up of a 1 MTPA grinding unit, 8 MW waste heat recovery power plant, 4 MTPA crushing plants at its Dolomite and Limestone mines, 10 km long overland belt conveyor to transport limestone from the mines to the manufacturing plant and own railway siding with 12 km long railway track upto Sagra station to ensure seamless transportation of finished



goods to the market. The project was approved during the company's board meeting held last month.'

It was said that the company will fund this investment through a combination of long-term debt and

Shiva Cement, a subsidiary of JSW Cement Ltd, has already received some of the Regulatory and statutory approvals and is on track to obtain other necessary clearances. "Once commissioned, this clinker unit will service JSW

Cement's manufacturing facilities across East Region and is expected to create around 500 direct & indirect job opportunities," the MD said.

It is expected that clinker unit will be commissioned by the end of next fiscal. The new clinker unit at Shiva Cement in Odisha will provide a strategic advantage to service the needs of customers in the region.

Shiva Cement's clinker project contracts have been awarded to Thyssenkrupp Industries India and Larsen & Toubro. Thyssenkrupp has been contracted to design and supply a new state of the art 4,000 tonnes per day capacity Clinkerization unit. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has been awarded the contract for Civil, Mechanical & Refractory erection work of the new clinker unit at Shiva Cement. cording to a Nasscom survey released Wednesday. Revenue acceleration and funding has improved the cash availability with startups, showed the findings of the "Nasscom Start-up

Pulse Survey II".

The IT industry body revisited its first tech startup pulse survey, conducted back in April-May 2020. to understand what the current perspectives are, what has changed and what the next six months look like for the tech start-up ecosystem in the country.

The results showed that 43% of tech start-ups now have a runway for more than six months, compared to eight per cent in the earlier survey. "The Indian startup ecosystem has set a global benchmark in remaining resilient during this disruptive year," Debjani Ghosh, President, Nasscom, said in a statement.

# 'Rising temperatures pose \$200bn risk to GDP by 2030'

THE HEAT FACTOR

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 25: Climate change poses a \$200 billion risk to the Indian GDP by 2030, as the rise in temperatures reduces the number of hours of outdoor work, a report said Wednesday.

This will be because the number of daylight hours during which outdoor work is unsafe will increase approximately 15% by 2030 as compared to the present levels, the report by McKinsey Global Institute

As of 2017, heat-exposed work contributes nearly half of the GDP, drives about 30% of GDP growth, and employs about 75% of the labour force or some 380 million people.

"...lost labour hours due to increasing heat and humidity could put approximately 2.5-4.5% of GDP at risk by 2030, equivalent to roughly \$150-250 billion," it estimated. Without targeted adaptation ac-

tion, around 160-200 million people in India could annually bear a 5% chance of being exposed to a lethal heat wave as early as 2030, it warned.

As a mitigation strategy, India will have to shift working hours for outdoor workers, undertake heat management efforts in the cities, and also consider movement of labour and capital out of highrisk areas, it said. Adaptation will be "particularly

challenging" for the urban poor,

who will likely require public sup-

port, it said, estimating that capital

costs of \$110 billion will be required

by 2030 to provide air-conditioning

alone. Apart from the heat impact

on the workforce, vagaries in the cli-

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mate can up the likelihood of a massive ten per cent reduction in yields on crops like rice, corn, wheat

"Indian agriculture may be hit not

and sov. it said.

only by lost hours from extreme heat and humidity but by potential yield declines as well," it said.

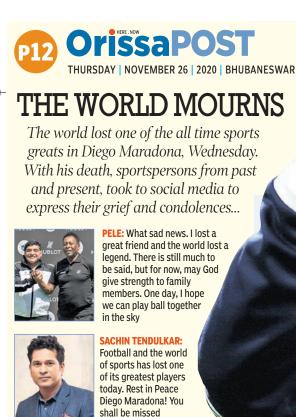
We examined the probability of a yield decline or improvement of greater than 10% for today, 2030, and 2050. We find that certain countries are more exposed than others because of their climatic conditions and composition of crops, with India being the most vulnerable," it said.

Climate risks will not necessarily reduce agricultural yields for some breadbaskets or crops, but they will likely increase production volatility and end up destabilizing farmers' incomes, it said, adding that while oversupply can affect through lower prices, undersupply can lead to food shortages and price spikes.

Its partner Suvojoy Sengupta said policies need to be designed to mitigate the impact of climate change and most of Indian response, barring a few exceptions, lacks the effort at present. Given the fact that India is building infrastructure projects like airports, roads and transmission lines, there is an "urgent need" to keep the likely impact of climate change in mind, he said.

Sengupta said given the changes in rainfall, with some years experiencing higher rainfall, already existing hydel power stations have started checking if the dams can hold the additional water and what is the risk posed to the structuresbecause of the higher volume of water they may need to be holding.





shall be missed GARY LINEKER: Reports from Argentina that Diego Armando Maradona has died. By some distance the best player of my generation and arguably the greatest of all time.

LY: My hero no more.. My mad genius rest in ce., I watched football for you

After a blessed but troubled life,

ort in the hands of God. RIP

hopefully he'll finally find some com-



(where Aaradona begar and ended his Argentina): Eternal Diego.







REUTERS

Buenos Aires, Nov 25: World football legend Diego Armando Maradona died Wednesday, less than a month post his 60th birthday, after suffering a heart attack at his home in the suburbs of Buenos Aires, those close to him confirmed.

Maradona had recently battled health issues and underwent emergency surgery for a subdural haematoma several weeks ago.

Argentine President Alberto Fernandez declared three days of national mourning after the news of Maradona's death.

He was worshipped like a god for his genius with the ball, but his demons almost destroyed him. Rising to stardom from a grimy Buenos Aires slum to lead Argentina to World Cup victory, Maradona was a rags-to-riches story in his soccermad homeland and gained the iconic status of fellow Argentines Che Guevara and Evita Peron.

One of the most gifted talents in the game's history, Maradona's pinnacle of glory came when he captained Argentina to win the World Cup in 1986 before plunging to misery when he was kicked out the 1994 World Cup for doping. Years of drug use, overeating and alcoholism

truncated a stellar career and altered his appearance from the lithe athlete who could slalom effortlessly through teams to a bloated addict who nearly died of cocaine-induced heart failure in 2000.

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But he reinvented himself in a stunning comeback in 2008 as coach of the Argentina team, persuading managers that with sheer charisma he could inspire the team to victory, despite a lack of coaching experience. A magician with the ball – deceptively quick and a visionary passer - Maradona is considered by some as the greatest footballer ever. edging out that other great, Brazil's Pele.

In Argentina, he was worshipped as 'El Dios' (The God) partly a play on words on his number 10 shirt, 'El Diez'.

He was largely responsible for Argentina's World Cup victory in 1986 in Mexico, scoring two famous goals in one game against England in the quarter-finals. The first was a notorious goal scored with his fist - known as the 'Hand of God', and the second, where he dribbled past half the England team, is often called the goal of the century.

"It was partly by the hand of God and partly with the head of Maradona," he said of his opener in the 2-1 win.

#### CAREER AT A GLANCE

MARADONA

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

orn October 30, 1960 in the Buenos Aires working class suburb of Lanus, the fifth of eight children of a factory worker, Maradona grew up in the Villa Fiorito

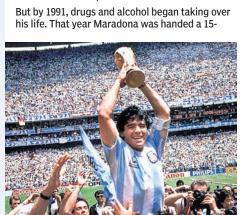
But Maradona's love affair with football was apparent from the start. Given his first football as an infant, he slept with it under his arm.

Discovered in street kickabouts by the scout for first division club Argentinos Juniors, the prodigy made his league debut at 15.

At 17, he just missed inclusion in Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning squad at home. In the 1982 tournament in Spain, a sending-off against Brazil was a fitting prologue to two unhappy seasons at Barcelona, marred by hepatitis and injury.

But then came liberation, and triumph. In 1984, he moved to Napoli for a then world-record USD 7.5 million contract. Maradona helped underdogs Napoli to the

And, after the 1986 World Cup triumph in Mexico, he also coaxed a mediocre Argentine team to a second successive World Cup final in Rome in 1990.





month suspension from football worldwide for doping and was called to trial in Naples over alleged links with a vice ring.

He was banned again for 15 months after testing positive for drugs at the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

#### INTO THE DARK

He retired from professional football in 1997 and after his brush with death in 2000, he underwent drug rehabilitation, living off-and-on in Cuba between 2000 and 2005, where he often spent time with Fidel Castro.

For many, his off-pitch sins overshadowed his genius. Argentine media obsessed over Maradona's addictive personality, with blanket coverage of his 2005 gastric bypass operation to lose weight and his 2007 hospitalization for life-threatening alcohol-induced hepatitis.

Drug and alcohol experts called Maradona's abuse of one substance after another a slow-motion suicide. But Maradona cleaned up and bounced back. In 2008 he talked himself into a position as the coach of Argentina's national team.

Spells coaching in the UAE were followed by a stint in charge of Mexican second division club Dorados de Sinaloa, before returning to Argentina to take over Gimnasia y Esgrima in La Plata in 2019.

# **Bruno lifts Man Utd**



Bruno Fernandes (L) is congratulated by the other scorer Marcus Rashford and another teammate, Tuesday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manchester, Nov 25: Marcus Rashford has become something of a national hero in Britain because of his campaigning for free school meals for poor students. At Old Trafford Tuesday, the Manchester United star was the beneficiary of a charitable gesture by a teammate.

Bruno Fernandes had already scored two early goals against Istanbul Basaksehir in the Champions League when he was given the chance to complete a hattrick—his first for United—from the penalty spot following a foul on Rashford.

Instead, Fernandes handed over

Turin, Nov 25: Alvaro Morata's

stoppage-time winner booked

Juventus a spot in the Champions

Combined with Cristiano

Ronaldo's first-half equaliser,

Morata's header earned Juventus

a 2-1 comeback win over

Hungarian side Ferencvaros

Barcelona lead the group with

12 points and Juventus have nine

points while Kyiv and Ferencearos

have one point each. While

Juventus have also labored in

Serie A with four wins and four

draws under first-year coach

League's knockout stage.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday

spot-kick duties to Rashford, who duly converted to set United on their way to a 4-1 win. The Portugal international, it seems, is a man of his word.

'Of course every player wants to do a hat-trick," Fernandes said, "but after the (last) game in the Premier League, I told Rashy the next one he will take and so I remembered that.

Fernandes said he also wanted Rashford to improve his chances of being the leading scorer in the competition this season. He is now on five goals in the group stage, after a late winner against Paris Saint-Germain and a hat trick against

MORATA LATE GOAL SAVES JUVE'S DAY

Andrea Pirlo, it has not lost in

either competition. Still, the club

expects more from a team that

has won nine straight Italian

down a cross from Juan Cuadrado

for his seventh goal across all

competitions this season and his

Ronaldo cut inside a defender

and placed a shot inside the near

post for the equalizer before the

break - marking the 16th con-

secutive Champions League sea-

It was Ronaldo's 131st

Champions League goal. The five-

time Ballon d'Or winner missed

son that he has scored in.

fifth in the Champions League.

Bargain-buy Morata nodded

league titles

being upset a second time by the Turkish champions, who earned a surprise 2-1 win over the English club in Istanbul three weeks ago for a result that threw Group H wide

By taking a measure of revenge, United regained control of the group by moving onto nine points - three more than both PSG and Leipzig, who also played Tuesday, with PSG winning 1-0 at home.

United are at home to PSG next week, with the two qualifying places from the group still up for grabs. The English team will qualify avoiding defeat, having already beaten PSG

Deniz Turuc pulled a goal back for Basaksehir, a competition newcomer, by curling in a 75th-minute free-kick, before Daniel James added a fourth in injury time for United. Fernandes' goals came in the opening 17 minutes and were of contrasting quality.

The first — in the ninth minute - was a powerful, rising first-time effort from the edge of the area that flew high into the net after he latched onto a headed clearance by a Basaksehir defender at a corner. His second came from close range when he tapped into an empty net after goalkeeper Fehmi Mert Gunok spilled the ball off a cross

Since his debut for United following his January move from Sporting Lisbon, Fernandes has scored 21 goals and made 13 assists

in 35 appearances. The Portugal playmaker has nine goals in his last 11 games. United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer played down the seriousness of injuries to defenders Aaron Wan-Bissaka and Victor Lindelof, who came off with ankle and back issues. respectively.

Juve's opening two Champions

League matches this season after

contracting the coronavirus.

Ronaldo has scored in six of his

seven appearances for Juventus

Myrto Uzuni had put

Ferencearos ahead on a counter-

attack early on, taking advantage

of the absence of Juventus de-

fensive stalwarts Leonardo

his opponent near midfield and

Uzuni was able to redirect in a

cross. Federico Bernardeschi and

Morata each hit the post for

Juventus in the second half.

Danilo fell down while marking

Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini.

this season for a total of nine

United was never in danger of

#### NZC head Greg Barclay elected as ICC chairman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Nov 25: New Zealand Cricket (NZC) head Greg Barclay has been elected as the ICC's new Independent chairman after he comfortably defeated Singapore's Imran Khwaja to succeed India's Shashank Manohar.

The voting was carried out during ICC's annual quarterly meeting Tuesday. The electronic voting process involved 16 board of directors - 12 from full member (Test playing nations), three associate countries and one independent female director (Indra Nooyi of PepsiCo).

"It is an honour to be elected as the Chair of the ICC and I would like to thank my fellow ICC Directors for their support. I hope we can come together to lead the sport and emerge from the global pandemic in a strong position and poised for growth," Barclay said

The Kiwi won 11-5, receiving the all important winning vote from the embattled Cricket South Africa in the second round of voting. He had received 10 votes to Khwaja's six in the first round last week.

# Le Fondre last-gasp penalty lifts MCFC

Goa, Nov 25: Adam Le Fondre's late penalty (90+5th minute) secured a win for Mumbai City against a 10man FC Goa at the Fatorda Stadium here, Wednesday. Juan Ferrando made three

alterations to the team which drew against Bengaluru FC. Saviour Gama, Redeem Tlang and Alberto Noguera replaced Sanson Pereira, Princeton Rebello and Jorge Ortiz. Lobera made four chang

Mumbai lineup as Amey Ranawade, Cy Goddard, Mourtada Fall and Farukh Choudhary came in place of Mohammed Rakip and Bartholomew Ogbeche, injured Raynier Fernandes and the suspended Ahmed Jahouh,

Goa looked the dominant side in the first half as they enjoyed plenty of the ball and created several chances to score.

Igor Angulo came close to scoring his third goal of the season in the eighth minute of the match when he received pass inside the box from Alberto Noguera but his heavy first touch allowed Sarthak Golui



to close the gap and block his effort. After a stale period of play, the home team were jolted with a blow in the final few minutes of the first half when Redeem Tlang lunged into a tackle on Hernan Santana with a high foot. The awful tackle was punished with a red card, reducing Goa to 10 men.

#### **Archery body gets Govt recognition**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 25: Archery Association of India (AAI) Wednesday finally got back the government recognition eight years after it was withdrawn for its failure to conduct elections in accordance with the National Sports Development Code.

The much-delayed elections of the AAI were held in January this year with Union Minister Arjun\_ Munda's panel securing full majority. "It is apparent that concerns of this Ministry for adherence of government guidelines by AAI have been resolved," deputy secretary to government of India SPS Tomar said in letter. "Accordingly, it has been decided to restore the government recognition of AAI which will be valid for one year," he added.

Munda, on his part welcomed the decision that would help India's Olympic preparations, "It is indeed my proud privilege to inform as the President of AAI, that AAI has been granted recognition by the Ministry of Sports," Munda said in a statement. "Tokyo Olympics is around the corner and it is indeed a welcome move by the Ministry of Sports and will certainly boost up the entire Archery fraternity."

# Messi-less Barca advance in CL

Brathwaite scores brace, while Dest gets his first goal with Catalan giants as the Spanish side overpower Dynamo Kyiv

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyiv (Ukraine), Nov 25: American defender Sergiño Dest scored his first goal with Barcelona as the Catalan club comfortably defeated Dynamo Kyiv 4-0 and advanced to the knockout stage of the Champions League despite the absence of Lionel Messi.

Martin Braithwaite scored twice and Antoine Griezmann once as Barcelona secured a spot in the last 16 of the European competition for the 17th straight season.

Barcelona reached 12 points from four victories in Group G. It has a three-point lead over Juventus, who beat Hungarian club Ferencearos 2-1 at home. Dynamo and Ferencearos stayed at one point each and have no chance of advancing with two rounds of matches

Dest scored for the first time since signing with Barcelona in October with a low cross shot into the far corner in the 52nd minute. Braithwaite added to the lead from



SUBLIME FINISH: Sergino Dest strikes past Dynamo Kyiv goalie for Barcelona's first goal in the match: Martin Braithwaite celebrates after one of his goals

close range in the 57th and scored again from a penalty kick in the 70th. Griezmann entered the match in the second half and closed the scoring in stoppage time.

Dest, the 20-year-old US international who joined from Ajax, is the first American defender to score in the Champions League. He came close to scoring his second goal with a long range shot that just missed over the crossbar in the

final minutes. Another American player — 19year-old forward Konrad de la Fuente — made his Barcelona debut when he came on as a substitute in the 83rd to become the record seventh American to play in the

European competition this season. It was the first time two Americans played together for a club in the Champions League since Tim Howard and Jonathan Spector were with Manchester United in a match against Fenerbahce in 2004. That was the only other time that happened.

Messi was rested after having played in every match with Barcelona this season. He also spent time with Argentina's national team. Midfielder Frenkie de Jong also didn't make the trip to Ukraine to get some rest time.

Barcelona have won their Champions League group every time since 2007-08, and they haven't lost a group match since the 2016-17 season. Dynamo were making ( their first group appearance since that 2016-17 season.

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