

#### CB TO GRILL BIDYA BHARATI TODAY

CUTTACK: The Crime Branch (CB), which has been probing the sensational death of Paralakhemundi ACF Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, will interrogate the forest officer's wife Wednesday. According to additional director general of police (CB) Sanjeeb Panda, the probe agency has prepared a questionnaire for the purpose. "We (CB) will record the statements of the complainant (Soumya's father Abhiram Mohapatra) and his family before interrogating Bidya Bharati Panda. Two special women officials will assist the investigating team during the process.



#### Stampede at vax hub leaves 20 hurt

DHUPGURI: At least 20 people were injured in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district Tuesday after hundreds of local residents tried to enter a vaccination centre together, leading to a stampedelike situation, police said. Four of them were critically injured in the incident, and they are undergoing treatment at Jalpaiguri Sadar Hospital, a senior officer said. "As soon as the main gate of Dhupguri Health Centre was opened, several people tried to get inside the facility pushing each other. A stampede-like situation arose there. Several women were injured," he added.





# End Kotia row politically: SC

The apex court has asked both Odisha and Andhra govts to look for a political solution to the vexed border dispute between the two states around Kotia villages

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, August 31: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked both Odisha and Andhra Pradesh governments to look for a political solution to the border dispute related to Kotia group of villages in Koraput district.

A three-judge bench of the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{apex}}$ court comprising Justices AM Khanwilkar, Sanjiv Khanna and JK Maheshwari posted the matter for next hearing after six weeks. Earlier, the state government had submitted in the court that its



claim over three disputed villages in Kotia panchayat was based on the national census of 2011 while Andhra Pradesh was relying on the self survey.

It is to be mentioned here that Odisha, in the contempt petition filed through advocate Sibashankar

Mishra, submitted that Andhra Pradesh wilfully and deliberately violated the Supreme Court order

dated December 2, 1968 and the judgment dated March 30, 2006 by transgressing into Odisha's terri-

tory. The apex court in its order of 1968 and 2006 judgment had asked both the states to maintain status quo on the boundary dispute with regard to Kotia group of villages with the consent of both states. Odisha contended in the peti-

tion that Andhra Pradesh March 5 last year issued a notification to conduct local body election in Vizianagaram district. "Salur is one of the Mandals where the panchayat election was notified to be conducted on the scheduled date. In the notification, Andhra

Pradesh deliberately roped in three villages from the 'Kotia group of villages' falling under the territory of Koraput district of Orissa into Salur Mandal of Vizianagaram district," Odisha stated in the petition.

The state also contended that Andhra Pradesh changed the name of the three villages of Kotia Gram Panchayat. The name of Ganjaipadar changed into Ganjaibadra, Phattusenary into Pattuchennum and Phagusenary into Phaguluchennuru

"Tactfully the contemners converted these three villages of one Gram Panchayat falling under the territory of Orissa to three different Gram Panchayats," Odisha stated in the petition.

# US ends 20-yr-old war in Afghanistan



# Weekend shutdown goes, night curfew to continue

The state govt, on the expected line, has further

imposed in the aftermath of

the outbreak of Covid-19 to

eased the restrictions

help people with

livelihood activities

Jena said. During the night curfew, all emergency services will continue to operate as it is and home delivery

testing and vaccination. All government and private offices/establishments dealing with

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A view of the 40-storey twin towers built by real estate company Supertech in Noida. The Supreme Court Tuesday directed demolition of the towers for violation of building by-laws

# IRREGULAR by MANJUL OWAND

That is why I always say 'less talk, more action!' You shouldn't have said a word about breaking protesters' heads!

### GDP grows 20% in Q1

AGENCIES

of pre-COVID levels of April-June 2019, according to the first New Delhi, Aug 31: The Indian quarter GDP data released by economy grew by a record 20.1 per the National Statistical Office cent in the April-June quarter, (NSO) Tuesday. helped by a very weak base of last

The economy had contracted by year and a sharp rebound in the a massive 24.4 per cent in Aprilmanufacturing and services sec-June 2020 after one of the world's tors in spite of a devastating second most stringent lockdowns was imwave of COVID-19 cases. India is now posed to curb the spread of coronon track to achieving the world's avirus infections, crippling economic activity. GDP had grown by While there was a sharp year-1.6 per cent in the January-March on-year expansion, sequentially 2021 quarter. The sequential conthe economy slowed down by 16.9 traction in GDP in Q1 of the current per cent over the January-March fiscal came after three consecutive

POST NEWS NETWORK Bhubaneswar, August 31: With the test positivity rate (TPR) coming down to below 1 per cent in the state, the government Tuesday lifted the weekend shutdown imposed in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri towns. Special Relief

Commissioner (SRC) PK Jena has announced the unlock guidelines which will remain in effect from September 1 to October 1.

In view of the drop in daily cases of Covid-19 infections, the state government has decided to relax restrictions to support the livelihood of people. Now, there will be no weekend shutdown in any place of the state, he said.

However, the night curfew in all urban areas across the state will continue from 10 pm to 5 am everyday,

History made in SC, 9 judges take oath of office

of foods has also been allowed during the curfew time, the SRC said.

The state government has given more relaxation for conduct of marriage like ceremonies and funerals. Now, 250 people can attend in marriages and funeral functions by adhering to Covid guidelines. Earlier, the limit was 25 for marriages and 20 for funerals.

Jena said all puja ceremonies will be held by following the rules as laid down by the government in its August 9 guidelines. Besides, the curbs on social, religious and political gatherings will continue as they are in the state.

As per the unlock order, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar facilities will remain open only for official meetings as per the seating capacity adhering to Covid safety protocols. No social, religious, cultural, political gatherings and meetings will be allowed in such facilities.

Information centre-cum-read ing rooms and libraries will remain open from September 1. No restrictions have been imposed for Covid testing, vaccination and movement of persons/vehicles for essential services/ utility providers like power, telecommunication, water supply, police, municipal services, railways, airport, port services and security will remain functional.

Movement of private four and two-wheelers, auto-rickshaws, cab aggregators such as Ola, Uber will also be allowed for dropping and picking up passengers to and from airports, railway stations and bus stands. Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places; in workplaces and in

public transport All individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places. Spitting in public places will be punishable with a fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws. rules or regulations. Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public places is strictly prohibited.

If required, concerned District Collectors, twin city police commissioner and municipal commissioners can impose additional restrictions in their respective areas as per the order.

High Court in January 2009, he

was appointed as a permanent

Justice Sundresh: He was judge

of the Madras High Court before

additional judge of the Madras

Justice Trivedi: Born in June

1960, he was a judge of the Gujarat

to the apex court. He was elevated

as a judge of the Gujarat High

Justice Narasimha: He was a

former Additional Solicitor General

and is in line to become the CJI. suc-

ceeding Justice Nagarathna.

Court in February 2011.

December 15, 2010.

Keeping to its promsie of a complete troops' withdrawal by August 31, the last US military plane flew out of Afghanistan Tuesday

#### AGENCIES

Washington, August 31: The United States announced the end of its 20year-old war in Afghanistan as the last American military flight flew out of the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul shortly before the August 31 deadline.

"I'm here to announce the completion of our withdrawal from Afghanistan and the end of the mission to evacuate American citizens, third country nationals and vulnerable Afghans," US Central Command Commander Marine Corps General Frank McKenzie told reporters through a virtual news conference. "Every single US service member is now out of Afghanistan," McKenzie said, announcing the formal end of America's longest war, less than a fortnight before the 20th anniversary of the September 9/11, in which Al Qaeda terrorists blew up the twin towers in New York. The terrorist strike forced the US to enter Afghanistan and overthrow the Taliban rule who then had provided safe havens to the Al Qaeda.

The Taliban rule was overthrown and replaced by US-backed Afghans, who ruled the country for 20 years, during which several general elections were held. That rule was overthrown by the Taliban on August 15 when the president Ashraf Ghani suddenly fled the country and the 3,00,000 Afghan armed forces troops trained by the United States gave up without any fight. The Taliban, which now is the ruling power in Afghanistan, welcomed the departure of the US troops from the country.

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#### AGENCIES New Delhi, August 31: History was created in the Supreme Court Tuesday as for the first time nine new

fastest growth this year.

judges took oath of office at one go, taking the working strength to 33. The new judges who were ad-

quarter and was 9.2 per cent short

ministered oath of office are Justices Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, Vikram Nath, Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari, Hima Kohli and BV Nagarathna, CT Ravikumar, MM Sundresh, Bela M Trivedi and PS Narasimha. The strength of the SC judges has now risen to 33, including the CJI, out of the sanctioned strength of 34.

Justice Oka: Born in May 1960, the senior-most of the nine judges, he was Chief Justice of the Karnataka HC before being elevated to the SC. Before that he was a judge of the Bombay High Court.

quarters of expansion. More P11

Justice Nath: Born in September; 1962, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court September 10, 2019. He was elevated as judge of the Allahabad High Court in September 2004.

Justice Maheshwari: Born in June, 1961, he was Chief Justice of the Sikkim High Court before being elevated to the top court. He was made Madhya Pradesh High Court judge in November 2005. In October 2019, he was made Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Justice Kohli: He was Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court before the elevation. Born September 2, 1959 in Delhi, Justice Kohli was a standing counsel and



legal advisor of the New Delhi Municipal Council at Delhi HC. Justice BV Nagarathna: In

line to become the first woman CJI in September 2027, she was a judge of the Karnataka High Court before being elevated to the apex court. Born on October 30, 1962, she is the daughter of former CJI ES Venkataramiah

Justice Ravikumar: Sworn-in as additional judge of the Kerala









#### **JUNGLE CRUISE SEQUEL IN WORKS WITH ORIGINAL CAST**

Hollywood stars Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt are set to return as wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff and intrepid researcher Dr Lily Houghton, respectively, for the sequel of their film Jungle Cruise. Expected to also come back are director Jaume Collet-Serra and the film's producing tea, reports *hollywoodreporter.com* 

#### **HUDSON SAYS CATS** WAS 'MISUNDERSTOOD'

Actress Jennifer Hudson, who starred in Cats, fantasy film based on the poetry collection Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by TS Eliot, feels that the 2019 movie was 'misunderstood'. "It's unfortunate that it was misunderstood. I think later, people will see it differently,"she said. 



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Interactive sessions with neonle who think like you are on the cards. At last you may have an intimate talk with your beloved and you will get a chance to confide your commitment to the relationship, says Ganesha. You may even express vour long-term dreams

TAURUS

This is one of those days when not goes well, warns Ganesha. No matter how hard you try you may not be able to keep problems and difficulties at bay. You may not be pleased or comfortable doing what has been assigned, or required, and

could simply sit sullenly, doing nothing

#### GEMINI

Your mind will be uneasy and anxious due to some reason today. You will be unable to express your anxieties. You will be able to secure the love of your partner by sharing your feelings. You need to let go of the past and strive to keep on moving forward vith confidence, says Ganesha

#### CANCER



the business front. This applies the most to the stockbrokers and also others who invest in stocks or shares on the side. Stars are not so bright today and haste will only wors en the matters. People involved ir speculation, chance games and shifty markets may feel frustrated.

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#### You will seek the opinion of

others in a lot of matters today. You need to patiently listen to others and keep your lips sealed during the course of conversations today. Your self-confidence may take a beating today, hence do not take any important decisions. It is time for a major change in your work or field of work, says Ganesha

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Professionalism will be overshadowed by personal Ó. preoccupations. Drill your way out of problems today by meeting them head-on. Don't get stuck up on the emotional front, especially in the evening, cautions Ganesha

### LIBRA

Ganesha says that any pending legal issues will be sorted out today either in

### Deepika to appear in 'Never asked for help from Aamir' cross-cultural romcom

Los Angeles: Deepika Padukone will be starring in an upcoming international vet-untitled cross-cultural romantic comedy.

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STXfilms and

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STXfilms, a division of Eros STX Global Corporation, announced the company is developing a romantic comedy for Deepika, who will also produce the up-

coming film through her Ka Productions banner. Deepika, who was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by Time magazine in 2018, said: "Ka Productions was founded with the aim to develop and produce purpose ful content with

Temple Hill.' with Diesel.ians

ative vision and look forward to bringing impactful and dynamic cross-cultural stories to the world.' The announcement was made Tuesday by Adam Fogelson, chair-

man, STXfilms Motion Picture Group. Fogelson said: "She is enormously talented with an infectious personality and her profile continues to grow as an international superstar. While she has been a phenomenal success in many Eros International films, we are thrilled to be building a romantic comedy with her and our friends at

Deepika made her English language film debut as the female lead in XXX: The Return of Xander Cage. co-starring Vin

Mumbai: Actor-direcfrom his famous brother tor Faissal Khan, who is the brother of top star Aamir Khan, says despite all the struggles he has had in his life all these years, he never asked for help

because he wanted to chart his own journey. Now, after staving away from the limelight for almost a decade, Faissal is coming out with a feature film titled *Faactory* as actor

and director. Asked if he asked for help from his brother Aamir to restore his career, Faissal said: "No, I did not ask help to build my career from Aamir. I wanted to do things by myself because

whatever it is, my success, my failure is mine. He is my brother, he wishes well for me but I had to go through a dark phase that is part of my journey. That is my life." Faissal started his ca-

reer as a junior actor and appeared in the films Pyar Ka Mausam, Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak and also worked as an assistant director with his father and uncle. Later though he acted in films like Madhosh, Mela, Border Hindustan Ka among others but he could not achieve as much success as his brother.



# **PRANUTAN SHARES HER 'SURREAL' EXPERIENCE**

Mumbai: Actress Pranutan surprised her fans Tuesday by uploading a video of her dancing on popular track Gora Ang Leile. Dancing on this track is special for her as it's from her grandmother Nutan's 1963 film Bandini. The actress performs Kathak on the evergreen song in the video uploaded on her Instagram.

Pranutan says: "It was very surreal performing on Dadi's song. It's just one of my favourite songs. I love Indian classical dance. I've been learning Bharatnatyam since I was 8 or 9. I still do my classes.

The actress, who will soon be seen in Helmet alongside Aparshakti Khurana, says that she has been planning to perform on this track.

'This time I tried a little bit of Kathak, so I was a little nervous. It was also very exciting. Of course living up to that kind of legacy makes you nervous but it's something that I really wanted to do because I love this song," says Pranutan.

# Nila Madhab returns to children's film genre

Helmed by Panda's long-time associate Anuj Tyagi, 'Bishwa' will soon be screened at the prestigious Buster Film Festival, Copenhagen, Denmark and the DYTIATO children film festival, Ukraine

Bhubaneswar: Odisha-born internationally acclaimed filmmaker Nila Madhab Panda seems to be on a roll. While his first film in Odia language Kalira Atita, a thought-provoking proj-

Kalam director now presents yet an other children's film Bishwa. This time he is donning the producer's hat with his long-time associate Anuj Tyagi directing the movie. The movie is based on the life

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Vinay Pathak, Yagya Bhasin, Sharib Hashmi (Family Man fame) and national-award-winning actress Usha Jadhav.

Shot entirely in Odisha including some stunning locales of Chilika Lake, Puri and Bhubaneswar, the film will soon be screened at the prestigious Buster Film Festival (Copenhagen, Denmark) and the DYTIATO children film festival, Ukraine, production house sources said

then Jalpari and Halkaa. Bishwa is a tale of a young boy who cannot see whereas the rest of the world can. No wonder, his father believes he is cursed with a disabled boy. But Bishwa has other ideas. He is determined to prove that despite his lack of sight he can do things which normal people can't even think of. For instance, he helps the villagers overcome their biggest fear which is unthinkable on the parts of other.



court or through an out of court settle-ment. Your workload will get eased today and you will be able to find your way out from certain problematic situations. Ganesha showers you with his blessings

ect on climate change, is receiving rave reviews at several festivals across the globe. Panda is ready with his next. The *I Am* 

of a blind boy and how he emerges as a hero in a village near the mesmerising Chilika Lake. The film's ensemble cast includes

Panda says, "Cinema on children's issues has always been an important feature of my career as I started with I Am Kalam,

"However, the viewers have to come to the theatres to see Bishwa's extraordinary feat.' adds the Kadvi Hawa director. PNN

#### **SCORPIO**

You can be fondly called as 'the perfectionist' today. Right from being punctual to following a systematic method for your work, you do it all. All in all, you set an ideal example for the people around you, says Ganesha.

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#### SAGITTARIUS

Ganesha predicts a day full of romantic developments today. Mushy talks and whispering sweet nothings in your beloved's ears may give you little joys of life. However, brace vourselves as there are times when relationships do not work out, and you may experience this soon.

#### CAPRICORN

It has become difficult for you to bear the heavy weight of responsibilities or your shoulders. But, be prepared for some more; the weight is about to get heavier as more responsibilities are going to be added. You will no longer enjoy the work, and it will bring down your efficien cy level to an extent, feels Ganesha.

#### AQUARIUS

Academically, you have performed exceptionally well, and Ganesha congratulates you for that. You will inspire and motivate a number of people, and may create a fan following, too. This, however, does n't mean that you throw your weight around. Keep a humane and humble approach towards others.

#### PISCES

Your planetary configuration not being favorable, vou are advised not to start any new projects today. The benefits accrued by any project you take up today might not justify the risks associated with it. Businessmen need to be extra careful in all their dealings. Personal life should be peaceful with Ganesha's blessings





#### **CALVIN AND HOBBES**





#### BREVITY





CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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#### **ON A PILGRIMAGE**

Hindi film actor Govinda returns from Srimandir after paying obeisance to Lord Jagannath, Tuesday



#### **COVID-19 TRACKER**

Crackdown on fake journos soon

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lia	3,27,68,880	3,19,59,680	4,38,560
isha	10,07,750	9,93,235	7,969

# Sec 144 clamped near Assembly

There will be three-tier security arrangement to ensure smooth conduct of the Monsoon Session

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: The Monsoon Session of the Assembly is all set to commence Wednesday in adherence to Covid-19 protocol even as security has been beefed up and Section 144 has been imposed near the House.

Director General of Police (DGP) Abhay took stock of the security arrangements Tuesday to thwart any possible attempt to create law and order situation.

"Police personnel from the Commissionerate will be deployed in uniforms while persons from Intelligence department will be present in plain clothes. I have reviewed the preparedness for the same. A three-tier security system will be ensured to prevent any possible threat. The arrangements have been made by the Commissionerate Police," the DGP said.

Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi said, "The DGP reviewed the security preparedness Tuesday to ensure smooth functioning of the House. 35 platoons of police have been deployed for the security arrangements.

He also said, "There will be threelayered security arrangements for the



Security stepped up at Odisha Assembly ahead of the Monsoon Session, Tuesday

Assembly. Security arrangements will also be made inside, outside and periphery of the House. Forces have been deployed accordingly. Quick Action Teams have been kept ready while our striking forces in five control rooms will also be on their toes.'

Bhubaneswar DCP Umashankar Dash warned the protesters, who might be planning agitation at the dharna site close to the House, of action by saving that Section 144 has been imposed in areas close to the Assembly.

"Section 144 has been imposed near the Assembly and in dharna areas. As per the new Covid-19 norms no po-

litical, religious and social gatherings will be allowed in these areas and we will ensure its adherence. Those who will stage dharna in these areas will be booked under Disaster Management Act and Covid rules," he said.

Meanwhile, most of the legislators, Assembly employees and other stakeholders have already undergone RT-PCR tests and are set to participate in the proceedings from Wednesday. The Assembly Secretariat has made elaborate arrangements to conduct the session while adhering to Covid rules like social distancing, mask wearing and others

#### Govt to table 12 Bills

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government in state would move 12 Bills during the Monsoon Session beginning Wednesday. This was revealed at a meeting of party MLAs Tuesday.

As many as 12 Bills related to Law, Housing and Urban Development, Finance, Cooperation, Science and Technology, Revenue and Higher Education would be tabled during the session. Some of the key Bills which would be moved in the House include Odisha Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2021, popularly known as farm Bill, dealing with the issues related to the marketing of farm produce. The Bill was earlier introduced in November 2020 in the House. The current Bill aims at removing the barriers in the marketing of farm produce in state.

Other important Bills which would be introduced in the House are: Odisha GST (Amendment) Bill 2021, Odia University (Amendment) Bill and Odisha University of Health Sciences Bill 2021.

### **DROUGHT LOOMS** Activate LI points, CM tells officials Whereas,

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: Amid prevailing droughtlike situation in many parts of the state, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday asked the officials concerned to implement contingency crop plan for the farmers. He directed the officials to activate all lift irrigation (LI) points within seven days,

Reviewing the situation, the Chief Minister said agricultural activities are likely

to be affected in 213 blocks which received deficit rainfall during the monsoon season. Directing the Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment department to keep close watch on the ground situation



ponds for the cultivable land of more than half an acre. Water Resources department was directed to ensure irrigation water for the farmers in the downstream areas of the canal systems and

recharge groundwater. He also issued instructions to provide seeds and mini-kits to farmers for alternative crop in case of crop failure and provide diesel pumps to the farmers at a rebate to keep the save existing crops. Mohanty and the land is butted and bounded by: On the North: Border Line of Deuligramesar Mauza The district and municipal On the South: Road
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All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Land measuring 4792 Sq ft. (A0.110 Dec), situated at Plot No. 558/811, authorities have been asked to take steps to ensure that there Khata No. 282/33, Mouza-Chandura, Tahsil-Jagatsinghpur and District-Jagatsinghpur, standing in the name of Mr. Debidatta Mohanty and the land is butted and bounded by: is no scarcity of drinking water for the public and ani-On the North by : Road On the South by : Kailash Chandra Chaudhuri mals. Patnaik has suggested all possible measures to re-Place: Cuttack Date: 26.08.2021 duce the impact of drought on farmers and the public.

**Cuttack Branch** (KVB) Karur Vysya Bank Plot No.1254 P, Bajrakabati Road, Near Board School, Cuttack Orissa-753001 Smart way to bank **POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property) Issued under [Rule 8(1)] of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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**POSSESSION NOTICE** 

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: Commissionerate Police will soon launch a crackdown on fake journalists who have recently turned out to be a menace in the twin city.

Speaking to the media, twin city Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi Tuesday asserted that police would intensify checking and surveillance to rein in the rising number of fake journalists in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. He also sought the help and cooperation of media persons in the drive to weed out such pseudo journalists.

Notably, several such self-proclaimed scribes were recently found engaged in various illegal activities like extortion, drug peddling. Malkangiri police Tuesday arrested a web portal journalist along with four others Khairiput area for smuggling ganja weighing around 15 quintals.

Similarly, as many as five employees including a lady scribe of a web portal - Live Kalinga

The twin city police has sought the cooperation of media in the drive to weed out pseudo journalists

were nabbed for brutally torturing a businessman demanding extortion of Rs 10 lakh here, Saturday.

The Commissionerate Police had also arrested a web journalist and others on charges of extortion and loot in October last year. Another person working as a scribe in a web portal in Khurda was recently found smuggling a pangolin in the city.

Several complaints have been lodged at various police stations in the city by some lady doctors accusing one web portal of illegally using their photos in objectionable posts without their permission. Similarly, another self-proclaimed journalist was arrested by Khandagiri police for blackmailing a lady by threatening to make viral her morphed obscene images.



The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED, under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30.09.2020 calling upon 1). M/s. Satyabhama Associates (Borrower), Proprietor: Mr. Debasis Panda, Village - Kalasandhapur, Ward No BHNG-C P O Nuagam, Aska -761111, Orissa 2). Mr. Satya Narayan Panda (Guarantor), Village - Kalasandhapur, Mohan Nagar, Aska -761111, Orissa, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 22,61,527.21 (Rupees

**Description of the Immovable Property** 

On the West by : Village Road

and review the situation every day, he asked the Collectors of concerned districts to take immediate steps to mitigate the drought-like situation.

He also directed to ensure close coordination in implementation of contingency crop plan, uninterrupted water supply in irrigation systems and MGNREGS.

Patnaik further instructed the officials to activate all lift irrigation points within seven days and dig farm

### Inter-district bike lifters' gang busted; 8 arrested

a probe

lice came to know about the in-

volvement of Niranjan and

Rabindra in the incident. Police

arrested the duo and seized the

During interrogation, the

duo revealed that they were

working for a bike lifters' gang,

which was active in Cuttack,

Bhubaneswar, Khurda

Ganjam, Puri and Angul areas,

As per the information

provided by the duo, police

arrested 7 other members of

the gang. "Pabitra and Dipak

were operating garages at Vani Vihar in Bhubaneswar

and Tangi area in Khurda.

The duo was selling stolen bikes by tampering with their

registration numbers," said

the police officer.

said a police officer.

stolen scooter from them.

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, August 31: The Commissionerate Police Tuesday claimed to have busted an inter-district bike lifters' gang and arrested eight persons in this regard. The arrested have been

identified as Gopinath Behera, 29, of Purusottampur, Rabindra Behera, 24, of Belaguntha in Ganjam, Niranjan Nayak, 26, of Khamar in Angul, Sunil Parida, 37, of Athagarh in Cuttack, Pabitra Pradhan, 27. and Dipak Pradhan of Tangi in Khurda, Bijan Kumar, 19, of Odagaon in Nayagarh and Manoj Kumar Navak. 40. of Daringbadi in Kandhamal police said. A minor of Khallikote in Ganjam was also detained and sent to juvenile justice board.

Altogether 32 motorcycles and scooters have been seized from the gang members. Among the nine accused, five were arrested for buying stolen bikes, said Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi at a presser here. Two bike-borne miscreants

During the meeting, Chief secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said the state has received 30 per cent deficit rainfall so far, he added.

(For Immovable Property) Issued under [Rule 8(1)] of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED, under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security

KVB)

**Karur Vysya Bank** 

Smart way to bank

Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 04.05.2021 calling upon 1). M/s. L.P. Electronics (Orissa) Private Limited (Borrower), College Square, Cuttack-753003, Odisha 2) Mr. Rajendra Prasad Ram (Director cum Guarantor) S/o- Late Ganesh Ram, College Square, PS-Malgodown, Cuttack had intercepted Smrutiranjan 753003 3). Mr. Deepak Kumar Ram (Director cum Guarantor) S/o Late Ganesh Ram, College Square, PS-Beura, 35, of Jobra Road in Malgodown, Cuttack-753003 4). Mr. Ashok Kumar Ram (Guarantor), S/o- Late Ganesh Ram, College Mahanadi Vihar area while he Square, PS-Malgodown, Cuttack-753003 5). Mr. Niranjan Prasad Ram (Guarantor), S/o- Late Ganesh Ram, was returning home on a College Square, PS-Malgodown, Cuttack-753003 6). Mr. Om Prakash Ram (Guarantor), S/o- Late Ganesh scooter August 29. The duo Ram, College Square, PS-Malgodown, Cuttack-753003, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being took away Beura's scooter by Rs.6,93,95,568.50 (Rupees Six Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight threatening him. Malgodown and Paise Fifty Only) together with further interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. police had registered a case in The Borrowers/Directors/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the this regard as per a complaint borrowers/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act lodged by Beura and started read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26th day of August of the year 2021. During investigation, po-

The Borrowers/Directors/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED for an amount of Rs.6,93,95,568.50 (Rupees Six Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Fifty Only) and interest thereon, cost and expenses

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

#### **Description of the Immovable Property**

1. All that piece and parcel of residential land and three storied building at New Khata No-758/479 (Previous Khata No-758/31), New Khata No.758/480(Previous Khata No.758/31), New Khata No.340/465 (Previous Khata No.340/19), New Khata No.340/466 (Previous Khata No.340/19), New Plot No.1227/3287, area A0.010dec, (Previous Plot No.1227/1773), New Plot No.1238/3288, area A0.005dec (Previous Plot No.1238/1774), New Plot No.1227/3289, area A0.013dec, (Previous Plot No.1227/1773), New Plot No.1238/3290, area A0.005dec, (Previous Plot No.1238/1774), New Plot No.1228/3291, area A0.005dec, (Previous Plot No.1238/1774), area A0.005dec, (Previo area A0.014dec, (Previous Plot No.1228/1775), New Plot No.1228/3292, area A0.011dec, (Previous Plot No.1228/1775), total area A0.058DEC, Mouza-Cuttack Sahar Unit No.24, College Chhak, Taluka-Cuttack, No.237, PS-Malgodown, No.3, Collage Road, District- Cuttack, Odisha-753003, standing in the name of Mr. Rajendra Prasad Ram and Mr. Deepak Kumar Ram. The property is butted and bounded as follows: On the South: Lachman Ram & Cuttack Hotel On the West: Radheshyam Ram On the North: Main Road On the East: Lachman Ram & Cuttack Hotel 2. All that piece and parcel of residential land and three storied building at New Khata No-373/351 (Previous Khata No.373/30), Plot No.732 , area A0.040DEC Mouza-Cuttack Sahar Unit No.24, College Chhak, PS-Malgodown, No.3, College Road, Taluka- Cuttack, No.237, Cuttack, Odisha-753003, standing in the name of Mr. Ashok Kumar Ram. The property is butted and bounded as follows: ... . . .

On the North: Bardhawan Compound Road	On the South: Station Road
On the East: Sadhu Charn Pardhi	On the West: Malimala Sahoo
Place: Cuttack	Authorized Officer
Date : 26.08.2021	The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Twenty One Only) togethe with further interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 27th day of August of the year 2021.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED for an amount of **Rs. 22,61,527.21** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Twenty One Only) and interest thereon, cost and expenses.

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

#### **Description of the Immovable Property**

On the North: By Plot No. 2091	On the East: By Plot No. 2091
On the South: By Road	On the West: By Main Road
Place: Aska	Authorized Officer
Date : 27.08.2021	The Karur Vysya Bank Limited



#### THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD., **Cuttack Branch** Plot No.1254 P, Bajrakabati Road, Near Board School, Cuttack Orissa-753001

**POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property) Issued under [Rule 8(1)] of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas

Authorized Officer

The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**, under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.06.2021 calling upon 1). Mr. Rohan Pinayak Mohany (Borrower), At-Chandura, PO-Jagatsinghpur, Jagatsinghapur, Orissa-754103 2) Mr. Debidatta Mohanty (Borrower) At-Chandura, PO-Jagatsinghpur, Jagatsinghapur, Orissa-754103 3). Mrs. Sonali Mohanty (Guarantor), At-Chandura, PO-Jagatsinghpur, Jagatsinghapur, Orissa-754103, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.18,59,310.67 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ten and Paise Sixty Seven Only) together with further interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26th day of August of the year 2021.

The Borrowers/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED for an amount of Rs.18,59,310.67 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ten and Paise Sixty Seven Only) and interest thereon, cost and expenses.

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

#### **Description of the Immovable Property**

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On the South by: Road	On the West by : Natabara Bastia
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# downtown

# 110 more children contract nCoV

state at present. So far, 9,92,473 pa-

tients have recovered, including

Meanwhile, a state-level sero-

logical survey is being carried out

in 12 districts simultaneously, of-

ficials said. The survey is being

conducted by the ICMR - Regional

Medical Research Centre for the first

time after the expansion of the

Till August, Odisha has admin-

"As decisions on opening of ed-

ucation institutions and targeting

the last mile in immunisation need

to be made in the near future, it is

Bhubaneswar, August 31: The

**Higher Education department** 

Tuesday directed Sambalpur

University to submit the due utili-

sation certificate (UC) to get infra-

Additional Secretary of the

Higher Education department

Birendra Korkora, in a letter to the

registrar of the university, said that

more than ₹58 crore have been given

to the university for different proj-

ects under infrastructure develop-

ment grant from financial year 2016-

17 to 2020-21. However, the amount

shown in the UC submitted by the

university is not satisfactory. In ab-

sence of the appropriate UC, the

government is not in a position to

structure development grant.

Submit pending UC for further

funds, Sambalpur varsity told

istered 2,17,83,156 doses of anti-

vaccination programme.

Covid vaccines.

POST NEWS NETWORK



The rate of infection among children stands || 68 more deaths take state's at 17.24% as against 15.92% Monday Covid-19 toll to 7,969

843 Monday

#### PNN/AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 31: In the last 24 hours, Odisha detected 638 new Covid-19 cases and 68 deaths, a Health department official said. Among the new patients were 110 children, the official added.

The state has so far reported 10,07,750 cases and 7,969 fatalities. The rate of infection among children was 17.24 per cent as against

15.92 per cent Tuesday. Khurda district recorded the highest number of new cases at 260, while Cuttack district alone ac-

counted for 22 deaths.

### There are 7,255 active cases in the

#### State creates 271 posts for Sundargarh MCH

BHUBANESWAR: The state government has created 271 posts for the proposed medical college and hospital (MCH) in Sundargarh The H&FW department has created 160 teaching posts, 85 nonteaching posts, 10 posts for the office of the Dean and Principal. and 16 posts for the office of superintendent. "The creation of these posts is subject to the necessary approval of the Government of India for opening of the above medical college and hospital in the state," the H&FW department said in a communiqué to the Accountant General (AG).

#### **ATM** loots in City rerun in Ch'garh

BHUBANESWAR: The Commissionerate Police is likely to contact Chhattisgarh police in connection with ATM burglaries in a similar fashion as it happened in the City. The twin city police Monday arrested three miscreants from Haryana who were using steel plates to execute the crime. The twin city police took the decision after receipt of reports regarding arrest of some ATM looters in Durg district of Chhattisgarh who followed the same modus operandi The accused held in Chhattisgarh also belong to Harvana. The Commissionerate Police suspects that the miscreants held here are members of the same interstate acket operating in Chhattisgar Sources claimed that soon a team of city police will visit Durg for further enquiry into the case.

the exposure of children and adolescents, the unvaccinated group, to the virus," a senior member of the survey team told PTI. "Besides, there is also the need

to assess the immunity among the vaccinated group, particularly the healthcare workers," he said.

crucial to generate evidence on

The serological survey will estimate and compare the age-specific prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the general population and healthcare workers across the state from August 30 to September 20, the official said. Meanwhile, Health and Family Welfare Director Bijay Panigrahi said that the state was focusing on vaccinating pregnant women. "More than 1 lakh pregnant women in Odisha have so far received the Covid jabs," he said.

About the infection among the children, Panigrahi said, "Now, cases are higher among those below 18 years of age as compared to the first wave. However, a majority of the Covid-infected children are asymptomatic." While around 85 per cent of children with Covid are found to be asymptomatic, only 1-2 per cent of kids need critical care facilities. "There is adequate ICU and ventilator facility available for them." he said.

the university is directed to sub-

mit the UC immediately against

#### **BOOST TO GARBAGE DISPOSAL**



Dignitaries including MPs Bhartruhari Mahtab and Subhas Singh, MLA Mohammed Moquim and CMC Commissioner Ananya Das at the inauguration of a bio-compost plant at CDA Sector-7 in Cuttack on the occasion of Local Self Government Day, Tuesday

# Kharasrota pipeline project riles environmentalists

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

#### Bhubaneswar, August 31: Several

environmentalists staged a protest at Lower PMG here Tuesday opposing the state government's mega pipeline project which aims at diverting water from Kharasrota river in Kendrapara to Bhadrak.

Worried over the possible adverse impact of the mega project on environment, the environmentalists claimed that uptake of water from Kharasrota would destabilise the salt and sweet water ratio at Bhitarkanika which would adversely affect the entire wetland in the long run.

"Kharasrota river is the lifeline for Bhitarkanika's biodiversity. The state government has bypassed the views of environmentalists and experts on the issue. The way the state government is dealing with the local protesters shows the ill intention behind the drinking



water project," said environmentalist Kanhu Charan Behura.

Earlier, a delegation of Congress party had met Governor Ganeshi Lal and sought the immediate release of protestors who were arrested by the police. The delegation also sought the intervention of the Governor to halt the project work. Environmentalist Srikant Nayak,

who is on hunger strike over the

# Family court writ petition

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, August 31: A family court in Cuttack Tuesday rejected a writ petition of actress Varsha

### Heavy rain likely from Friday

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: The regional office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its evening bulletin Tuesday that heavy rain is likely to resume from Friday this week.

The department refrained from issuing any warning of heavy rain till Thursday but said that light to moderate rain could be seen across the state.

The weatherman forecast that Friday, heavy rain could lash districts like Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Keonjhar and Mavurbhani

It also said that heavy rain could be observed Saturday in Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Gajapati, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara.

No warning was issued for the of a special technical committee to fishermen Tuesday. The IMD also Magsaysay award winner and claimed that the state Capital might waterman Rajendra Singh had see one or two spells of rain or recently visited Kendrapara thundershower Wednesday while and threw his weight behind the maximum temperature in City may go upto 34°C.

### **Electronics & IT sectors unlock** opportunities for MSMEs: IT Secy

POST NEWS NETWORK

issue, has said the inflow of fresh

water to Bhitarkanika has come

down drastically over the years.

He has pleaded for the formation

look into this aspect.

the agitation.

Bhubaneswar, August 31: ucts and services to solve new prob-Electronics and IT sectors unlock lems of these sectors. As 95 per cent of our data is consumed through mobile, there is opportunity for our MSME to design products which will cater to various segments through mobile," Mishra said. Manas Panda. Director of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) said, "Due to the pandemic, whole world will adopt IT system and India will be a natural choice for all of them. Indian IT industry will see double digit growth in coming years. New education policy of 2020 focuses on technology based learning. So, it will also create lots of opportunities for edu-tech sector. Chairman of ICC Odisha State Council, JB Pany, expected that the IT sector will be going through integration, digitisation and optimisation.

### PLEA FOR GRAND PUJA

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release further funds. Therefore, to submit the same at the earliest.

the fund released earlier. As per rule, the institute gets 50 per cent of the total government assistance in the first installment. After utilisation of at least 75 per cent of the available funds (first installment of the government

share+50 per cent of college share). the concerned college shall submit the UC to the government. After receipt of the UC, release of second installment will be con-

sidered. The UC format is appended to the guideline inclusive of both physical and financial progress. Earlier, pressing concern over the non-submission of UC, the de-

partment had directed all the government and aided degree colleges

rejects Varsha's

many opportunities for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of the state to work on innovation, said state Electronics

derived industries for innovations." "MSMEs have to innovate prod-

#### OAS officer's house burgled in City

BHUBANESWAR: Unknown miscreants stole valuables worth around ₹5 lakh by breaking into the residence of a lady OAS officer in Nayapalli police station area twice in the last 15 days. The miscreants burgled gold ornaments and other valuables worth over ₹3 lakh August 18 and again decamped with valuables worth ₹1 lakh August 30.

# ତି କଟକିଆଙ୍କ ବାବି: ବିନା ବାଧାବିଘ୍ରରେ ମାଙ୍କ ପୂଜାର୍ତ୍ତନା ହେଉ

Members of various social outfits hold a demonstration at Badambadi in Cuttack, Tuesday, urging the administration to ease the curbs imposed on public celebration of Durga Puja in the Silver City

Priyadarshini seeking to quash the divorce petition filed by her actor-turned-politician husband Anubhav Mohanty.

Varsha had filed the writ petition July 27 citing errors in Anubhav's divorce petition. The court has fixed September 14 as the date for hearing of the divorce petition. The lawyers of both Varsha and Anubhav were present in the court during the Tuesday's hearing.

The couple was earlier counselled at the mediation centre of the family court to settle the marital dispute. However, the mediation process could not yield the desired result

and IT Secretary Manoj Kumar Mishra at the e-conference on 'Information Technology'. The theme of the conference was 'IT-Post Pandemic-Opportunities and Challenges'. The event was organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in association with Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of Odisha

Terming transport as a mother sector which was hugely affected by the pandemic. Mishra said. 'Transport sector has great impact on other sectors too. If there is no transport, then there is no tourism. We have to look at other

### ASSIFIED

#### AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit before the Notary Public, Junagarh, I, Nihar Ranjan Panda, S/o. Jagdish Panda, R/o. Vill.: Junagarh, Dist.-Kalahandi declare that the Khata No. 148 of Mouza: Bhainiriguda is recorded in the name of my father. In which my father's name is wrongly mentioned as Jagannath Panda instead of Jagdish Panda. That Jagannath Panda and Jagdish Panda is one and same person.

# 6 families live in jungle fearing atrocities of 'godman'

SINCE THE SELF-PROCLAIMED GODMAN IS AGAINST SANATAN CULTURE. HIS FOLLOWERS WOULD THROW GOAT **BLOOD AND FILTHY WATER ON OUR VILLAGE DEIT** VICTIMS ALLEGED

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Khurda, August 31: The complaints from six families of Dalatola village of Khurda district have added more to the notoriety of Manas Das, the chief of 'Manavbaad Sangathan' and infamous for his alleged Taliban style

of ruling. Unable to withstand the torture of the Sangathan, families of Ganesh Nayak, Sadhu Nayak, Dambarudhar Nayak, Jogi Pradhan, Ganesh Pradhan, and Bhima Dalai had to flee their homes

and have been living in a cashew orchard in deplorable conditions for seven years now. Their children have stopped going to school

fearing disturbance. "In 2014, some of our family members were framed with false cases and were sent to jail. Then the activists of the Sangathan not only attacked us but also threw us out from our houses and damaged our properties. Unable to cope with their torture, we had to leave our houses. We spent several days without food. If anyone went against the Sangathan, they made it a point to

settle scores. All these things were carried out at the behest of Manas Das," an elderly man from one of the six families alleged.

"Those affiliated with the organisation would have to follow some strict rules. Women are not allowed to put vermillion or wear bangles. Last rites for parents are banned too. We cannot have basil altars at our houses: neither can we worship gods and goddesses. Since the self-proclaimed godman is against Sanatan culture, his followers would throw goat blood and filthy water on our village deity," they added



"After the Satyabrata Nayak murder case and the video showing Maguni Nayak and his son getting beaten surfaced, journalists are visiting us, asking more about the selfproclaimed godman. For some days now, followers of Manas Das have been visiting us too, intimidating us to refrain from telling anything about him before anyone," they stated. On the other hand, a follower said there is not even an iota of truth in whatever the media is showing about Manas. "The media is disseminating false information about our Guruji," he alleged.

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Acharya Vihar-Dayal Agency-9437135727, A.P. Tours and Travel, Maitri Vihar, C.S. Pur-9861301598, Aurobindo Market-Sai Audio & Electronics-9438304668, Airport Road-Sai Baba Variety Store-9090071530, Anish Infotech-Tankapani Road-9861341488, Bapuji Nagar- Dreamland Studio- 9777517314, Baramunda Rental Colony-Maa Ramchandi Communication-9658821469, Baramunda Housing Board Colony-Pappu Variety Store-9040500106, Cuttack Road-Alishan Snacks-8984236754, District Center (Chandrasekharpur)-Sai Google Mart-9776056507, Forest Park-DTDC Couriers & Services (HB Services)-7381024156, IRC Village-Bapi Xerox-9090090404, Gift Hut(Antriksh Gifts & Decors Pvt. Ltd.)-9954781084, Pruthvi Medicine-9853314816, Janpath-Krupajal Book Store-7978646669, Jaydev Vihar-AK Enterprises-7978116618, Subam Sai Books Store-8895550649, Swain Graphics- 9337121249, Jagannath Mobile Point- Janpath Road, Ram Mandir- 9938475415, Kanan Vihar-Auro Electronics-8260697560, Khandagiri- Swosti Mobile Centre- 7992914045, World Solution- 9938317559, KIIT Road-Jugad Jn-9338545031, Laxmi Sagar-Aditya Mobile-9438191836, Lewis Road-Spider Web-7809186415, Metro Satellite City-Arogya Mitra Medicine Store-9853621640, Madhusudan Nagar-Mohapatra Communication-9124446664, Maa Santoshi travels- Gajapati Nagar- 9777675867, Nayapalli- The Cake Room- 7873660137, Near Mayfair Lagoon-Cookieman-9439491273, Nigamananda-Omm Sai Travels-9668284823, Nr Cosmopolis Main Gate- Shreeram Medical Store- 8763711714, Net Square- Niladri Vihar (C.S. Pur)- 7205634821, Priyadarshini Market-Astro Point-9938134346, R.N. General Store-Nilakantha Nagar-9438642501, Sahid Nagar- Maa Communication- 9437353424, Sahini General Store- Near Patia Railway Station, Mahavir Vihar- 9937586626, Satya Nagar-Baishnavi Mixture & Sweets-7894821764, Samantapur- Download Point-7504557743, Sailashree Vihar-Harsha Book Store-8093449515, Saheed Nagar-Jagannath Graphics-7978652670, Photo World-7978468191, Sainath Photo Studio-8984436129, Shanti & Co-9937071063, Siripur-Omm Maa Sarala Communication-9777682449, Sushree fashion-Jagmara-9938714347, Shree Vision- Sailashree Vihar-9861476678, Unit-3-LIC of India Premium Point-9337787080, Unit-7- LIC Premium Point- 9338227422, VSS Nagar-Friends Cake & Bake-8658200930, Jeet Infoworld-7205195782, XIMB Square-LD Books-9658061373.







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# **'Rural Economic corridor'** proposed for Jagatsinghpur

The ambitious road project is expected to go a long way in improving communication facilities in the region, as it will connect National Highway-5 (A)

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Jagatsinghpur, August 31: If all plans go well, the village road from Maa Sarala temple to Lankapada via Shankheswar in this district will be developed into a Rural Economic Corridor: District Collector Sangram Keshari Mohapatra has sent a proposal in this regard to the chief engineer of the Rural Development department.

The Collector wrote that once the road is constructed, villagers of Kanakpur Deuli, Kanakpur Sasan, Tentulipada, Nausira, Tirtol, Dhanua, Olagada,Poshal, Badajingal, Gopalpur (S), Bijipur, Hayatpur, Mirzyapur, Saralpur, Lankapada and nearby villages would be benefitted.

Since it will connect NH-5 (A), it will go a long way in improving communication facilities in the region. People from the riparian areas of Mahanadi and Paika rivers who take their vegetables and other produces to markets will have to spend comparatively less time while commuting. This way, they can save their hard earned money and improve their financial condition, Mohapatra added.

Once the stretch is developed, it

#### **'Municipality status for** Chhatrapur NAC likely'

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Chhatrapur, August 31: Various outfits have been demanding municipality status for the Chhatrapur NAC, the district headquarters town of Ganjam. Two years back, the Orissa High Court directed the state government to take necessary step to grant municipality status to the district headquarters town.

Talking to reporters here Tuesday, Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange said that the administration has sent a proposal in this regard to the state government. "A decision to this effect will be taken by the state government soon," the Collector added.

When asked for his comments on the issue, local MP Chandra Sekhar Sahoo said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will take a call in this regard in due time and the people of Chhatrapur will not be disheartened



will also attract entrepreneurs to set cation and health facilities. up agro-based industries, creating opportunities for employment. mous tourist spot in the district. There is a rice mill on the bank of After completion of the project, the Mahanadi in Tirttol block. So, farmnumber of devotees and tourists to ers will have no difficulty in transthe place will increase and so will the financial condition of the local porting their paddy grains to the mill. The project will not only increase people," he said in the letter. For the the production of rice, but also help construction of the 25,400-kilometrein transporting the rice from this long road, an estimated budget of area to different districts and states. ₹2,540 lakh has been prepared. This Highlighting the advantages of apart, the Collector has also approved a disaster preventive road starting from Goithipur to Balijori

the proposed economic corridor, Collector Mohapatra said that vegetable growers and dairy farmers will be immensely benefitted after the construction of the road. This will also help in connecting the locality to hospitals and railway stations. People will get better edu-

#### Lecturer arrested for sexually harassing male students

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur Town, August 31: A lecturer was arrested on charges of sexually harassing male students of an educational institution in Jajpur district Monday. The accused was produced in court Tuesday.

The accused has been identified as Niranjan Panda, who worked as the head of political science department at a local college.

Some students alleged that Panda used to call them to his room and force them to spend nights with him there. He used to sodomise the students after threatening them of awarding low marks in examinations, one of his students alleged. Students had earlier demanded stern action against the lecturer. Last year, an audio clip of the telephonic conversation between the accused lecturer and student went viral. In the audio clip, the accused could be heard asking a student to spend a night with him.

Following this, a case was registered at the local police station. However, the lecturer was let go after a mutual understanding.

However, a student mustered courage and lodged an FIR at Jajpur police station Monday. The police registered a fresh case under Sections 294, 354 (B) and 506 of IPC. Jajpur police station IIC Manas Ranjan Chakra informed that the accused lecturer was produced in the court Tuesday.



"The shrine of Maa Sarala is a fa-

via Rahana, Anantapur, Kusupur,

Athagharia and Gamara. For this 1.5

kilometre-long-road, a budget of

₹1,850 lakh has been prepared. The

projects have been sent to the state

government for approval.

Students of Nilamani College at Rupsa in Balasore district staging a demonstration in front of their college gate under the aegis of ABVP demanding waiver of Plus II readmission fee. Tuesday

Kendrapara only dist in India to have all 3 crocodile species



# BJP struggling to save base in Mayurbhanj

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Saraskana, August 31: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is reportedly losing its ground in Saraskana constituency, making the saffron party a worried lot ahead of the panchayat polls.

According to reports, Saraskana Assembly constituency used to be a fort of ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD). But it had lost its base in the region in the 2017 Zilla Parishad elections and in the 2019 general election. In 2019, BJP won six MLA seats, while the Maryubhanj parliamentary seat also went to its kitty. The BJP had also formed Zilla Parishad in the district.

However, things have started turning around in favour of the BJD once again. Three days ago, about 15 Zilla Parishad members (all backed by BJP) resigned en masse from the primary membership of the party.

The latest development has caused flutters among the state leadership of the party. The saffron party, which was believed to be ascending in the tribal-dominated district, received a big jolt despite the fact that MP Biswheswar Tudu was made the Minister of State for Tribal Affairs in the recent Cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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It may be noted here that Rabi Nayak, who was backed by the BJP, had won ZP zone-55 and Independent candidate Bhubaneswar Mohant had won ZP zone -56 in the Sarasakana block. Last year, Mohant passed away, necessitating a by-poll to the ZP

seat. Later, BJD-backed Tusarendu Sekhar Mohant won the ZP zone-55. Meanwhile, Rabi Nayak has also resigned from the BJP Sunday night. Following his resignation, frontline BJP legislators like Saraskana MLA Budan Murmu,

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However, BJP leaders alleged that the resignation of the party leaders from the Zilla Parishad was part of a conspiracy by the BJD. BJP district unit president Kandra Soren said that in the long run the BJD would not gain anything by trying to break the BJP in the district. He further alleged that Rabi Navak was lured and coerced to resign. It is said that BJD organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Das is now directly looking after his party's organisation in Mayurbhanj district. According to political observers, the disenchantment of the BJP leaders sounds ominous for the party when just a few months are left for

### EAST COAST RAILWAY

the three-tier panchayat elections.

Engg/KUR/21-22/E-Ter Dt. 25.08.2021

Tender No. e-tender-SouthKUR 132-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021 132-2021, Utd. 23.09.2021 DESCRIPTION MAINTENANCE OF P.WAY ZONAL WORKS FOR A PERIOD UPTO 30.09.2022 FROM KM 572.13 TO 631.20 BETWEEN GANJAM - JHADUPUDI UNDER SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (P.WAY)/BRAHMAPUR OF KHURDA POAD DVISION

ROAD DIVISION Approx. Cost of the Work : 104.92 Lakhs

(2) Tender No. e-tender-SouthKUR-133-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021 RIPTION



As per the Municipal Corporation Act, a town's population should be over 25,000 to consider granting it the status of a municipality.

As per the 2011 census, 22,027 people inhabited this district headquarters town.

In the last 10 years, its population is believed to have crossed 25,000. If the population of the two adjoining panchayats is put together. the total population of Chhatrapur may exceed 28,000.

People of some villages have also given their consent to the NAC authorities to be a part of the proposed civic body.

Given the increase in population, the Chhatrapur NAC has enough grounds to get the status of a municipality, it is said.

The district has already claimed fame for its successful conservation programme for salt-water or estuarine crocodiles at the Bhitarkanika National Park

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kendrapara, August 31: Kendrapara district, crisscrossed by rivers, creeks and water inlets, has earned the distinction of being the only district in India where all three species of crocodiles - saltwater, gharial and mugger -- are found, a Forest official said Tuesday.

The district has already claimed fame for its successful conservation programme for salt-water or estuarine crocodiles at the Bhitarkanika National Park, he said. The national park, having 1,768 estuarine crocodiles, is home to 70 per cent of India's such crocodiles, the conservation of which was started way back in 1975, the official said.

With the sighting of mugger and gharial crocodiles, all three species of crocodiles have been found in the river systems of the district, said JD Pati, the divisional forest officer of Rajnagar Mangrove (Wildlife) Forest.

"It is a singular occurrence. In no other district in the country, three species of crocodiles are

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A gharial hatchling was rescued from Paika river, a tributary of Mahanadi, near Ameipala river

in Mahakalpada block Sunday. In 2016, the sighting of a 14-feet-long mugger was reported, he said.

These sightings provide credence to the fact that the river systems in Kendrapara district are home to all three species of crocodiles. Pati said.

The Bhitarkanika river systems are home to salt water crocodiles, while the Mahanadi and Brahmani rivers and their tributaries that pass through the district are inhabited by muggers and gharials, the officer said. It assumes significance because conservation of these species has not been as successful as that of the estuarine crocodiles. he said.

Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at http://www.envfor.nic.in

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#### WEAVER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SUNDARGARH Dt.27.08.2021 No 4790

#### COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bid Reference No. SNGM-15/2021-22/Dt.27.08.2021 No. C-859:- On behalf of the Sundargarh Municipality, on-line e-tende Percentage Rate Bids are invited by the Executive Officer, Sundargarh Municipality from the intending and eligible class/category of bidders in conformity with the Detailed Tender Call Notice in Single cover bid system i.e. Technical Bid & Financial Bid for execution of the works nentioned in the DTCN. Contractors validly registered/empanelled under Sundargarh Municipality are also eligible to participate for the works as per condition of DTCN.

- Total No. of works for which Tenders invited: 03 Nos
- Place of Execution: Inside of Sundargarh Municipality
- Estimated Cost of work: Rs.3,97,472/- to Rs.6,56,434/-
- Eligible Class of Contractors: Registered Contractors of Class- 'D' to Class - 'C' as indicated against the work mentioned in the Tender Cal Notice
- Intending bidders have to participate through "On-Line" bidding only The website for online bidding is https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in.in The bid documents will be available in the above website from 11 A.M
- on 31.08.2021 to 5 P.M. on 09.09.2021 for online bidding.
- Bids received online will be opened at 11 A.M. on 13.09.2021
- The bidder must possess valid and compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).
- The DTCN for bid shall be available in the e-procurement porta https:// www.tendersodisha.gov.in for on-line bidding.

Sd./- Executive Officer, Sundargarh Municipality OIPR-13130/11/0

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Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) / PR-324/M/21-22 Khurda Road

# Lagna for Nuakhai festival finalised

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, August 31: The lagna (propitious moment) for the famous Nuakhai festival which is to be observed September 11, was fixed, Tuesday.

A team of servitors from the Pundit Mahasabha at Brahmapura temple here Tuesday finalised the Lagna (propitious moment) for offering 'Nabanna' (porridge made from newly harvested rice) to Goddess Samaleswari, the presiding deity of the district. The pundits fixed the date after going



through various Odia almanacs. The 'Nabanna' will be offered to the Goddess between 10.15 am and 10.25 am on the fifth day of lunar fortnight of Bhadrab month,

September 11, informed Pundit

Amarnath Mishra and Saroj Kumar Dalpat, president of Brahmapura Temple Trust Committee. The agrarian festival is celebrated in western Odisha after of fering of 'Nabanna' to Goddess Samaleswari. As per Odia almanac, it is the fifth day of lunar fortnight of Bhadraba month. Every year, the auspicious time for celebration of the festival is fixed by the Pundit Mahasabha at Brahmapura temple a day after Janmashtami.

The festival is observed with much pomp and gaiety across western Odisha districts like Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Kalahandi, Balangir, Bargarh, Subarnapur, Deogarh, Jharsuguda and Boudh to celebrate harvesting.

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#### Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 104.39 Lakhs

(3) Tender No. e-tender-SouthKUR-134-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021

134-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021 DESCRIPTION : PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DRAIN & IMPROVEMENT OF SIDE DRAIN BETWEEN GANJAM TO PALASA UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER-BRAHMAPUR OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

#### Approx. Cost of the Work ₹ 103.00 Lakhs

(4) Tender No. e-tender-SouthKUR-137-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021 137-2021, Dtd. 23.08.2021 DESCRIPTION : FORMATION TREATMENT FOR 4.33 KMS IN DIFFERENT PATCHES BETWEEN GANGADHARPUR-GANJAM SECTION

OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION Approx. Cost of the Work :

495.44 Lakhs

Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) Months (for SI. No. 1, 2 & 4) & 08 (Eight) Months (for SI. No. 3).

#### Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 13.09.2021 (for all Tenders).

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#### FOCUS IDEAS

The flame of the aspiration must he so straight and so ardent that no obstacle can dissolve it. THE MOTHER

# **Cultural Vandalism**

t is a pity that when the aim of educational institutions is to create a congenial atmosphere so that truth, the spirit of inquiry and free thinking 📕 can flourish through an exposure to ideas from all quarters, a premier centre of learning in the country - the Delhi University (DU) - has sought to close the windows of knowledge in its undergraduate English literature department. For the growth and development of democracy, it is imperative that young minds are shaped in educational institutions through a cross-pollination of cultures. Letting hundred flowers bloom is the guiding principle for education in a democratic set-up. It could be a coincidence that Supreme Court Justice DY Chandrachud highlighted this fact while delivering a lecture August 28 at a time when the obnoxious decisions made by the DU authorities have created a raging storm. The judge didn't mince words to say public intellectuals have "a duty to expose the lies of the State." In a democratic country, it is important to hold governments in check and guard against falsehoods, false narratives and fake news. The failure to do so strengthens the hands of autocrats and totalitarian regimes. The words of the judge could not have come at a better time. The totalitarian mindset is being displayed not only by the 'State' but also by heads of academic bodies along with institutions of great economic and social importance. This degradation seems to be going out too far because the Establishment is trying to unduly please the temporary masters that are currently warming the seats of State power.

The DU is in the eye of a storm for removing pieces of feminist Dalit literature from its BA (Honours) English syllabus. It has dropped winner of Sahitva Akademi and Padma Vibhushan award winner Mahasweta Devi's short story, 'Draupadi,' a story about the rape of a tribal woman with alleged Naxalite connections in police custody, along with the writings of two Dalit authors Bama Faustina Soosairaj, a Tamil Dalit feminist, teacher, and novelist and Sukirtharani, a feminist poet known for her contribution to contemporary Dalit and Tamil literature. The university's Oversight Committee has been charged with acting in a high-handed, arbitrary manner disregarding all canons of academic pursuits while imposing its decisions on the removal of the literary pieces, considered invaluable human documents on the oppression of Dalit women. There were protests against the 'overreach' of the committee. As has been prescribed by Justice Chandrachud, intellectuals have come forward to register vehement disapproval of the attempt to trample free flow of ideas in an 'authoritarian way.' The university's Academic Council member Mithuraaj Dhisiya was shocked to find that the Oversight Committee did not have any experts from the concerned department the syllabus of which was changed. This is supposedly against basic academic rules.

Deliberations at the Academic Council meeting held after the pieces had been dropped indicated the anger of the academics at the 'arbitrary change of the texts' in the fifth semester syllabus bypassing statutory bodies such as faculties, committees of courses and standing committee. The meeting even termed the decision 'maximum vandalism.' The motive of the Oversight Committee appears all the more suspect since it has replaced the two Dalit writers - Bama and Sukirtharani - by an 'upper caste' writer Ramabai. Similarly the committee's fiat to the English department to remove Mahasweta Devi's short story was issued without buttressing the decision with any academic logic. What is worse her literary piece - Draupadi - has been taught in the DU since 1999 because of its seminal academic value. It also found pride of place in the University Grants Commission's model syllabus 2019 for BA (H) English.

There is hardly any room for doubt about the sinister design of the Oversight Committee's decisions which reek of bias against intellectual and artistic freedom, respected for centuries, to question accepted beliefs and traditions. For, it has also instructed the department to replace Chandrabati Ramayana with Tulsidas. This sixteenth century interpretation of the Ramayana by a woman poet of now Bangladesh is an extraordinary example of looking at the epic from the standpoint of Sita. It is remarkable that a feminine creative mind could predate the independent interpretation of the Ramayana by the iconic, 19th century Bengali poet Michael Madhusudhan Dutt, who lionised Ravana and his son, Indrajit, over Rama and Lakshman. Michael was influenced by the 17th century poet John Milton's epic, Paradise Lost, where the Biblical theme of the supremacy of God over Satan was questioned. This is how civilisation has progressed over the centuries giving free reins to the indomitable human spirit. Attempts were made to crush free inquiry, but eventually truth has time and again triumphed over falsehood.

The DU would do well to reverse the decisions and uphold, as cogently argued by the apex court judge, the liberal pursuit of truth blowing away the cobweb of lies as a cornerstone of democracy. Only when the mind is without fear, one can walk with the head held high. Academic institutions are the cradle of free thought and democratic minds which alone can help the growth of democracy. Apart from democracy, these alternative thoughts are the foundations on which the minds of the young are encouraged to question.

# **CAN ECONOMICS KEEP UP?**

Ravi Shankar and Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen received the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, a journalist is said to have asked them. "Between the two of you, who is the more talented?" Comparing musical and economic talent is in many ways meaningless. But Shankar offered an interesting response: "Teach me economics for a week and ask me to give a lecture: I will manage it without making a fool of myself. Now, teach my friend Amartya to play the sitar for a week and ask him to give a public performance....

Then the sitar maestro

The story is probably apocryphal. Nonetheless, it highlights a distinctive feature of economics. In many academic disciplines, it is difficult for someone who lacks a reasonable command of the subject to give a lecture without embarrassment, even to a lay audience. Not so with economics. Generally speaking, the average layperson cannot easily tell the difference between good and bad economics, owing not least to the discipline's broad range of content and disparate methodologies.

Kaushik Basu

**ECONOMISTS** 

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Economics has the virtue of accommodating those immersed in abstruse mathematics and axiomatic methods (Léon Walras John Nash, and Kenneth Arrow) alongside those who delve into the world's problems without recourse to symbols (Adam Smith, Thomas Schelling, and Gunnar Myrdal). But such a vast canvas tends to leave room for erroneous brushstrokes. And in deeply uncertain times like the present, when the world is being convulsed by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the digital revolution, it is easy to understand why many lay readers would grow exasperated with pronouncements from 'economists.' How can the non-expert separate the wheat from the chaff?

This sense of disquiet should prompt introspection within the discipline. Even if the criticism is unjustified, a little self-examination cannot hurt. Indeed, I would argue that many mainstream economists fail to appreciate that apprehending reality and crafting sound policy cannot be purely a matter of data and empiricism. However carefully we collect, or-

✓ may have some of the health-

iest employees in the world—and

I'm not just talking about finan-

The employees are healthy be-

cause of an incentive programme

that rewards them for meeting

their fitness goals. If they meet



As technology advances and the environment changes, some of the key assumptions underpinning mainstream economic thinking will become obsolete. To reverse the public's loss of confidence in the discipline. economists must get back to doing what made the field so valuable in the first place

ganise, and analyse our data, the insights we gain must be used in conjunction with common sense and intuition.

By the same token, someone who views his own forecasts as expressions of pure science is as dangerous as someone who is guided by superstition. There is no way to predict with certainty what will happen tomorrow. When speaking about the future, we have no other choice but to use our intuition to decide when we can extrapolate from past data and when we cannot. We hope that we as a species have evolved an intuition that is at least somewhat reliable.

An additional problem is that the necessary mix of hard science and intuition or judgement tends to differ across economic specialties. In some branches. such as auction design, economics is close to engineering, whereas in the areas of monetary and fiscal policy, it is heavily reliant on perception and judgment. When outsiders extrapolate from one branch's performance to make inferences about another branch,

errors can quickly pile up. Beyond these philosophical matters, economic theory also demands a fresh look. To be sure, the rise of data-based scholarship (through big data or randomised control trials) is hugely important. We need data to help spot hidden patterns if for no other reason than to bolster our intuition. Still, the growing propensity to treat these findings as universally dispositive is worrying. Economics would not be the

valuable and exciting discipline that it is today were it not for big theoretical insights like Smith's seminal insight that order can emerge organically without the need for direction from prime ministers or the state (Leviathan). "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest," Smith famously observed.

But a caveat is in order here. While Smith's seminal observation was that the 'invisible hand' can deliver order, the neoliberal view that the invisible hand always

does so is a travesty. One does not have to read more theory to understand this; Franz Kafka's The Trial offers chilling depictions of how evil can be perpetrated without a perpetrator.

Another reason to return to theory now is that the ground is shifting beneath our feet. Mainstream economics has always relied on both explicit and implicit assumptions. For example, textbooks tell us that the efficiency of trade and exchange depends on individual preferences satisfying diminishing marginal utility, technology being convex, and so on. But they do not bother to mention that people also need to be able to communicate. That condition is taken for granted, as are many behavioural norms that are crucial for a market's proper functioning.

But as technology advances and the environment changes, some implicit norms and assumptions will evolve, sometimes with devastating effects on the economy. In our world of social media and public pronouncements, the meaning of what we say is beginning to change. With globalisation, we also have people with different norms operating in the same economy and market. Our theory is ill-equipped to analyse, let alone regulate, such markets. To understand these develop ments, we need the kind of major theoretical breakthroughs that brought the discipline to where it is today. I am not equating theory with mathematics. Neither Schelling's prose nor Nobel laureate Elinor Ostrom's research had much mathematics, but that didn't stop them from grappling with some of the world's most fundamental problems.

The risk economists face now is that the ground is shifting faster than our understanding. We must call on economics' scientific imagination to rise to the challenge and examine not just the state of the world but the state of the discipline.

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Truth comes out only when questions are asked. A race that is not taught to put up questions, without bothering about whether the questions are reasonable or not, shall be doomed to live in ignorance and darkness.

#### WISDOM CORNER

- Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success. PABLO PICASSO There is no other route to success.
- An arrogant person considers himself perfect. This is the chief harm of arrogance. It interferes with a person's main task in life becoming a better person. LEO TOLSTOY
- Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own
- heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes. CARL IUNG

#### WORDS**WORTH**

#### Panic

When an American president tells people not to panic, everybody sits up and takes notice. Some even turn to their dictionaries. They will find that the word comes from that most earthy of Greek gods, Pan, he of the human upper and goat lower half, or sometimes the other way round. A goat he certainly was, being both priapic and fertile. (Schoolboys of a certain cast of mind used to get a dutiful snigger out of those opening lines by Elizabeth Barrett Browning: "What was he doing, the great god Pan, Down in the reeds by the river?" It was a let-down when it turned out he was just making his pipes.) He was the god of rural places, where one should be wary, especially in the heat of the noonday sun, lest one disturb his slumbers. He was supposed to be the source of that irrational fear that even today timid travellers into woods and other wild places may feel, as their back hairs quiver and they constantly search for danger behind every bush, startled by the least noise. Indeed, the quieter the hush, the greater the risk of sudden fright caused by small sounds - the ones which Pan was supposed to make. We have many words for the emotion induced by something unpleasant or dangerous, whether actual, prospective or imagined. The most general, and the least intense, are fear, anxiety, alarm and fright. Horror suggests revulsion at some sight or circumstance and, like terror, is the result of direct personal experience. Terror is the most intense of all the words (it comes from an Indo-European root meaning to shake or tremble), and also the most direct, since it follows some real and immediate threat. Panic, on the other hand, is fear of a special kind, in which one is given over to uncontrollable emotion and unthinking behaviour. It is a contagious emotion, running through a crowd like a sudden epidemic, turning a group into a mob and precipitating unconsidered and hasty action. The Greeks emphasised the groundless nature of the fear - that you were reacting to what you thought might be there, not to any real and present danger. These days, panic is often the word used to describe collective anxiety about financial and commercial matters.



IN JEST THIS

Melvin Durai

**YOU JUST CANNOT PUT A PRICE ON** YOUR HEALTH. **EVEN IF YOU WORK FOR A FINANCIAL** SERVICES COMPANY

their goals, Zerodha's CEO Nithin Kamath allows them to use his parking space for a month. Actually the reward is even better than that, as Kamath revealed in a series of tweets

cial health

"On our internal forum, we asked everyone to set a 12-month gethealthy goal and update the progress every month, to create accountability." he wrote. "To increase participation, we said everyone who reaches the goal will get a 1-month salary as a bonus and 1 lucky draw for ₹10 lakhs

One-month salary and a chance to win ₹10 lakhs? Where do I sign up? For these kinds of rewards. I'm willing to set some lofty fitness goals and work hard toward

erodha, the Bangalore-based achieving them. Here are just three financial services company, goals that I will achieve:

1. I will run regularly—and not just when the neighbour's dog chases me. I will run to catch the bus, run to the bathroom and even run for the sake of running.

Good health boosts professional performance

2. I will lift weights regularlyand not just after watching Mirabai Chanu win a silver medal at the Olympics. I will lift barbells, dumbbells and even cow bells

3. I will become 'yog-fit' by doing lots of yoga and eating lots of vogurt.

Here is my tweet to Kamath: "Dear Sir. I have set some lofty fitness goals. If I achieve them, will you give me one-month salary?"

Here is his response: "Dear Melvin, yes, of course. Since you don't work for us, your monthly salary is zero. We will be happy to give it to you.'

This is so unfair. Apparently you have to be an employee of Zerodha to participate in their incentive programme. Even so. it's a great programme that owes its existence partly to the first lockdown of 2020.

"Post the first lockdown, like everywhere, our team at Zerodha as a whole was probably the unhealthiest ever. due to the lack of physical activity, work-life imbalance, bad diet, and more," Kamath tweeted.

Usually you might find the 'unhealthiest ever' in a hospital, but the lockdown meant that many unhealthy people could be found providing financial services at Zerodha. Thankfully someone thought of the incentive programme and the results have been 'phenomenal,' according to Kamath.

"The transformation stories are super inspiring and pushing others to take action as well," he tweeted. "We also have proof that getting healthy improves professional performance as well. Our Get Healthy programme will now run permanently.'

Yes, it's true: getting healthy improves professional performance, and you may be surprised to learn that it improves amateur performance, too! Whether you're a professional or an amateur, you can im-

prove your performance merely by getting healthy

You just cannot put a price on your health, even if you work for a financial services company. Rewarding employees with a month's salary is a wise investment for Zerodha, and Kamath hopes other companies will follow suit.

Zerodha isn't the first company to offer health incentives to its employees, of course. But the rewards offered by most companies are not that enticing. One company, for example, rewards employees who complete an annual medical checkup with an all-expense paid trip to the dentist of their choice. (No, you cannot pick a dentist in Bali.)

Another company rewards employees who participate in an annual wellness programme with a free week. They have a choice of what's free. They can work for free for one week; or they can have a week that's free of work (and free of pay); or they can have a work week that's free of harassment from the boss.

# etters

#### TO THE EDITOR

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Engage with Taliban

Sir, This refers to the editorial, "Taliban overtures," Orissa POST, August 31, 2021. India was able to take advantage of the US security umbrella in Afghanistan for the past two decades. At the same time, India has done well in cementing people-to-people ties, investing in symbols of democracy, providing development aid, expanding its diplomatic presence, and staying away from establishing a military presence which could have antagonised the civilian population. Given India's history with the Taliban and the latter's backers in Pakistan, New Delhi backed the Afghan government till the very end. Now it is time to make alternative arrangements. The Taliban are making the right noises. Their senior leader outlined India's importance in the sub-continent, expressed a desire to continue cultural, economic and trade ties. But no one in New Delhi is under any illusion. The Taliban are heterogeneous; their ability and desire to crack down on their friends including terror groups targeting India are highly doubtful. The rhetoric could well be tactical to earn legitimacy and whether it can pass any Pakistani redlines on India remains to be seen. But New Delhi has no choice but to work with the Taliban to secure its interests. While being alert to the threats emanating from its western neighbourhood, it's time to prepare for a new relationship with a different Afghanistan.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

#### Talk with farmers

Sir, The farmers' agitation is going out of control. The ruling BJP alleges that behind the demonstration of farmers there is the tacit support of the Congress. The blame game continues unabated. A farmer doesn't belong to any party. His party is his motherland. He feeds us, nourishes us, and enriches us. The recent attack on innocent farmers in Manesar, Haryana speaks volumes about police brutality and administrative arrogance. Such monstrous cruelty inflicted on innocent farmers does not augur well for a vibrant democracy. This is a blatant display of the misuse of official power. The government of India can talk with G8 countries, SAARC, BRICS and United Nations, but not with farmers. The farmers are protesting against the new farm laws. Farmers are not terrorists with whom no dialogue, debate or discussion can be held. Against all odds, our farmers are demanding justice. Is it a crime to air one's grievances in a democracy? It is high time the Union government takes a sym-pathetic and lenient approach toward the farmer's demands. Prabhudutt Dash, BHUBANESWAR

# **Tribals observe 12-hr** bandh in Mayurbhanj



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Baripada, August 31: The 12-hour bandh called by PESA Gram Sabha Santathan, an outfit of tribal communities, over a 10-charter of demands under Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act, 1996 was peaceful across Baripada Tuesday.

During the bandh, activists of the PESA Sangathan picketed in various parts of Baripada and Udala. They laid siege to the NH-18 at Murgabadi and Palbani in Baripada town leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded for hours

However, shops and business establishments were open during the bandh.

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undreds of people staged protests in front of the District Collector's office. A delegation of agitators held talks with the Sub-Collector regarding their demands

NOTABLY, SOME PEOPLE HAD ENTERED JAHIRA, A SHRINE OF THE SANTHALI COMMUNITY AT SIRIPUR UNDER UDLA BLOCK MAY 9. THE MISCREANTS DESECRATED THE SANCTITY OF THE PLACE AND VANDALISED THE DEITIES

Woman dies, husband critical

Collector's office. A delegation of constitutional rights of the tribagitators held talks with the Subals were violated. Collector regarding their demands. Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act, 1996,

Notably, some people had entered *Jahira*, a shrine of the Santhali community at Siripur under Udla block May 9. The miscreants desecrated the sanctity of the place and vandalised the deities.

The PESA Gram Sabha Sangathan activists had apprised the Chief Minister, the District Collector, Kaptipada Sub-Collector and the police about the issue. However, no action was taken against the miscreants in this connection.

This caused resentment among the tribals as the outfit alleged that

Nayagarh, August 31: In a tragic

incident, a 22-year-old woman was

burnt to death and her husband sus-

tained critical burn injuries after

a LPG cylinder exploded at Biridihi

village under Khandapada police

limits in Nayagarh district Tuesday.

fied as Minja Jena, wife of Silu

Jena, whose condition is learnt to

The deceased has been identi-

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be critical.

came into existence to ensure tribal self-rule for people living in the Scheduled areas of the country. The PESA has conferred the absolute powers to Gram Sabha, whereas state legislature has given it an advisory role to en-

sure the proper functioning of Panchayats and Gram Sabhas, the tribals leaders pointed out, adding that PESA recognises the traditional system of the decision-making process and stands for peoples' self-governance.



Women of self-help groups and voluntary outfits taking out a rally at Markapalli in Malkangiri demanding total prohibition and ban on other intoxicants, Tuesday

### Farmers threaten stir in Sambalpur

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, August 31: Reeling under stress due to Covid-related problems, hundreds of farmers in four panchayats under Jujumara block in Sambalpur were left fuming over delay in payment of claims under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. They have warned of agitation, if immediate steps are not taken to clear the payments.

The farmers discussed the issue at a meeting here. It was learnt that the insurance claim for 2020-21 has not been paid to scores of farmers in the region. They pointed out that farmers in other panchayats have received their insurance money, while those in Kayakuda, Lipinda, Gadalusing and Kesapalli panchayats are still waiting for their dues to be cleared.

The Revenue and Statistics departments had conducted a joint survey of the area affected by crop losses in 2020. "Even though we have taken up the issue with the Agriculture department, the district administration and the insurance company concerned, no step has been taken to clear out claims despite the fact that we are facing difficulties during this pandemic," a farmer said.

### Hirakud dam: NHRC seeks report on rehab of displaced families

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the state Chief Secretary to submit an updated report in connection with the identification and payment of compensation to the victims displaced due to the construction of Hirakud Dam in 1952-53. The Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh has also been asked to submit a report regarding the non-payment of ex-gratia compensation to several displaced families in Raigarh and Sarguja districts of the state.

In addition, the NHRC has also asked its Special Rapporteur BB Misra to investigate all affected areas and the ground realities and submit the final report to the commission within eight weeks.

The commission delivered the order while hearing a plea filed by Supreme Court lawyer and rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy in April 2017. In his petition, Tripathy had alleged that as many as 26,561 families who were displaced for the construction of the



Hirakud Dam are yet get proper compensation despite the lapse of more than 60 years

"The government takes steps to trace and count tigers, Oilve Ridley turtles etc every year, but forgets to identify the displaced families," Tripathy said.

He had sought the intervention of the commission demanding rehabilitation of these displaced families.

The Odisha government in its

submission has claimed that the displaced persons have been duly compensated and rehabilitated. Meanwhile it also "admitted that certain service groups of people, including hankar/chowkidar/nariha/dhoba/ Bhandari, were not awarded full compensation and are yet to be rehabilitated. The issue with regard to treating the DC land patta as revenue land is also yet to be sorted out"

### Scribe held for ganja smuggling

Contraband worth over ₹1 cr seized in Malkangiri

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Malkangiri, August 31: Police arrested a journalist on charges of smuggling ganja during a raid in Khairiput block under the district, Tuesday. The police also seized around 15 quintals of ganja and arrested 5 persons, including the scribe, in this connection.

The scribe was identified as Hemant Takri, working for a Web channel in Koraput Baipariguda area. He was nabbed red-handed by the police with the smuggled contraband.

A special team led by Mudulipada OIC was stationed at Jhariaguda checkpoint for vehicle inspection. They intercepted a pick-up van and a four-wheeler speeding towards Jeypore. The cops tried to stop the vehicles, but they didn't stop

at the checkpoint. The on-duty cops point chased the vehicles and successfully nabbed them. The police found the vehicles loaded with a huge cache of ganja. Seizing the vehicles, police took five persons to Mudulipada police station for interrogation. "Our team was stationed at Jhariaguda for vehicle checking. Meanwhile, a speeding car followed by a pick-up van stopped after seeing the police team. When they tried to escape the spot, we chased the vehicles and nabbed them," informed Anshuman Dwibedi, SDPO, Chitrakonda The SDPO added,"We have arrested five accused and seized the haul of ganja which worth over ₹1 crore in the market. The investigation process is underway and we will try to collect more information.

Pisciculture gets a-CPCB shies away from Vedanta pollution issue boost in Sonepur

after LPG cylinder explosion

cue his wife and he too sustained burn injuries. Family members with the help of neighbours rushed Silu to Khandapada community health centre (CHC). He was later shifted to Nayagarh district headquarters hospital (DHH) as his con-

According to sources, like any other day, Minja was preparing dition deteriorated. food Tuesday morning. Suddenly, Fire personnel and a team from the LPG cylinder caught fire and Khandapada police station reached exploded, leaving no time for Minja the spot. After the flame was exto escape. Hearing the explosion, tinguished, the Minja's body was Silu rushed to the kitchen to resretrieved and sent for post-mortem.

During the interrogation, the culprits confessed to smuggling ganja to other states from Chitrakonda.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, August 31: Though the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has sought a reply from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) on its clean chit to Vedantaowned Facor Ostapal chromite mines in Sukinda over discharge of toxic effluents into Damsala nullah, the latter continues to maintain its silence on the issue and is yet file a reply, a report said.

The Facor Ostapal chromite mines are being operated by the Vedanta group in Sukinda. It is alleged that the industrial and mining giant is discharging toxic effluents from the mines into Damsala nullah and polluting the water body, which is a natural stream in the area.

The effluents containing various harmful chemicals and minerals have been posing a major health risk to the people in the area. A case regarding the alleged



discharge of toxic effluents into the Damsala nullah is sub-judice before the CPCB.

Proof regarding the allegations was confirmed from a WhatsApp chat between the Vedanta mining staff. Despite the serious allegations, the regional officer of SPCB at Kalinganagar has given a clean chit to Vedanta. A report in this regard has been submitted by the member secretary of SPCB before

the CPCB, June 21. However, MK Choudhury of DH-PR division of CPCB shot off a let-

ter (CB/PR/PG/2021-22) to the member secretary of SPCB seeking his reply after the petitioner RK Singh raised objections to the clean chit given to Vedanta. SPCB is yet to file its response on the issue while,

the CPCB too has fallen silent. According to the complaint, around 15 lakh cubic metres of toxic water and effluents were discharged into the Damsala nullah over a month instead of sending it to the effluent treatment plant of the mining major. Peeved over the development, the complaint RK Singh as well as the residents had lodged complaints with the Union government's Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System as well as with Jajpur District Collector and SPCB.

As directed by the CPCB, the SPCB conducted a probe into the charges but submitted a report giving a clean chit to Vedanta. The SPCB ruled out any discharge of effluents into Damsala nullah

by Vedanta.

Later, the complainant RK Singh lodged a complaint before the CPCB July 6, 2021 alleging that the discharge of effluents into Damsala nullah has been proved. He alleged that either the official of the SPCB conducting the investigation is ignorant of the matter or has submitted a favourable report yielding to pressures from Vedanta. He urged the CPCB to conduct a fair and impartial probe into the charges

Accordingly, the CPCB has sought a reply from SPCB asking the latter to clarify the charges made by the complainant. Meanwhile, the complainant Singh has filed several reminders before the CPCB through e-mails but the former is yet to respond to his queries.

Repeated attempts to contact the SPCB regional officer Pramod Kumar Behera on his phone failed to yield any result as he did not pick up the calls.

### NCB seizes 850 kg ganja, two held

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, August 31: A team of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) seized 850 kg of ganja concealed in an oil tanker and arrested two persons in this connection at Bhalupalli on National Highway-53 at Ainthapali in this district, late Sunday night.

The accused have been identified as Ram Sagar Singh (60) and Santosh Ray (26) of Daulatpur village in West Bengal. A case has been registered in this connection and further investigations on.

Reports said that the contraband was being smuggled from Saluru in Vizianagaram to Rourkela. Acting on a tipoff, the NCB officials intercepted the vehicle and seized the contraband.

#### FISH FINGERLINGS RELEASED INTO MAHANADI



POST NEWS NETWORK

Binka, August 31: Concerned over the depleting fish population in Mahanadi river and the livelihood crisis faced by the fishermen due to illegal blasting of explosives as well as discharge of industrial effluents, the state Fisheries department has launched a programme of releasing fish fingerlings in Mahanadi river, a report said.

The matter came to the fore during the release of fish fingerlings in Mahanadi by the officials of the department here in Subarnapur district, Saturday. Local fishermen and other villagers have welcomed the efforts of the state Fisheries department to increase the fish population in the river.

The release of the fish fingerlings has been undertaken by the state Fisheries department with assistance of the National Fish Development Board. As a part of this programme, fingerlings of rohu, bhakur, mirkali, grass crap and kalbainsi were released in the river at Papakhayaghat in Binka town. At the outset, four lakh fingerlings will be released into the river at Binka and Sonepur, district Fisheries officer Prasanna

The illegal blasting of dynamites to catch fish from the Mahanadi river has taken a toll on the fish population in the river. Releasing fingerlings will increase the fish population in the river

#### Kumar Patnaik said.

This will help in increasing the fish population and fish catch from the river, he said. The illegal blasting of dynamites to catch fish from the river has taken a toll on the fish population in the river.

The depleting fish catch has also affected the lives and livelihood of fishermen and people living in the riparian villages. Keeping these issues in mind, the state government has launched a programme to increase the fish population in the river.

Among others, Snigdharani Kanhar, Assistant Fisheries Officer, Binka, Sudhir Kumar Pradhan of fingerlings production centre andthe local fishermen were present on the occasion.



Members of Paradip-Erasama Silpanchal Shramik Sangha taking out a rally in support of their various demands before staging a demonstration outside the IOCL refinery in Paradip, Tuesday OP PHOTO







# **'Riot took place every third day'** We still face militancy: Abdullah

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, August 31: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Tuesday alleged that a big riot took place almost every third day under the previous regime, hindering the state's development and pushing it backwards

The UP CM further accused the previous governments of lack of vision for progress and failing to provide the common man a platform for business and employment.



We will fulfill the dream of making the state a trillion dollar economy

YOGI ADITYANATH I CM, UTTAR PRADESH

Between 2003 and 2017, no festival was held peacefully, lacking security from the government, he claimed.

"UP was hit by anarchy, hooliganism and mismanagement. An identity crisis rose before the youth of the state," the CM said addressing an event organised to launch de velopmental projects here.

In UP, from 2012-17, there was on an average a big riot every third day. People of not only one side



died but loss of life and money was faced by both sides. Ultimately, it was a national loss, which pushed the state backwards and hindered its development, he said without mentioning the name of the Samajwadi Party that ruled UP for the five years. Adityanath also claimed that

the state has improved in ease of doing business, jumping from the 14th place in the previous government to the second spot under the

The state is now among the top he said. three choices for foreign investors when it comes to investing in the

In coronavirus period, when China was losing on investments, ₹66,000 crore was invested in the state, he said, claiming that the economy of UP is headed for becoming number two in the country. The work on infrastructure development, including interstate

connectivity from Nepal, Bihar, Uttrakahand, MP, Chhattisgarh and Delhi, has been initiated, he said. "We are constructing a network

of expressways that will become a backbone of the state's economy, We will fulfill the dream of mak-

ing the state a trillion dollar economy, he added.

#### Yogi bans liquor, meat in Mathura

MATHURA: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has imposed a complete ban on the sale of liquor and meat in Mathura. The officers concerned are directed to make plans for the ban as well as for the engagement of people involved in such activities in some other trade, he said. The Chief Minister was speaking at the Krishnotsava 2021 programme in Mathura, late Monday evening. He had earlier also said that meat and liquor sale would be banned in city of religious importance. He suggested that those engaged in liquor and meat trade could take up selling milk in order to revive the glory of Mathura, which was known for producing huge quantity of milk. Every effort will be made to develop Brij Bhumi and there will be no dearth of funds for this. We are looking at a blend of modern technology and the cultural and spiritual heritage for the development of the region, he said. The chief minister complimented Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving a new direction to the country. He said places of faith neglected since long are being revived now.

Abdullah requested the Lt Governor to strengthen security of panchayat leaders who continue to face threat to their lives and said militancy still exists in the Kashmir Valley

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, August 31: Laying emphasis on providing enough security to panchayat leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah Tuesday said militancy still exists and the government should not live in cuckoo world and think everything is hunky-dory".

Abdullah, a former chief minister, made these remarks in the presence of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha at an official event here, organised as part of the parliamentary outreach programme for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Abdullah requested the Lt Governor to strengthen security of panchayat leaders who continue to face threat to their lives and said militancy still exists in the



Kashmir Valley.

'These panchayat members are the targets of militants and they need to be protected. Don't live in a cuckoo world and think everything is hunky-dory. We still face militancy and God knows what will happen in future," he said in an apparent suggestion to the government.

Laying emphasis on the need to protect the country's diversity, Abdullah said there is nothing similar between those who live in Srinagar and Chennai. "The binding factor is only the resolve that we come together to create this country. India is a diverse nation and it cannot prosper if we don't protect its diversity."

He further said if the authorities don't protect the diversity, then one cannot protect the nation.

#### "India cannot be run on the basis of one religion. And there is more threat from the enemy within. We know about the enemy which is outside," Abdullah said.

He further said there is nothing wrong with any religion and that no religion teaches us to hate people from different faiths

Abdullah mentioned that panchavat elections were held under the governments led by him and his son Omar Abdullah.

Reacting to Abdullah, the Lt Governor said, "I want to assure (you) that appropriate arrangements have been made for the security of panchayat leaders. The administration is committed to provide them security and will extend them all possible help to fulfil their duty.

# Hindu outfit threatens to lock up Taj Mahal

BJP rule.

country, he claimed.



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Agra, August 31: Members of a fringe outfit called Rashtriya Hindu Parishad (Bharat) staged a protest at the west gate of the Taj Mahal and threatened to lock the monument if action against an ASI staff member who denied entry to a visitor dressed as Lord Krishna is not taken. The outfit gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) officials to take action against their staff members who 'insulted' the visitor. The incident happened Saturday. The security personnel at the 17th century monument of love, the Taj Mahal, denied entry to a visitor who was costumed in full regal splendour as Lord Sri Krishna, to celebrate the Janmashtami fervour. Even as the security per-

sonnel shooed him away, a big crowd cheered and admired the

character after he played the flute. Superintending Archaeologist (Agra circle) Vasant K Swarnkar said that no promotional activities are allowed at any protected monument without prior permission. The entry was denied as per rules and regulations.

The ASI officials sa normal to deny entry to people carrying flags, banners or posters or making attempts at self promotion.

# Army meets kin of militants, 500 NIT scholars urges bringing wards home

This is for the first time that the senior most army officer in the valley has met in person the families whose children have picked up guns

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shopian (J&K), August 31: In a first, the top army commander in the Kashmir Valley Tuesday met members of around 80 families whose children have joined various terrorist groups in Jammu and Kashmir and urged them to bring their wards back in whatever way possible.

I request you to pull out your children from the swamp called terrorism. I leave it up to you how you pull them out but please do it, General-Officer-Commanding of the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps Lt Gen DP Pandey told the families at a function held at a stadium in this highly-volatile district of south



# await stipend for over four months-

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, August 31: Over 500 research scholars at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) here have been awaiting their stipend for over four months as the Ministry of Education is yet to release funds, officials said Tuesday.

The NIT's management has sent letters to the ministry, informing it about the non-payment of due stipend to students pursuing PhD and Master of Technology (MTech), but has not got any positive response so far, they said.

The officials said there are 350 PhD scholars and 180 others pursuing MTech at the institution.

He said senior officials at the We have not got fellowship grant for the last four months. We have institute say that the grant will been protesting, and demanding only be released once it is sent to

weak backgrounds, especially as they are facing difficulty in fulfilling their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter, he said.

Jandyal said a group of students Tuesday protested at the institute's main gate demanding early release of grants to them.

PhD scholars have not got fellowship or stipend for over four months. We solely depend on it for our financial needs. It is creating a lot of problems for us. We have already approached the NIT management but they say they cannot do anything for it as the grant is released by the Ministry of Education, another scholar said, requesting anonymity.

them by the Ministry of Education.

Rakesh Sehgal told PTI, "We have

informed the Ministry of Education

about it. We have been writing let-

not got their stipend or fellowship for

He confirmed that students have

ters to them seeking the grant."

When contacted, NIT Director

Film City construction to kick-off in January



#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, August 31: The construction of the world-class Film City project which will provide employment to 15,000 people, is likely to start in Sector-21 of Yamuna Expressway Development Authority (YEIDA) area of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in January next year.

The preparations for the construction of the Film City at YEIDA city are in full swing with the approval of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted to the state government recently by the consultant company CBRE South Asia Private Limited.

The DPR was prepared by the CBRE South Asia Private Limited after surveying the world's famous

According to officials, there have been several occasions in the past when groups of people donning Ram dupatta were stopped from entering the historical monument leading to controversies.

The incident, according to reports took place Saturday and the outfit staged a protest Monday.

Kashmir. This is for the first time that the senior most army officer in the valley has met in person the families whose children have picked up guns.

Inspector General of Police (Kashmir Range) Vijay Kumar told the parents that police and security forces have been providing opportunities (to local terrorists) to surrender during live encounters since last year. Families are requested to convince their children (newly recruited terrorists) to come back.

The army commander cautioned the families against the white-collar terrorists roaming among the general masses and said while the children of these white-collar terrorists are enjoying and studying in the rest of the country, your children are targeted by these people. Beware of them. I have come to you and I want to

share that there are two aspects when a youth picks up guns. The first could be that he wants to impress girls or for drugs or is not good at education or even if he is good at education, he has fascination

How you do that, I don't know. It depends on you, he is your son. But during the operation, if any boy drops the weapons, we take bullets, injuries and casualties to save your children. This is my promise

LT GEN DP PANDEY | GOC, CHINAR CORPS

#### for guns.

The second and dangerous aspect is, whom I call, white-collar terrorist. He is one among us whose children are studying or employed only to ensure that his children are not sucked into the gun culture. However, this white-collar terrorist ensures that children of other families pick up guns, Lt Gen Pandey said at the function, 'Jashn-e-Janoob' (Festival of South).

I had requested for a one-to-one meeting with you all to appeal to you to pull out your children quietly from terror groups. And let me tell you that even during operation, if some boy is ready to sur-

render, I assure you that the army will do whatever possible, even at the cost of suffering injury, to get your child back, he said drawing applause from the families.

Among the families of terrorists present during the interaction were Abdul Hamid Najar, father of active militant Sumair Ahmad Najar; Mohammad Saleem Malik, brother of active militant Umar Ishfaq Malik; Mohammad Hussain Wani, father of active militant Naseer Ahmad Wani; Bashir Ahmad Wani, father of active militant Adil Ahmad Wani; Mohammad Khalil Wani, father of active militant Adil Hussain Wani: Mohammad Ramzan Sheikh. father of active militant Abid Ramzan Sheikh; and Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, father of active militant Sameer Ahmad Sheikh.

The rest of the family members did not wish to be identified.

The function was also attended by Victor Force GOC Maj Gen Rashim Bali and Commanding Officer of 44-Rashtriya Rifles Col AK Singh.

disbursal of grants to us for the last 10 days but there is no help. Nongrant of fellowship is creating a lot of problems for students who are mainly outsiders and stay in rented accommodations. Students are unable to pay their rent," said Tarun Jandyal, a PhD scholar.

He said landlords have been demanding rent. If students do not pay, they will be forced to leave their rented accommodations, Jandyal said. Non-disbursal of fellowship grants is causing a lot of problems to students from economically-

the past four months. It has happened for the first time that students have not got the grant for over four months. The Ministry of Education has been informed about it. Even today, I am going to write a letter to the ministry on it, Sehgal said.



### Crime web series 'inspires' youths to rob jewellery store

#### film cities and keeping in mind INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE the proposal of big filmmakers

Lucknow, August 31: Three youths, inspired by a crime web series, robbed a jewellery store in the Gomti Nagar area here.

They were 'inspired' by crime web series 'Money Heist' that is streaming on an OTT platform and committed the crime Saturday, said the police. Within 24 hours, the police

cracked the case and tracked down the kingpin, who was none other than the salesman at the counter, Pradeep, who feigned victim after his aide thrust a gun on his head and tied up his hands.

The whole crime scene was set up by Pradeep, whose burga-clad accomplice, Imran, spoke in a soft dulcet tone before enacting the heist

### **MONEY HEIST**



Pradeep

and slipping away into the bylanes. The third accomplice, Sandeep Gupta, who provided the getaway

Within 24 hours, the police cracked the case and tracked down the kingpin, who was none other than the salesman at the counter

lice (ACP), Gomti Nagar, Shweta Srivastava, who led the operation said, the three were arrested after interrogation, non-stop surveillance and CCTV footage that provided clinching evidence.

Police also recovered ornaments worth ₹15 lakh, the gataway car and burga and sneakers worn by Imran. They were arrested from neighbouring Gangotri Vihar.

We waited for the heat to die down and interrogated Pradeep after conducting a thorough investigation. During sustained grilling, Pradeep broke down and owned up to the crime after which his aides were arrested, said the ACP.

The three youths are school dropouts and wanted to make a fast buck for luxury living.

A day before the robbery, the accused hammed out the plan, but in haste. Imran forgot to change his shoes while stepping out of the car. The accused also failed to notice a functional CCTV just next to the jewellery shop, said the police officer.

They had all watched web se-ries like 'Money Heist' on OTT platforms.





and the film policy of the State

Government. Spread over an area

of 1,000 acres, the sprawling Film

City will be constructed at an es-

(public-private partnership) model

in three phases. In the first phase,

studios, open areas, amusement

The first Film City in UP will

boast of the latest technologies in

the cinematic medium, including

digital among others and will be

called 'Infotainment City' also, ac-

It will have dedicated studios

for shooting of films, TV serials, an-

imation, web series, cartoon films,

cording to officials.

documentaries etc.

parks and villas will be built.

The Film City will be built on PPP

timated cost of ₹6,000 crore.







Assistant commissioner of po-











Spoke to Assam CM Shri @himantabiswa and took stock of the flood situation in parts of the state. Assured all possible support from the Centre to help mitigate the situation. I pray for the safety and well-being of those living in the affected areas NARENDRA MODI PRIME MINISTER

**INDIA HOLDS TALKS WITH TALIBAN** 

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE EMBASSY OF INDIA, DOHA, ON THE REQUEST OF THE TALIBAN

#### **HORRIFIC INCIDENT**

Refusing tea to cops of Patna turned ugly for a minor boy Monday night when the formers threw a utensil of hot milk on him



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Nobody will be allowed to disturb the hard-earned peace of Punjab and again plunge our people into the dark abyss of the terrorism days, which took thousands of innocent lives

AMARINDER SINGH PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

It is a matter of pride for the Indian health system to deliver one crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines in one day. So far no country has administered so many vaccines in a day

J P NADDA BJP PRESIDENT

Yamuna cleaning is our priority, many say it's not possible but with our devotion, we will definitely make it happen SATYENDAR JAIN DELHI WATER MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

#### 📕 Mumbai gets heavy rains

Mumbai: After a lull of two weeks, heavy rains hit the financial capital of Mumbai and the coastal North Konkan belt since the wee hours of Tuesday, officials said here Tuesday. While one boy was washed away in a flooded river in Jalgaon, there has been no impact on the road, rail traffic or air services. The IMD Regional Meteorological Centre has cautioned fishermen against venturing into the Arabian Sea at least for the next 72 hours till September 3 due to rough sea conditions.

#### SC rejects Asaram's plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday declined to entertain a plea by self-styled godman Asaram Bapu, who sought suspension of his sentence, in the rape case of a minor girl, to avail ayurvedic treatment. A bench of Justices Indira Banerjee, V Ramasubrama-

#### New Delhi, August 31: In the first formal and publicly acknowledged contact, Indian Ambassador to Qatar Deepak Mittal met senior Taliban leader Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai Tuesday and conveyed India's concerns that Afghanistan's soil should not be used for anti-Indian activities and terrorism.

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the discussions also focused on the safety, security and early return of Indian nationals stranded in Afghanistan and the travel of Afghan nationals, especially members of minority communities to India.

The meeting took place at the Indian embassy in Doha at the request of the Taliban side and came two weeks after the outfit seized control of Kabul. The MEA said the Taliban representative assured the ambassador that "these issues" would be positively addressed. "Today, Ambassador of India to Qatar, Deepak Mittal, met Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai, the head of Taliban's Political Office



the Embassy of India, Doha, on the request of the Taliban side," the MEA said in a statement.

It said the discussions focused on safety, security and early return of Indian nationals stranded in Afghanistan and the travel of Afghan nationals, especially minorities, who wish to visit India also came up. "Ambassador Mittal raised India's concern that Afghanistan's soil should not be used for anti-Indian activities and terrorism in any manner. in Doha. The meeting took place at

People familiar with India's ties

in Afghanistan said it was the first publicly acknowledged contact between the two sides in over at least two decades. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, replying to questions during his weekly briefing in the last few months on whether India has reached out to the Taliban, has been maintaining that New Delhi is in touch with all stakeholders.

> It was learnt that India had opened a channel of communication with the Taliban but it was never acknowledged officially. The

meeting between Mittal and Stanekzai took place hours after the US completed the withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan, ending its 20-year-long military campaign in the country.

The last American aircraft left the Kabul airport in the early hours of Tuesday. On Saturday, Stanekzai, in a clear overture, described India as an important country in the region and said the Taliban wants to maintain Afghanistan's trade, economic and political relations with it. He was referring to the air corridor between India and Afghanistan that was established to boost trade between the two countries in view of Pakistan's denial to allow transit access.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on August 20 held talks with his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on the Afghan crisis during a stopover in Doha on his way back home from a four-day visit to the US. Doha has been the venue for the intra-Afghan peace talks and the Gulf country has emerged as a crucial player in facilitating the Afghan peace process. Political leaders of the Taliban have been re-

siding in Qatar for years. In September last year, an Indian delegation attended the inaugural ceremony of the intra-Afghan negotiations featuring various stakeholders including the Afghan government and the Taliban in Doha. Jaishankar had joined it through

> a video conference. Meanwhile, a high-level group comprising Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval and a number of other senior officials is focusing on India's immediate priorities in Afghanistan following the drawdown of American forces from the country. Official sources said on Tuesday that the group has been meeting regularly over the last few days following a direction from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India's immediate priorities include the safe return of its nationals still in Afghanistan, bringing back the Afghan nationals who stood by New Delhi and ensuring that Afghan soil is not used for terrorism directed at it.

India has been a key stakeholder in Afghanistan and it has invested nearly USD 3 billion in carrying out nearly 500 projects across Afghanistan.

#### DMK MLA's son among 7 killed in car mishap PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, August 31: Seven people, including a Tamil Nadu DMK MLA's son, were killed when the high-end SUV they were travelling in crashed into a boundary wall and turned turtle at Koramangala here early Tuesday.

"The accident occurred at about 2 am. Seven people, including three women, were killed," Deputy Commissioner of Police of Bengaluru East Division (Traffic) K M Shantharaju told PTI. Police sources confirmed that Hosur MLA Y Prakaash's only son Y Karunaa Sagar died. They also said none of the people sitting inside the car were wearing seat belts. "Had they worn seat belts, the airbags would have opened and minimised the impact," a police officer said.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M K Stalin condoled the death of his party legislator's son in the mishap. He expressed shock and anguish over the incident. "I don't know how to console Prakaash, who has lost his dear son," Stalin said in a statement in Chennai.

He extended his sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased. The DCP said the speeding car ran over the footpath and crashed into a boundary wall before it turned turtle.

Six people died on the spot, while one succumbed to injuries on the way to hospital, sources added. The SUV was allegedly being driven in a reckless manner, they said, adding that CCTV footage showed the vehicle going at great speed moments before crashing.

### **BJP MLA Biswajit Das joins TMC**

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Kolkata, August 31: BJP MLA from Bagda, Biswajit Das, Tuesday joined the TMC, the third saffron party legislator to do so since the assembly poll results were declared in May.

Das, a two-time MLA from the TMC, had switched over to the BJP in 2019. He won from Bagda on a BJP ticket in the 2021 assembly polls. "I never felt very comfortable in the BJP. I wanted to return to the TMC long ago. The BJP has

### **3mn WhatsApp** accounts banned

and user-reports or grievances received, through 2 channels e-mail grievance\_officer\_wa@sup-

port.whatsapp.com regarding vi-olations of WhatsApp's terms of service, or questions about accounts on WhatsApp, published in the help center or, mails received by the India Grievance Officer via post," the company said in a statement. All grievances received from users in India via the grievance mechanisms are evaluated and responded to. Overall, more than 95 per cent of such bans in India are due to the unauthorised use of automated or bulk messaging ('Spam'). These number have also increased significantly since 2019 because our

systems have increased in sophistication, the firm said. In its first compliance report, which covered the time between May 15 and June 15, WhatsApp had said it banned 2 million Indian users.

In July, search engine giant Google said that it removed over 1.5

### SEEKING SHELTER



People cross the city street during rain in Kolkata

nian, and Bela MTrived observed that Asaram was convicted in a crime, which is "no ordinary crime at all".

#### Drones to monitor mining in TN

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu government will use drones to check the quantum of minerals mined from its leased guarries at an outlay of ₹25 crore, said Water **Resources Minister** Duraimurugan. He also said the unused guarries in the state will be used for water harvesting and storage.

#### 12 killed in road mishap

Jaipur: Twelve pilgrims were killed and six others injured in a collision between a multi utility vehicle and a truck in Rajasthan's Nagaur district Tuesday, police said. The accident occurred near the Shri Balaji temple on the Bikaner-Jodhpur Highway, they said, adding eight women and two minors were among those killed.

#### accounts actioned through our prevention and detection methods, for violating the laws of India or WhatsApp's Terms of Service

New Delhi, August 31: Instant

messaging platform WhatsApp

Tuesday announced that it has

banned over 3 million Indian ac-

counts in the 46-day period from

It received 137 reports for ac-

count support, of which one was

actioned, and 316 requests to ban

accounts, the messaging giant said

in its second compliance report

under the new Information

Technology Rules, 2021, "Indian

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June 16 to July 31.

lakh pieces of content based on complaints received in May and June, and over 98 per cent of these were related to copyright.

# DALIT TEEN RAPED, KILLED

#### India records highest vaccinations in a day

NEW DELHI: The daily Covid-19 vaccinations crossed the one crore mark Tuesday for the second time in five days, taking the cumulative doses administered in the country to over 65 crore, the Union Health Ministry said. A record high of over 1.28 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses were given Tuesday, according to the CoWIN portal data. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the highest one-day record of 1.09 crore vaccine doses has been achieved till 6 PM. Mandaviya lauded the entire country for the achievement of more than one crore doses being administered for the second day within a span of five days. He also praised the hard work of Covid warriors and the diligence of citizens in helping achieve the momentous feat of more than 50 crore cumulative administrations of the first dose of the vaccine. "Another milestone achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive under PM @NarendraModi ii. 50 crore people received their first #COVID19 vaccine dose. "I applaud the hard work of COVID warriors and diligence of citizens in helping achieve this momentous feat," Mandaviya tweeted.

#### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Gurugram, August 31: A 13-yearold Dalit girl from Delhis Narela area was allegedly raped and killed in Gurugram. The incident occurred on August 23 and after the incident, her body was taken to the Narela area for cremation. However, her father got suspicious following which he made a call to the Police Control Room (PCR).

The father alleged in a FIR that his landlord's brother Praveen Verma, along with others, killed his daughter.

A case was registered under sections 302 (murder) and 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy)



of the Indian Penal Code and SC/ST Act at the Sector-10A police station in Gurugram, the police said, adding that Verma has been arrested. The police have got the post-mortem report where the sexual assault was confirmed and added further sections in the FIR, they said. According to the FIR, the father

of the victim said, "On July 17, my landlord's wife said that her sister-in-law gave birth to a child and she was taking my daughter as caretaker along with her to her brother's home in Gurugram."

On August 23 around 3 p.m., the father was informed by his landlord that his daughter has died. Around 7 p.m., they brought the body of the victim in a private ambulance to his residence for the cremation, according to the FIR.

When the father got suspicious, he made a PCR call and the police reached the spot. Police took the body of the victim for an autopsy which confirmed sexual assault, it stated.

done nothing for Bengal. It is a party of outsiders and an never understand the pulse of the people of the state," he said after joining the party in presence of TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee.

Das said he had left the TMC in 2019 due to a misunderstanding. "There was some misunderstanding with the party (TMC) then. It would have been better if I had not left the party. But now it is like homecoming for me," he said.

Welcoming Ghosh to the party fold, Chatterjee, who is also state industry minister, said the BJP has been "trying to take post-poll revenge" against the TMC as it failed miserably in the assembly polls. "We will fight the BJP politically. It is trying to belittle the people of West Bengal. But the people of the state will not tolerate this." he said.

### **COVID CRISIS**

# 25% of fully jabbed healthcare staff got infected: Study

INFECTIONS HAVE STARTED RISING AGAIN AND EXPERTS WARN OF ANOTHER BIG JUMP AROUND OCTOBER, INDIA'S PEAK FESTIVAL SEASON

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#### Growing NCDs in NE region

Guwahati: Over 26 per cent people in the northeast are suffering from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like hypertension, neurological and heart problems, according to a survey conducted by an industry body. As part of its "Illness to Wellness" campaign Tuesday, the Assocham unveiled its findings on the northeastern states. based on a primary healthcare survey on the rising burden of non-communicable diseases in the country.

New Delhi, August 31: A little more than 25 per cent of healthcare workers were infected with coronavirus despite getting fully

jabbed, a recent study has revealed, giving an insight on the breakfection. through infections due to the Delta

variant. The study, jointly conducted by the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) and Max hospitals in Delhi-NCR, found that vaccination breakthroughs were far more common during the Delta-outbreak in Delhi than pre-

viously reported. However, the severity of the infection was low and vaccination is crucial to avoid severe illnesses. said Shantanu Sengupta, senior

scientist with the IGIB and one of the lead researchers of the study.

He also cautioned that of the 25 per cent who were infected, a large number were asymptomatic, so masking is also very important to arrest the spread of in-

Sengupta said nearly 95 healthcare workers who had taken the two doses were studied. They were assessed from 45-90 days after their inoculation. Of the 95, more than 25 per cent saw breakthrough infections.

"Immunisation is expected to confer protection against infection and severe disease for vaccines, while reducing risks to nonimmunised population by inhibiting transmission. Here, based on serial serological studies, we show that



during a severe SARS-CoV2 Deltavariant outbreak in Delhi, 25.3 per cent of previously uninfected, ChAdOx1-nCoV19(Covishield) double vaccinated, healthcare-workers (HCW) were infected within a period of less than two months, based on serology," the study said.

Most infections were unrecognised. The Delta- variant thus causes frequent unrecognised breakthrough infections in adequately immunised subjects, reducing any herd-effect of immunity, and requiring reinstatement of preventive measures such as masking, the paper said.

There is a need to have a variant-specific high throughput neutralisation assay to truly assess population immunity and predict outbreak risk, it said.

#### VAX MUST FOR TEACHERS

The Ministry of Education (MoE) on Tuesday asked all the states and Union Territories to get first dose of vaccination completed for all teaching and non-teaching staff during September. In a meeting with education secretaries from states and UTs, School Education Secretary Anita Karwal asked the officials to come up with a roadmap for vaccinating the teachers on priority. The schools have to update data about vaccination of teachers twice a week on a Google tracker.





international BONALD TRUMP | FORMER PRESIDENT, US government divests from fossil fuels



Never in history has a withdrawal from war been handled so badly or incompetently as the Biden administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan. All equipment should be demanded to be immediately returned **DONALD TRUMP** | FORMER PRESIDENT, US

#### **TOWER BRIDGE BLOCKED**

Eleven people were arrested Monday after Extinction Rebellion protesters descended on London, blocking Tower Bridge for several hours. The fifth wave of mass disruption by the group is expected to last all this week and is geared towards demanding the



Pakistan hands over 2 Indians jailed for 8 yrs

Lahore, August 31: Two Indian

nationals, who were languishing in

a Pakistani jail for eight years for

illegal border crossing, have been

handed over to the Border Security

Force personnel at the Wagah

Border, a government official said

the Indian nationals - Sharma

Rajput and Ram Buhadar - entered

Pakistan's territory at the Line of

Control (LoC) from Kashmir and

were arrested by the Pakistan

Later, it appeared that they were

mentally challenged, he said, adding

that they had apparently crossed

Their pictures and other cre-

dentials were shared with India

and finally after admitting them as

its citizens, the Rangers handed

the border inadvertently.

The official told PTI that in 2013,

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Tuesday.

Rangers.

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Today we reached an important milestone in our vaccination campaign. Seventy percent of adults in the EU are now fully vaccinated and that means 250 million people are

fully immunized URSULA VON DER LEYEN | EU CHIEF

The successful enforcement of the ban on leaded petrol is a



of environmental degradation is real INGER ANDERSEN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNEP



there will be no way to stop the spread of the disease

SOMPONG AMORNVIVAT OPPN PARTY LEADER, THAILAND

#### SHORT TAKES

#### EU takes US off safe travel list

Brussels: The European Union recommended Monday that its 27 nations reinstate restrictions on tourists from the US because of rising coronavirus infections there, but member countries will keep the option of allowing fully vaccinated US travellers in. The decision by the European Council to remove the US from a safe list of countries for nonessential travel reverses the advice that it gave in June, when the bloc recommended lifting restrictions on all US travellers before the summer tourism season.

#### Drone attack on Saudi airport

Rivadh: A drone attack on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport wounded eight people Tuesday, said the Saudi-led

# **Taliban celebrate American withdrawal**

**AMERICA'S** LONGEST WAR **TOOK THE LIVES OF NEARLY 2.500 US TROOPS AND AN ESTIMATED 240,000 AFGHANS, AND COST SOME \$2 TRILLION** 

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Kabul, August 31: Celebratory gunfire resounded across the Afghan capital Tuesday as the Taliban took control of the airport following the withdrawal of the last US troops, marking the end of a 20-year war that left the Islamist group stronger than it was in 2001.

Shaky video footage distributed by the Taliban showed fighters entering the airport after the last US troops flew out on a C-17 aircraft a minute before midnight, ending a hasty and humiliating exit for

The resolution said it strongly demands that Afghan territory not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists

United Nations: The United Nations Security Council, under India's Presidency, adopted a resolution demanding that the Afghanistan territory should not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter and train terrorists. The resolution said that it expects that the Taliban will



Washington and its NATO allies. "It is a historical day and a historical moment." Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told a news conference at the airport after the departure. "We are proud of these

moments, that we liberated our country from a great power.' Long lines formed in Kabul Tuesday outside banks shuttered since the fall of the capital as peo-

ple tried to get money to pay for increasingly expensive food. There was a mixture of triumph and elation on the one side as the

UNSC adopts resolution on Af adhere to commitments made by it regarding the safe, secure, and orderly departure from Afghanistan of Afghans and foreign nationals. The Council adopted the resolution proposed by France, the UK and the US with 13 Council members voting in favour and

Russia and China abstaining. This was the first resolution adopted by the Council on the situation in Afghanistan following the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban and came on the penultimate day of India's Presidency of the Security Council for the month of August. Reaffirming its strong commit-

ment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan, the resolution "condemns in the strongest terms the deplorable attacks" of August 26 near the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul for which the Islamic State in Khorasan Province, an entity affiliated with the Islamic State in Irag and the Levant (Da'esh), claimed responsibility and which resulted in deaths and injuries of over 300 civilians and 28 mil-

ast US troops leave Kabul

lebratory gunfire erupts ver Afghan capital

of American civilians

ore than 123,000 people were evacuated from Kabu

Taliban celebrated their victory,

The departing US troops de-

stroyed more than 70 aircraft and

and fear on the other.

itary personnel. The UNSC resolution took note of the Taliban's condemnation of the attack.

dozens of armoured vehicles. They also disabled air defences that had thwarted an attempted Islamic State rocket attack on the eve of their departure.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the US military was not concerned with images of Taliban

members walking through Kabul airport holding weapons and seizing up US helicopters. "They can inspect all they

want," he told CNN. "They can look at them. They can walk around. They can't fly. They can't operate them...?

### **US MILITARY BIOMETRIC DEVICES TO AID TALIBAN**

disturbing development, the Taliban have captured US military biometrics devices used to collect data such as iris scans. fingerprints, and facial images. The devices, known as HIIDE, for Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment, were seized while the Taliban were making According to the report, the military used HIIDE to keep track of locals working for the Taliban could use the data to program was also used to keep track of potential terrorists or criminals. According to experts speaking to MIT Technology Review, however, these devices actually provide only limited held remotely on secure servers. But there is a greater threat from Afghan government databases containing sensitive personal information that could be used to the country. In addition to biometric data, the system includes biographic and

and terrorist watchlist records, enabling users to determine if an individual is flagged in the system as a suspect. Intelligence analysts can also use the system to monitor people's movements and activities by tracking biometric



researchers, activists and policymakers raised concerns that the mass collection, storage and analysis of sensitive biometric data posed dangers to privacy rights and human rights. Reports of the Taliban potentially accessing US biometric data stored by the military show that those concerns were not unfounded. They reveal potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the US military's biometric systems. In particular, the situation raises questions about the security of the mobile biometric data collection devices used in Afghanistan.

data recorded by troops in the field. For years following 9/11,



They were produced before the Federal Review Board comprising judges of the Superior Court and the federal interior ministry presented their charges. The board extended their detention till the decision on their cases is made based on the investigation report of the interior ministry on whether they should

face trial or should be set free,

the 19 Indians from different parts

of the country under the Security

Act and Secret Services Act of the

country. They have been kept in

different jails.

officials said.

# China culture crackdown a sign of profound political change



### China curbs kids online gaming

Beijing: Hugely popular online games and celebrity culture in China are the latest targets in the ruling Communist Party's campaign to encourage the public to fall in line with its vision



Washington: In yet another

advances last week, a report said. Pentagon, leading to fears that the identify and apprehend individuals that it might consider traitors. The access to biometric data, which is identify millions of people around

contextual data such as criminal

coalition battling Huthi rebels in neighbouring Yemen. Following an earlier reported attack, "a second drone attempting to attack Abha International Airport was intercepted and shot down", the coalition said in a statement carried by the kingdom's official Al-Ekhbariya television channel. "Eight people were wounded and a civilian aircraft was damaged, according to initial information," it added.

#### 11 IS ultras killed in Balochistan

Karachi: Pakistan's counterterrorism officials Tuesday claimed to have killed 11 militants of the Islamic State terror group in the country's restive Balochistan province. The ISIS militants were killed in an exchange of fire at a compound in the province's Mastung district Monday night following a tip-off, according to the Counter Terrorism Department of the Balochistan police. An official said that the militants were asked to surrender but they opened fire on the raiding party.

#### **Death penalty to** six in Bangladesh

Dhaka: A Bangladeshi antiterrorism tribunal Tuesday sentenced six Islamist militants, including a fugitive ex-army major, to death in the brutal murder of a gay rights activist and his friend in 2016. "They will be hanged by neck until their death," said Judge Md Majibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal. In April 2016, Islamist militants hacked to death Xulhaz Mannan, an editor of Bangladesh's first gay rights magazine who had worked for the US Agency for International Development.



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Shanghai, August 31: China's crackdown on celebrity culture and its moves to rein in giant internet firms are a sign of "profound" political changes under way in the country, a prominent blogger said in a post widely circulated across state media.

The Chinese government has recently taken action against what it has described as "chaotic" online fan club culture, and has also punished celebrities for tax evasion and other offences

In a wide-ranging series of interventions in the economy, it has also promised to tackle inequality, "excessively high" incomes, soaring property prices and profitseeking education institutions.

"This is a transformation from the capital at the centre to people at the centre," nationalist author

Li Guangman wrote in an essay originally posted on his official Wechat channel.

"This is also a return to the original intentions of the Chinese Communist Party ... a return to the essence of socialism," he wrote in an article that was republished by the Xinhua news agency and the Communist Party's official newspaper, the People's Daily.

Li, identified as a former editor at a state-run publication, said China's markets would "no longer be a paradise allowing capitalists to get rich overnight", adding that culture would not be a haven for celebrities and public opinion would "no longer be a place to wor-

ship Western culture" Therefore, we need to control all the cultural chaos and build a lively, healthy, masculine, strong and people-oriented culture," he wrote. Since coming to power in 2012,

for a powerful, more wholesome country. Rules that take effect Wednesday cut the amount of game time children are allowed by more than two-thirds to three hours a week. That coincides with a campaign to curb what the party sees as unhealthy attention to celebrities online. "Adolescents are the future of the motherland," the Press and Publications Administration said in a statement Monday accompanying the game rules. "This appears to be part of China's push to ensure that the govern ment is front and center in all aspects of its citizens' lives. said Paul Haswell, who heads law firm Pinsent Masons' technology, media and communications practice for the Asia-Pacific region.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has sought to enhance the role of the ruling Communist Party in all areas of society, including its businesses, schools and cultural institutions.



Damage to properties is seen from a US Coast Guard post-storm overflight after Hurricane Ida passed though Galliano, Louisiana

### S Korea bans Google, Apple payment monopolies

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, August 31: South Korea's National Assembly approved legislation Tuesday that bans app store operators such as Google and Apple from forcing developers to use their in-app payment systems.

The tech giants have faced widespread criticism over their practice of requiring app developers to use in-app purchasing systems, for which the companies receive commissions of up to 30 per cent. They say the commissions help pay for the cost of maintaining the app markets.

The legislation prohibits the app market operators from using their monopolies to require such payment systems, which means they

South Korea is reportedly the first country in the world to pass such a bill, which becomes law when it is signed by the president

must allow alternative ways to pay. It says the ban is aimed at promoting fairer competition. The bill aims to prevent any retaliation against developers by banning the companies from imposing any unreasonable delay in approving apps. The legislation also allows South Korean authorities to investigate

the operations of app markets to un-

cover disputes and prevent actions that undermine fair competition.

Regulators in Europe, China and some other markets worry about the dominance of Apple, Google and other industry leaders in payments, online advertising and other fields. Chinese regulators have fined some companies for antimonopoly violations, while other governments are wrestling with how best to keep markets competitive.

The Korea Internet Corporations Association, an industry lobby group that includes South Korea's largest internet companies including search and online shopping giant Naver, welcomed the passage of the bill, which it said would create healthier competition.

# India completes one month as UN Security Council head

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

United Nations, August 31: India presided over the unanimous adoption of three important mandate extensions of UN Security Council resolutions on the penultimate day of its Presidency of the powerful organ of the world body.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla Monday presided over the Council's deliberations on the Middle East peace process. in particular the Palestinian issue. India also "steered" discussions and the adoption of three other important mandate extensions of the UN Security Council on Mali sanctions, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and UNSOM (Somalia).



India's month-long Presidency of the 15-member Council ends Tuesday. During the month, the United Nations Security Council, under the presidency of India, suc-

cessfully steered the discussions on various peace and security issues that are on its agenda. These included Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, and the Middle East

With today's meetings, India's **Presidency of the Security Council now reaches a** successful closure. Each of our initiatives were designed to produce, to the extent possible, consensusbased substantive and forward-looking Council outcomes

HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA FOREIGN SECRETARY, INDIA

#### Peace Process.

The resolution on the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) extended the mandate of the peacekeeping mission for a period of one more year. India is one of the largest troopcontributing countries to UNIFIL and has been contributing forces to UNIFIL for the past 21 years. Since October 2018, a Kazakhstan Contingent is co-deployed with the Indian Battalion in UNIFIL. Currently, 862 Indian peace-

keepers are serving in UNIFIL. India has also shown readiness to strengthen the UNIFIL Maritime Task Force (MTF), including through the deployment of a maritime contingent.

The Council renewed until August 31, 2022, the travel ban and asset freeze imposed through resolution 2374 (2017) against individuals and entities obstructing the implementation of the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali.

The resolution on UNSOM extends the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia till May 31, 2022. UNSOM has been playing an important role in supporting the Federal Government of Somalia's peace and reconciliation process and extending support to the government, and AMISOM as appropriate, by providing strategic policy advice on peacebuilding and State-building since its inception in 2014.

Somalia is currently witnessing a crucial phase. A peaceful, free, and fair democratic election is extremely important for the future of Somalia. UNSOM, alongwith the African Union Mission in Somalia



# business



**EV manufacturers should** offer significant discount to EV buyers who scrapped their old IC engine cars NITIN GADKARI UNION MINISTER

#### **INDIA'S APRIL-JULY FISCAL DEFICIT NEARS \$44BLN**

India's federal fiscal deficit in April-July, the first four months of the fiscal year, stood at ₹3.21 trillion (\$43.98 billion), or 21.3 per cent of the budgeted target for the whole year, government data showed Tuesday



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As the market settles down to regular operations, the RBI will conduct finetuning operations from time to time, as

needed, to manage unanticipated and one-off liquidity flows so that liquid conditions in the system evolve in a balanced and evenly distributed manner

SHAKTIKANTA DAS RBI GOVERNOR

Globally we have seen higher acceptance of electric vehicles and it is now being reflected in the

Indian market as well. It is related to customer acceptance rate which has been growing multi-fold over the last one year

SHAILESH CHANDRA PRESIDENT. TATA MOTORS PASSENGER VEHICLE UNIT



structural reforms, the government's capex push and rapid vaccination

KV SUBRAMANIAN CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR

#### SHORT TAKES

#### **Prosus to acquire** BillDesk for \$4.7bn

New Delhi: In one of the biggest deals in the Indian consumer internet space. global player Prosus NV Tuesdav said PavU will buy digital payments provider BillDesk for USD 4.7 billion (about ₹34,376.2 crore). With the deal, the Netherlandsincorporated Prosus NV's investment in India will jump to more than USD 10 billion. The PavU-BillDesk transaction. which is subject to approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI), is expected to close by early 2022, Prosus Group CEO Bob van Diik told reporters during a briefing. "The combination will create a leading digital payments company in India and globally, and it's exceptionally well-positioned to expand deeper into the Indian fintech ecosystem more and more India

# **GDP GROWTH REBOUNDS TO** 20.1% IN Q1 ON LOW BASE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi. August 31: India's economic growth surged to 20.1 per cent in the April-June quarter of this fiscal, helped by a low base of the year-ago period, despite a devastating second wave of COVID-19. The gross domestic product

(GDP) had contracted by 24.4 per cent in the corresponding April-June quarter of 2020-21, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Tuesday. The government had imposed a nationwide lockdown at the onset

of the COVID-19 pandemic last year. This year, the massive second wave of the pandemic hit the coun-

try in the middle of April, which forced states to impose fresh restrictions. However, the economy has still not returned to the pre-COVID level

In value terms, the GDP stood at ₹32,38,020 crore in April-June 2021-22, lower than ₹35,66,708 crore in the corresponding period of the 2019-20 financial year. The GDP had shrunk to ₹26,95,421

crore in April-June last year during the nationwide lockdown. GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q1 of 2021-22 is estimated at

₹32.38 lakh crore, as against ₹26.95 lakh crore in Q1 of 2020-21, showing a growth of 20.1 per cent as compared to contraction of 24.4 per cent in Q1 2020-21," the NSO said in a statement.

With a view to containing the second wave of the pandemic, localised per cent earlier. and calibrated lockdowns were im-



posed during the first quarter of 2021-22, it added. Restrictions were imposed on the economic activities not deemed essential, as also on the movement of people.

"The lockdown instructions in various states were duly considered by the National Statistical Office. The impact on economic activities and the data collection mechanisms owing to COVID-19 pandemic has an effect on the Quarterly GDP estimates also. The impact of these measures on overall economic activity is embedded in source data," it stated.

According to the NSO data, gross value added (GVA) growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 49.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2021-22, compared to a contraction 36 per cent a year ago. Farm sector GVA growth was

up at 4.5 per cent, compared to 3.5 Construction sector GVA grew

by 68.3 per cent compared to 49.5 per cent contraction earlier. Mining sector grew by 18.6 per cent, as against a contraction of 17.2 per cent a year ago.

Electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services segment grew by 14.3 per cent in the first quarter of this fiscal, against 9.9 per cent contraction a year ago.

Similarly, trade, hotel, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting grew by 34.3 per cent compared to 48.1 per cent contraction earlier.

Financial, real estate and professional services grew by 3.7 per cent in Q1 FY22 compared to a contraction of 5 per cent.

Public administration, defence and other services grew at 5.8 per cent during the quarter under review, compared to (-) 10.2 per cent a year earlier. Meanwhile, China has posted a growth of 7.9 per cent in the April-June period of 2021.

### 'Automakers will have to offer biofuel vehicles soon'

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 31: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Tuesday said India will make it mandatory for auto manufacturers to offer vehicles running 100 per cent on biofuels in the next six months.

Such a move will be cost-effective for consumers, who are hassled by the high petrol prices, the minister said, pointing out that a litre of bioethanol costs ₹65 as against ₹110 paid for petrol. The alternative fuel is also less polluting and saves forex.

We are committed to delivering vehicles with flex engine norms. We have taken a decision, we will make it mandatory by which there will be a flex-engine," Gadkari said at an event hosted by domestic brokerage Elara Capital.

"Within six months, we will give orders for making flex engines (mandatory)," he said, adding that state-run oil marketing companies have already been ordered to offer bio-fuels at the same facilities as the one selling petrol and diesel.

The minister said consumers

will have a choice between petrol



and bioethanol and a switch to the alternative is also essential for the country because of the surplus production of crops like rice, maize,

corn and sugar, from which bioethanol is made. He added that in many of the crops, the minimum support price offered to the farmers is higher than the commercial price or the one in international prices, making it essential for diverting the harvest for the overall betterment of the country. Gadkari said manufacturing of electronic vehicles is also on at a fast pace across categories and estimated that there will be a flood of such automobiles

on the roads in a year. He also said that in the next five years, he wants India to be the leading auto manufacturing hub in the world offering vehicles with all the fuels for the world. The recently launched vehicle scrappage policy will help in sourcing of raw materials, he said.

Efforts are also underway on using hydrogen as a fuel, and to tap the gas from sea water and sewage water, Gadkari said, without sharing specifics.

Aviation industry may incur losses worth ₹26,000cr in FY22

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Mumbai, August 31: Pandemic-hit Indian aviation industry is expected to report a net loss of ₹25,000-26,000 crore while its debt level may increase to ₹1.2 lakh crore in the ongoing fiscal year, credit ratings

agency ICRA said Tuesday. Also, the industry will be requiring an additional funding of ₹45,000-47,000 crore over FY2022 to FY2024, it said. According to ICRA, in the near term, the balance sheets of Indian carriers will remain stressed until they are able to reduce their debt burden through a combination of improvement in operating performance and / or through equity infusion. ICRA has thus maintained its negative credit outlook on the Indian aviation industry.

Most airlines have initiated fundraising plans to tide over the liquidity crisis stemming from the cash burn due to the impact on demand and increase in jet fuel prices, it said. The aviation industry is expected to witness a strong yearon-year growth of 45-50 per cent in domestic air passenger traffic and 80-85 per cent in international air passenger traffic during 2021-22, according to ICRA.

It will, however, be achieved on a lower base of the previous fiscal year and driven by the faster pace of vaccination and gradual relaxations in restrictions by the regulatory authorities.

#### 8 core sectors' output up 9.4 pc in July

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New Delhi, August 31: The output of eight core sectors grew by 9.4 per cent in July, mainly due to a low base effect and uptick in production of coal, natural gas, steel, cement and electricity, official data showed Tuesday.

The eight infrastructure sectors of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity had contracted by 7.6 per cent in July 2020 due to the nationwide lockdown imposed to control the spread of COVID-19.

According to the commerce and industry ministry data, production of coal. natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement and electricity jumped by 18.7 per cent, 18.9 per cent. 6.7 per cent. 9.3 per cent. 21.8 per cent and 9 per cent in July, respectively Crude oil output contracted by 3.2 per cent during the month under review. Fertiliser segment recorded a growth of 0.5 per cent. During April-July this fiscal, the eight sectors grew by 21.2 per cent against a negative growth of 19.8 per cent in the same period last year.

#### Gugnani Motors pioneers state's premium bike biz Sensex scales Mount 57K



#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. (HMSI) Tuesday inaugurated the premium big bike business vertical Honda BigWing in the city. The Honda BigWing is Odisha's

first exclusive premium bike dealership taken up by Gugnani Motors at Patia Square.

Former Hockey Captain Dilip Tirkey and bronze medallist Olympian Amit Rohidas were the chief guests of the launch. Aiit Panda (Zonal Head-HMSI), Shiv Pratap Singh (Zonal-in-charge, Service, and HMSI) and Hrishav Sinha (Dealer Development, Honda BigWing) graced the event with their presence. Satpal Gugnani and Rajan Gugnani were also present at the inaugural ceremony. The Managing Director of Honda BigWing Yashneet Gugnani said, "The dealership has been opened to promote the fun and premier bike culture in India. This



is the first premium bike dealer by Gugnani Motors in Odisha. At

showroom). He also mentioned that H'ness-CB350 is priced at ₹1.9

customers move from cash to digital transactions." he added.

#### SK Satya receives **Greentech Award**

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Bhubaneswar: Sunil Kumar Satya, Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region 2) of NTPC received the Greentech Leading Director Award 2021, recently. Satya received the award from Farooq Abdullah MP (Lok Sabha), and Former Chief Minister of J&K at Sonmarg (J&K). This award has been conferred to Satya in recognition of his outstanding achievements in driving the growth of the organisation through innovation and excellence.

#### Exide may foray into lithium-ion

Kolkata: The country's largest lead acid battery maker, Exide Industries Ltd, Tuesday said it is evaluating foray into manufacturing Advance Cell Chemistry batteries, commonly referred to as lithium-ion batteries. To take a final call, the company is waiting for the Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) details to come. The Centre recently approved a PLI scheme on such batteries. The scheme outlay of ₹18,100 crore is intended to establish 50 Giga Watt Hour (GWh) of advanced cell chemistry and 5 GWh of niche advanced cell chemistry. "We are evaluating installing Advance Cell Chemistry Project. We are waiting for the PLI details as it will act as a sweetner.... It entails huge capex. However, the project viability will depend on future demand for lithium based batteries." Exide MD & CEO Subir Chakraborty said.

Titan 2.32 GRAPHICS

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 31: The BSE benchmark index Sensex has soared over 9 per cent this month to scale the 57,000-mark for the first time Tuesday, as the bull run continues in the equity market.

The blue chip index reached an all-time intraday high of 57,625.26 on Tuesday, the last trading session of August, a month that has seen the stock market making many new records

The 30-share index closed with a gain of 662.63 points or 1.16 per cent at 57,552.39, its record close. Reflecting the strong stock market sentiments despite lingering

worries over possible tapering by the US Federal Reserve, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped to an all-time high of ₹2,50,02,084.01 crore at the close of trade Tuesday.

"Led by bulls, domestic indices breached record highs amid broad-

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based buying due to continuation of Fed's dovish policy and the expected release of domestic GDP data," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geoiit Financial Services. This is the fourth day of rally in the equity market, during which the BSE benchmark has jumped 1,608.18 points or 2.87 per cent. Earlier, August 4, for the first time, the Sensex sailed past 54,000 points, both at intra-day and closing levels. After nine days, August 13, the index crossed the 55,000 mark and also closed above this level. The next 1,000 points-level was scaled in less than a week's time as the benchmark climbed the 56,000-peak for the first time in intra-day trade August 18. Then August 27, it closed above the 56,000-mark for the first time.

"Both Nifty and Sensex touched the mark of 17,000 and 57,500 respectively making their new lifetime highs. The rally is expected to continue unless there is any change in global cues," Rahul Sharma, Co-Founder, Equity99 said.

present, we have three variants H'ness-CB350, CB 350 RS, CB 500 X. We are seeing a niche market in Odisha for these premium bikes. Customers like to invest on their comfort riding.

On the occasion, Honda's Adventure Bike '500X' was also unveiled. According to Yashneet, CB 500 X is priced at ₹6.5 lakh (ex-

lakh (ex-showroom).

'We will cater premium bikes to all Odisha market. These are streetcruiser bikes that are comfortable for both city commuting as well as long rides. They are also technologically advanced," the MD added.

The dealership will provide sale, service and spares to the Odisha market.

### NTPC Darlipali's unit-II to start ops from Sept 1

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 31: NTPC Limited will start commercial operation of its second unit of Darlipall Super Thermal Power Station in Sundargarh district from September 1, 2021.

"The second unit of the power plant with 800MW capacity, that completed its trial operation July 21, will start commercial generation from September 1, 2021," said NTPC Regional Executive Director

While Odisha is entitled to receive 50 per cent of the power generated by the Darlipali Power Project of 1600 MW (2 X 800 MW), the remaining 50 per cent will be sold to Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, and West Bengal. As per the power purchase agreement with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) the cost of power from the Darlipali plant will be ₹2.90 per unit. While the fixed cost of power is set at ₹1.90 per unit.

(Eastern Region) SK Satya.

NTPC has already made an expenditure of over ₹13,500 core in the project that is estimated at ₹13,700 crore Some of the works like construction of railway line for transportation of coal and construction of merry go round (MGR) linking to railway sidings at Laikera and Kechobahal stations in Jharsuguda district for coal dispatch to the plant is under progress. It is expected that these works will be completed by June 2022.

power plant is currently sourcing its requirement of fossil fuel from its Dulanga coal mines in Sundargarh. With a daily requirement of about 25,000 tonne, the Dulanga mine has the capacity to meet 20,000 tonne. The balance requirement will be met from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited through road. "Once the MGR project is over, NTPC will meet the additional coal requirement from anywhere in the country through railway." Satya added.

The pit head-based thermal

# Maruti output to halve in Sept as chip shortage hits carmaker

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lakh units per annum.

per annum.

New Delhi, August 31: The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) Tuesday said it expects total vehicle production in September across its plants in Haryana and Gujarat to be just 40 per cent of the normal output due

to the semiconductor shortage. The company's production capacity at Gurgaon and Manesar plants in Haryana is around 15

Besides, Suzuki Motor Gujarat

(SMG), a 100 per cent subsidiary of

Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation,

has an additional installed pro-

duction capacity of 7.5 lakh units

of electronic components due to

"Owing to a supply constraint

the semiconductor shortage situation, the company is expecting an adverse impact on vehicle production in the month of September in both Haryana and its contract manufacturing company, SMG in Gujarat," MSI said in a regulatory filing.

Though the situation is quite dynamic, it is currently estimated that the total vehicle production volume across both locations could be around 40 per cent of normal production, it added.

MSI had reported a 58 per cent increase in total production in July on a yearly basis to 1,70,719 units. Its wholesales last month stood at 1,62,462 units, up 50 per cent from in July 2020. Semiconductors are silicon chips that cater to control and memory functions in prod-

ucts ranging from automobiles, computers and cellphones to various other electronic items.

Industry experts feel that enhanced demand for automobiles in the past few months has put pressure on the global supply chains leading to a shortage

more electronic features such as Bluetooth connectivity and driverassist, navigation and hybrid-electric systems.

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Earlier this month, SMG, which supplies cars exclusively to MSI. had announced that it would scale down production activity in August at its Ahmedabad-based manufacturing plant due to semiconductor shortage.

The company had also decided to scale down production to single shift at some manufacturing lines in the plant. All units produced in SMG are supplied to MSI.

Suzuki had established SMG in March 2014, aiming to secure production ability in preparation for the automobile market growth in India, as well as for expansion of exports from the country.

In October 2020, SMG became the fastest production site of Suzukito achieve accumulated automobile production of 10 lakh units.





The usage of semiconductors

in the auto industry has gone up

globally in recent times with new





models coming with more and



### Shooter Singhraj seals bronze **MARIYAPPAN, SHARAD SHINE** PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

India bags silver, bronze in men's high jump T42 event to take the country's medal tally to double digits

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Tokyo, August 31: Defending champion Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar won a silver and bronze respectively in the men's high jump T42 event as India's medal tally at the Paralympics touched an unprecedented 10, riding on a consistently stupendous track-and-field performance here Tuesday.

Mariyappan cleared 1.86m while American gold winner Sam Grewe succeeded in soaring above 1.88m in his third attempt. Kumar took the bronze with an effort of 1.83.

"I could have won gold and claimed the world record. I came here with that aim. But the rain played spoilsport. It was a drizzle initially but after the 1.80m mark, it became heavy. The sock on my other leg (the impaired right leg) got wet and it was difficult to jump, Mariyappan said after the event. "In Rio, the weather was great and I won gold. I will try for gold and world record in Paris 2024," he added.

The third Indian in fray and 2016 Rio Paralympics bronze-winner, Varun Singh Bhati ended seventh out of nine competitors after he failed to clear the 1.77m mark.

Kumar revealed he was considering pulling out of the competition due to a leg injury. "I had an injury on my leg, meniscus dislocated (a type of knee injury) yesterday. I thought of pulling out today but spoke to my family back home. They said just go ahead. Told me to read Bhagawat Gita and focus on what I can do and not on what I have no control over," he said.

The T42 classification is for ath-

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New Delhi, August 31: Indian

boxers dominated the Asian Youth

Championships, notching up six

gold medals along with nine sil-

ver and five bronze in the event

where the women's competition

was significantly depleted due to

pullouts caused by COVID-19 re-

Preeti Dahiya (60kg), Sneha

Kumari (66kg), Khushi (75kg) and

Neha (54kg) clinched gold medals

in the women's draw, which shrunk

lated travel restrictions

#### **ASIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**



letes with a leg deficiency, leg length difference, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in the legs. The athletes compete in a standing position.

The Indians stayed inside the top three for a majority of the competition and Mariyappan was in contention for a gold as well. India have so far won two gold.

five silver and three bronze medals in the ongoing Games. Athletics has once again been the country's happy hunting ground with one gold, four silver and two bronze so far and some more expected before the Games wind up on Sunday. The 26-year-old Mariyappan was

touted as a sure shot medal for India after rising to fame with his gold in the Rio Games five years ago. The Tamil Nadu athlete suffered

#### MEDAL TALLY

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Ukraine 15 33 19 67 5 2 5 3 10 permanent disability in his right

leg after it was crushed under a bus when he was only 5 The doctors had recommended amputation of his leg but his mother Saroja decided against it.

His father abandoned the family long back, and Mariyappan battled abject poverty growing up as

his resolute mother worked as a labourer before becoming a vegetable seller.

Mariyappan was training at the Sports Authority of India centre in Bangalore under coach Satyanarayana prior to the Paralympics.

Kumar, who hails from Patna, Bihar, suffered a paralysis in his left leg as a two-vear-old after being administered a spurious polio vaccine. He was training in Ukraine for over two years prior to the Games under foreign coach Nikitin Yevhen at full cost to the central government.

The government also assisted him in getting back to India from Ukraine during the COVID-19 restrictions. He is a two-time Asian Para Games gold-medallist.

record) and Huang Xing (237.5) winning the gold and silver medals respectively.

Before his 9.1 saw him slip to fourth, Singhraj had moved up to the third place as the Chinese shooter endured a low series.

The shooter from Haryana's Bahadurgarh took to the sport only four years ago and had served as the chairman of the Sainik School in Faridabad

Tokyo, August 31: Indian shooter Singhraj Adhana, who took to the sport just four years ago, on Tuesday won the Paralympics bronze medal in the P1 men's 10m air pistol SH1

The 39-year-old, who is afflicted with polio and was making his

Games debut, shot a total of 216.8

to finish the event in the third place after qualifying for the eight-man

However, Manish Narwal, who

topped the qualifications with 575, was eliminated in the seventh place

when it mattered the most. This is

India's second medal in shooting.

Avani Lekhara won the women's

10m air rifle standing finals (SH 1)

Hovering around the top three,

Adhana dropped out of contention with his poor 19th shot but managed

to get back in the reckoning with

his 20th attempt as China's Xiaolong

China, though, dominated the

finals with defending champion

Chao Yang (237.9 – Paralympic

final as the sixth best shooter.

event here.

Monday.

Lou got 8.6.

Tuesday, he nearly missed out on the podium due to a poor 19th shot. But got his act together just in time. Adhana was coming into the Games after winning gold at the 2021 Para Sport World Cup held in Al Ain, UAE, where he upstaged 2016 Rio Paralympics bronze medallist Server Ibragimov by 2.8 points to claim the top spot.

As the pistol is held with one

hand only, athletes in SH1 cateample resulting from amputations or spinal cord injuries. P1 is a classification for the men's 10 air pistol competition.

The other Indian shooter in the event, Deepender Singh finished 10th. Earlier in the day, fancied Rubina Francis finished seventh in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 final. Rubina was on 128.1 points when she was eliminated in the seventh place at the Akasa Shooting Range.

As the pistol is held with one hand only, athletes in SH1 pistol have an impairment affecting one arm and/or the legs, for example resulting from amputations or spinal cord injuries. Iran's Sareh Javanmardi won

the gold medal with a world record score of 239.2. Rubina held the previous world record with 238.1. It was always going to be an uphill task for Rubina after she shot a horror 6.6 in the first series

Still she was placed fourth after the end of the 1st competition stage with 93.1 points, as the elimination rounds began.

### Indian boxers finish ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York, August 31: Naomi Osaka is back in Grand Slam action after a mental health break. Back to playing quite well, too. After a tight start to her firstround US Open match Monday night, the reigning champion grabbed eight of the last nine games and put together a 6-4, 6-1 victory over 87th-ranked Marie

Helped by a serve that reached 120 mph, Osaka saved all eight break points she faced and accumulated a 34-10 edge in total winners. She hadn't played at one of her sport's four major tournaments since May 30 at the French



#### **MURRAY FURIOUS** AT TSITSIPAS

NEW YORK: Andy Murray is awar that Stefanos Tsitsipas has a growing reputation for pushing the bound aries when it comes to taking breaks during a match. Murray expected that to be an issue during their firstround match at the US Open - and, when it was, that didn't sit well. No at all. Murray figures there was enough for him to deal with in Monday's high heat and humidity He's 34. He's got an artificial hip. He's ranked 112th after a series of health issues. At one point, he tumbled to the ground, losing his balance in sweat-soaked shoes and leaving splotches on the blue court from soggy clothing. So as the contest stretched to almost five hours, Murray did not appreciate that Tsitsipas took a medical timeout after the third set and made a lengthy visit to the locker room after the fourth. Following an entertaining, back-and-forth 2-6, 7-6(9-7), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 loss to Tsitsipas, Murray complained about what he considered unfair gamesmanship by the French Open runner-up and announced: "I lost respect for him. It's nonsense. And he knows it, as well." Told of Murray's displeasure, the justturned-23 Tsitsipas said: "If there's something that he has to tell me, we should speak, the two of us, to kind of understand what went wrong. I don't think I broke any rules."

Bouzkova of the Czech Republic.

Open

with six gold medals

WINNING RETURN FOR OSAKA-

gory have an impairment affecting one arm and/or the legs, for ex-

after several teams fielded smaller squads because of the travel restrictions. Of the 10 women finalists, six directly made the finals because of small size of their respective draws.

Dahiya defeated Kazakhstan's Zuldyz Shavakmetova 3-2, while Sneha pummelled's UAE Rahmah Khalfan Almurshidi to force a stoppage. Khushi defeated Kazakhstan's Dana Diday 3-0 in bouts held late last night.

World youth bronze-medallist Bishwamitra Chongtham (51kg) and Vishal (80kg) were the goldwinners in the men's competition.

The silver-winners among women were Preeti (57kg), Khushi (63kg), Tanisha Sandhu (81kg),

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New Delhi, August 31: The Indian

cricket board could soon get richer

by at least ₹5000 crore with the ad-

dition of two new franchises dur-

ing the 2022 edition of Indian

Premier League. The IPL, which is

currently an eight-team tourna-

ment, will become a 10-team affair

from the next edition and during

a recent governing council meet-

ing, the modalities of the bidding

document paying ₹10 lakh. Earlier top

brass was thinking about keeping

the base price for two new teams at

₹1700 crore but later it was decided

to keep the base price at ₹2000 crore,"

a senior BCCI source told this agency

The source, who has dealt with

the financial side of IPL in the

past, said that the BCCI stands to

gain at least ₹5000 crore if the bids

go as per plan with plenty of large

on the condition of anonymity.

"Any company can buy the bid

process were chalked out.

medal and certificate in Dubai

Nivedita (48kg), Tamanna (50kg) and Simran (52kg). Vishvanath Suresh (48kg), Vanshaj (63.5kg) and Jaydeep Rawat (71kg) ended with silver medals in the men's competition.

Five Indian boxers, including one woman, had earlier claimed bronze medals in the youth event after losing in the semifinals.

Among men, Daksh (67kg), Deepak (75kg), Abhimanyu (92kg) and Aman Singh Bisht (92+kg) bagged bronze medals while Lashu Yadav (70kg) ended with a bronze in the women's category.

In the last edition, India had claimed 12 medals, including five gold.

*IPL '22: BCCI expects* ₹5,000 crore windfall

That day, Osaka skipped her mandatory news conference after her first-round victory in Paris. drawing a \$15,000 fine and a warning from the heads of the Slams that she could face a suspension. She responded by pulling out of Roland Garros, explaining that she feels anxiety when speaking to the media and has dealt with depression for years. Osaka then sat out Wimbledon, too.

A year ago, when she won the title at Flushing Meadows for the second time, there weren't any spectators allowed, because of the coronavirus pandemic. But they returned Monday in full force, and Osaka heard plenty of support from the thousands in Arthur

#### Ashe Stadium.

"It feels kind of crazy to play in front of everyone again. I just want to say thank you for coming out here. Last year, when we didn't have a crowd, I know it felt quite lonely for me," she said with a smile during her on-court interview. "I'm glad to see little kids

**England** are

prepared for

Ashwin: Root

London, August 31: Skipper Joe

Root, who led England to a series-lev-

ting ability more than Ashwin,

India skipper Virat Kohli had ig-

nored the ace off-spinner for the first

three Tests but heading into the

Oval Test, the call for his inclu-

sion has once again gained voice.

a world class player. We've seen him

score runs and take wickets against

us, we know what he's capable of in

Test arena." Root said when asked

if he's surprised that Ashwin did not

sure that we're prepared for the

challenges that he poses coming into

this Test match, along with other

combinations that they might throw

"We will certainly be making

play the first three Tests.

at us," Root said

"His record speaks for itself, he's

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in the audience — and, of course, grown-ups, too."

While dropping Bouzkova's career mark in major matches to 1-11, Osaka improved her own to 55-14, including 22-3 at the US Open as she tries to become the first woman with consecutive trophies in New York since Serena Williams collected her third in a row in 2014.

Osaka beat Williams in the chaotic 2018 final in Ashe. She also has won hard-court major titles at the Australian Open in 2019 and this February. Next up for Osaka is a match against 145thranked Olga Danilovic.

I tried to tell myself to hold on to

these moments as they pass," Steyn

wrote in his retirement letter, quot-

ing a song from American rock

band Counting Crows to convey

matches, travel, wins, losses,

strapped feat, jet lag, joy, and broth-

erhood. There are too many mem-

ories to tell. To many faces to thank.

So I left it to the experts to sum

up, my favourite band, the Counting

"It's been 20 years of training,

his emotions.

# Steyn announces retirement

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Johannesburg, August 31: Resembling a work of art when in full flight with his wicked swing and toe-crushing yorkers, all-time pace great Dale Steyn Tuesday announced retirement from cricket with an impeccable record and a legacy to boot.

Cricket will be poorer without the rhythmic run-up and an action that was all about grace, for there was no better sight in cricket than watching Steyn striding in and attacking the batsmen.

The 38-year-old South African made the announcement on Twitter; ending a 17-year career, which saw him play in 93 Tests, 125 ODIs and 47 T20Is and pick 439, 196 and 64 wickets respectively for the Proteas.

'Today I officially retire from the game I love the most. Bitter sweet but grateful. Thank you to everyone, from family to teammates, journalists to fans, its been an incredible journey together," he wrote.

"And it's been a long December and there's reason to believe. Maybe this year will be better than the last I can't remember all the times Crows," he added.

Steyn, who retired from Test cricket in 2019 with an eye on limited-overs formats, last played an international in February 2020 - a T20I against Australia - but has had constant run-ins with injuries over the last few years, especially after a career-threatening shoulder breakdown during South Africa's tour of Australia in November 2016.

After starting his representative cricket career in 2003 in a firstclass match for Northerns, Steyn got his South Africa cap the following year, in a Test against England in Port Elizabeth.

Steyn made his ODI debut for Africa XI against Asia XI in 2005 at Centurion. His best figures - 6/39 came in Port Elizabeth against Pakistan in 2013. In 2007, Steyn made his T20I debut against New Zealand and in his second game against West Indies – he recorded career-best figures of 4/9.

His last ODI was against Sri Lanka in 2019 while the T20I against Australia in February last year tional fixture. Stevn's career was a story of battle with injuries.

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- The IPL, which is currently an eightteam tournament, will become a 10-team affair from the next edition
- It is learnt that only companies with an annual turnover of ₹3000 crore will be allowed to bid for the teams
- BCCI top brass decided to keep the base price at ₹2000 crore, changing their initial plan of keeping it at ₹ 1700 crore

business conglomerates showing active interest in bidding.

"The BCCI is expecting anything in the range of 5000 crore if

teams. In a welcome news, the BCCI is planning to allow a consortium to bid for teams as it makes the bidding process more vibrant. "I think more than three business entities won't be allowed to form a consortium but if three business come together and wants to

not more. There will be 74 IPL games next season and it's a win-

come to do so," he said. Lucknow, with bigger capacities,

could be the choice for franchises. Some of the names that are doing the rounds include the Adani group, RPG Sanjeev Goenka group, noted pharma company Torrent and a prominent banker who has shown active interest in buying teams.

win situation for everyone. elling win at the Headingley, expects It is learnt that only companies an Indian backlash in the penultimate Test and said they're ready for all comwith an annual turnover of ₹3000 crore will be allowed to bid for the binations including facing the "worldclass" R Ashwin at Oval Trusting Ravindra Jadeja's bat-

jointly bid for a team, they are wel-Among the venues where the teams could be based include Amedabad, Lucknow and Pune. Ahmedabad and