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3 US-based economists share Nobel Economics

AGENCIES

Stockholm, Oct 11: Three US-based economists won the 2021 Nobel prize for economics Monday for pioneering research on the labour market impacts of minimum wage, immigration and education, and for creating the scientific framework to allow conclusions to be drawn from such studies that can't use traditional methodology. Canadian-born David Card of the



David Card, Joshua Angrist, Guido Imbens

University of California at Berkeley was awarded one half of the prize, while the other half was shared by Joshua

Angrist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dutch-born Guido Imbens, 58, from Stanford University. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the three have "completely reshaped empirical work in the economic sciences." "Card's studies of core questions for society and Angrist and Imbens' methodological contributions have shown that natural experiments are a rich source of knowledge," said Peter Fredriksson.

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Has the govt collapsed? Can't see any rise in petrol prices today!

Govt ups pay of contract staff

Quick on the heels of raising DA of govt staff by 11 pc, the state govt Monday announced a number of sops for contract staff

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Ahead of Dussehra, the state cabinet Monday raised the monthly remunerations of all contractual employees by 50 per cent.

Briefing media after the meeting, Law Minister Pratap Jena said contractual employees will now be called 'Initial Appointees' and their existing remuneration will be increased by 50 per cent from the first year of appointment till regularization of their services. Their appointments would be made permanent after six years, he said.

The employees will also receive medical reimbursement benefits like permanent employees. All contractual employees of Groups-B, C and D categories will benefit from the move, Jena said.

The cabinet decided to make necessary amendments to the (Contractual Appointment) Rules, 2013 for this purpose. The government will have to bear an additional Rs250 crore every year towards the enhanced remuneration,



said Jena.

As per the decision, a Group-B contractual employee will now receive ₹25,300 per month from existing ₹16,880. Similarly, Group-C employees who get ₹8,750 and ₹10,000 per month on the first year of appointment will now draw ₹13,100 and ₹15,000 respectively.

Moreover, the monthly salary of contractual Group-D employees (first year of service) has been increased to ₹12,100 for those getting ₹8,070 now and ₹12,600 for those drawing ₹8,390. Keeping in view the rate of inflation, the government has decided to revise the remuneration of such employees, an official said.

Three tenders containing six mega drinking water projects worth ₹1,282.01 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission (JMM) were also approved by the cabinet, said Jena.

CABINET DECISIONS

- Contract staff will get a 50 pc raise on their salaries
- Six drinking water projects worth ₹1,282cr approved

The projects would be implemented in Ganjam, Rayagada, Boudh and Kandhamal districts. All six projects are targeted for completion within a period of 24 months, he said.

Individual households in blocks like Rangeilunda, Ganjam, Khalikote, Kashiipur, Rayagada, Harbhanga, Phiringia, Phulbani, Chakadapada, Khajuripada and K Nuagaon would get piped water supply through these projects.

Two rural piped water supply

NPS SHARE OF GOVT RAISED

The state cabinet has also enhanced the monthly government contribution towards the National Pension System (NPS) from 10 per cent to 14 per cent in respect of all employees covered under NPS. This will come into effect retrospectively from April 1, 2019, said Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra. This will ensure parity between the central and state government employees. The state government will contribute ₹380 crore more towards NPS every year. Additionally, the government will deposit an arrear of ₹772 crore to benefit around 2.08 lakh employees. In case of death of such employees, family pension will also be given by the state government, said the CS.

projects worth ₹325.75 crore have been approved for 86 GPs of Ganjam district, another two projects of ₹657.57 crore approved for 71 GPs in Boudh and Kandhamal districts.

Besides, two drinking water supply projects will be executed in 28 GPs of Rayagada district at a cost of Rs. 298.69 crore. The panel has given its approval for laying the annual report of the Lokayukta for 2020 in the state Assembly.

5 jawans, 2 militants die in J&K gunfight

AGENCIES

Jammu/Srinagar, Oct 11: Five Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer, and two terrorists were killed in three encounters in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir Monday, officials said.

The soldiers lost their lives in firing by terrorists in a village close to Dera Ki Gali (DKG) in Surankote area of the border district of Poonch after the Army and police launched a joint operation following intelligence inputs about the presence of ultras who had infiltrated from across the Line of Control (LoC), they said. The two militants were killed and a policeman was injured during encounters in Anantnag and Bandipora districts.

"On the intervening night of October 10 and 11, a counter-terrorist operation was launched by Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in the area of Shahdara, near the boundary of Poonch-Rajouri districts in J&K.

"During the conduct of the operation, terrorists brought down a heavy volume of fire on Army troops leading to fatal injuries to one JCO and four soldiers," a de-



fence spokesman said in a statement here. He identified soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty as Naib Subedar (JCO) Jaswinder Singh, a recipient of Sena Medal, Naik Mandeep Singh, Sepoys Gajjan Singh, Saraj Singh and Vaisakh H.

"The nation will always remain indebted to our bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty," the spokesman said. The officials said there were reports about the presence of a group of heavily-armed terrorists in Chamrer forest. The terrorists fired indiscriminately on noticing the movement of the army search party, causing critical injuries to five jawans who later succumbed to their injuries at a nearby military hospital. There has been a spurt in terrorist attacks in recent weeks in which several civilians, including a Kashmiri Pandit businessman and a school teacher, were killed.

Arundhati JEWELLERS

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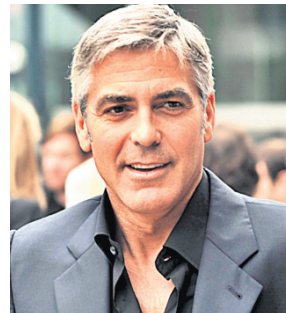
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GEORGE CLOONEY RULES OUT POLITICAL CAREER

Actor-filmmaker George Clooney has been linked with a political career for some time but he shared it isn't in his future plans. Asked on *The Andrew Marr Show* if he'd run for office, he said: "No, because I would actually like to have a nice life."



DENIS VILLENEUVE WANTS TO MAKE A JAMES BOND FILM

Filmmaker Denis Villeneuve says it would be a dream come true to helm a movie in the long-running James Bond franchise as he has had a 'massive affection' for the character since he was a child. "It's a character that I've been with since my childhood. I have massive affection for Bond," says Denis.

FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
Today, you may want to wear your power suit, says Ganesh. If you notice people bending and bowing a bit, understand that your hard work has paid off! If not, then you need to get more organised. Either way, there's work to be done.

TAURUS
The competitive streak in you might relent today as you look for a lifestyle that is more relaxed and laid-back. The rat race is tiring and you will feel the urge to get away, far from the maddening crowd and the never-ending routine. Matters pertaining to your home may also occupy some of your time today, says Ganesh.

GEMINI
Today, you will realise that close relationships need care and concern to grow, predicts Ganesh. You will have new responsibilities and achieve huge profits in all your dealings. Pay special attention to your personal health.

CANCER
You will be quite sharp at work, and equally penetrating in the matters of the heart. Though, you may temporarily lose focus, your mind will bring you back to the real world. You will work at a break-neck speed, only to be able to spend as much time as possible with your sweetheart.

LEO
Get ready to bask in applause. Well, not literally, but Ganesh does foresee you getting that long due recognition today for all the hard work you've put at your workplace. This goes hand-in-hand with the support of your colleagues and the good wishes of your seniors, especially if it is some new project that you are undertaking. Remember, a job well begun is already half done. So carry on with the same zeal and watch success come your way, says Ganesh.

VIRGO
If being humanitarian needed a definite physical form, you are most likely to be nominated. Such is the mix of values and practicality today, says Ganesh. Devise strategies to achieve more productivity. See the bigger picture, says Ganesh. This is not difficult considering you have a broad vision - with or without the glasses.

LIBRA
All things passionate seem to engulf you today. It is one of those moments when chance dictates every possibility of a new romantic love episode in your life. The last time a moment like this came by, Romeo met Juliet. Ganesh expects you to try hard to please your sweetheart. Also, you may want to spruce up and pay special attention to your looks.

SCORPIO
A happening day where a lot may happen today, suggests Ganesh. Grey hairs will teach valuable lessons, so keep your ears open to bosses and elders. Seniors will extend their best possible cooperation to you. Stay clear of courtrooms, warns Ganesh, lest the legalities sink you deep.

SAGITTARIUS
A paradigm shift in your temperament and your looks is on the cards today. Your personality will get better as you do some chic attire, jewellery and a rather loud perfume today. You're a magnet today, says Ganesh, and will charm your way through a crowd of admirers who will clamour for your attention.

CAPRICORN
Money will flow in from various quarters today, but it will also find its way out of your pockets. Keep a tab on your income and more on your expenses, says Ganesh. Situation at work may get a little trying, but you will overcome all problems by means of your innate and acquired skills, and past experience. You may have to slog hard for a while, but it is all a matter of time; your efforts will pay off in the long run.

AQUARIUS
You are ambitious, and quite unapologetic about the way you pursue your goals! You will work hard and push your way through if you have to. Not just that, you will see to it that you have all the skills and competency required to make it big. Success is never served on a plate, and you know it, says Ganesh.

PISCES
A good day for those looking for romantic liaisons, says Ganesh. You will seek the company of your sweetheart to fight feelings of solitude and boredom today. Those who are single ought to strike gold, considering how Lady Luck will be grinning at the efforts you make to win over your love.

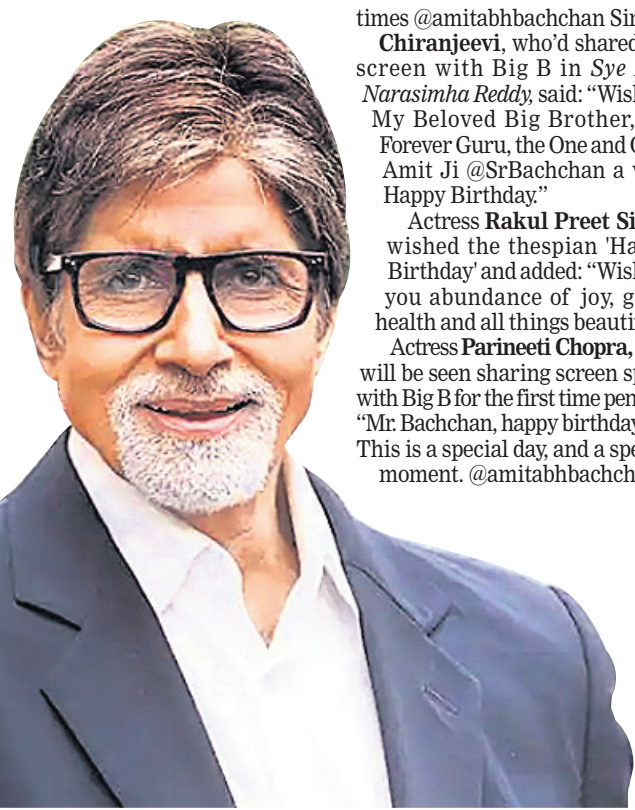
Wishes pour in as Amitabh turns 79

MUMBAI: A galaxy of stars from across India, from Mammootty, Prabhas, Ajay Devgn and Chiranjeevi Konidela to Rashmika Mandanna and Rakul Preet Singh, have wished Superstar Amitabh Bachchan, who turned 79 Monday. Since Monday morning, wishes have been pouring in for Amitabh on social media.

Ajay Devgn tweeted: "Sir, looking at you through a different lens taught me what being a true artist is. Happy birthday dear Amitji."

Southern superstar **Mammootty** simply wrote: "Happy Birthday Amitabh Sir @SrBachchan #AmitabhBachchan."

Prabhas took to Instagram and said: "Happy Birthday to the legend of all



times @amitabhachchan Sir!"

Chiranjeevi, who'd shared the screen with Big B in *Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy*, said: "Wishing My Beloved Big Brother, My Forever Guru, the One and Only Amit Ji @SrBachchan a very Happy Birthday."

Actress **Rakul Preet Singh** wished the thespian 'Happy Birthday' and added: "Wishing you abundance of joy, great health and all things beautiful."

Actress **Parineeti Chopra**, who will be seen sharing screen space with Big B for the first time penned: "Mr Bachchan, happy birthday sir! This is a special day, and a special moment. @amitabhachchan."

Samantha's stylist receives death threat

HYDERABAD: Samantha Ruth Prabhu's stylist, Preetham Jukalkar, has been receiving death threats allegedly from her estranged husband Akkineni Naga Chaitanya's supporters on YouTube as a result of a rumour circulating about him and the Tollywood actress.

The separated couple had requested in social media posts that they be allowed some privacy after they went public with their decision, but that hasn't stopped Jukalkar from facing negativity from Naga Chaitanya's fans.

Jukalkar is not only Samantha's stylist, but also one of her closest friends. After the high-profile couple announced their separation, rumours linking up Jukalkar and Samantha, insinuating that their alleged closeness was the reason for the split, started circulating.

Jukalkar, in fact, was being targeted by some of Chaitanya's fans for being 'too close' to Samantha



ever since the talk about the impending separation gained momentum. Some of the YouTubers who were targeting Jukalkar blamed him for sharing a 'cynical' relationship with Samantha.

Samantha's fans have countered the charge by insisting that Jukalkar always addresses the actress as 'jiji' (sister), but multiple social media handles have been posting hate messages targeting the stylist.

'Foundation' is not just about a brown actor setting milestones

MAKING HER INTERNATIONAL DEBUT WITH *FOUNDATION*, KUBBRA SAIT CREDITS THE SCI-FI SERIES FOR BEING RICH IN WRITING AS WELL AS DIVERSITY



Looking back at the memorable first season of *Sacred Games*, the actor who truly left a mark was Kubbra Sait as the sassy Cuckoo. Four years since her big break, the actor has made her international debut with Apple TV's new series, *Foundation*. The magnum opus is a 10-episode saga—based on Isaac Asimov's book series of the same name—that sees

Sait as antagonist Phara. While the feeling of what she has accomplished is yet to fully sink in, Sait says the overpowering emotion is that of growth. "I am the same person I was four years ago. But I am surrounded by people who are rock-solid and root for me. Good work attracts the tribe that propels you to grow," begins the actor, who is rubbing shoulders with Jared Harris and Lee Pace in the sci-fi series.

Right before the world went into a lockdown, she shot for the series in Ireland. Playing "barbarian" Phara wasn't easy. "Phara has been around such unkindness that she doesn't care about consequences. I

Need to be vocal about rights of girls: Manushi Chhillar



MUMBAI: Debutante Manushi Chhillar, on International Day of the Girl Child Monday, is using social media to create awareness about the need to be vocal about the rights of the girl child.

Manushi said: "I feel it is important for men and women to be vocal about the rights of girls. It is a fact that women have to work harder to get to where they eventually reach."

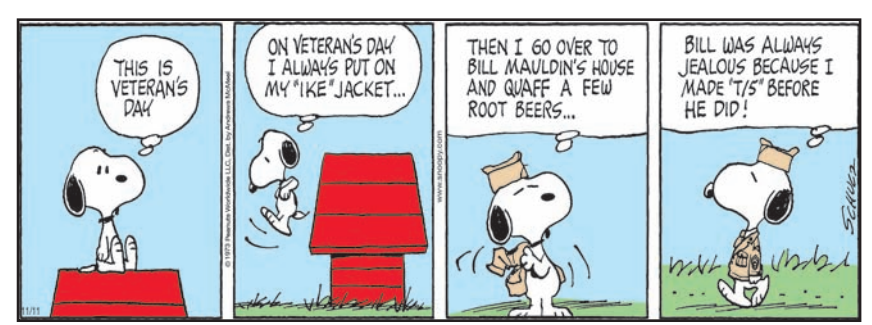
She added: "Women have to take the power in their own hands and shape the perception of how a girl should view herself. It's a world full of opportunities and stereotypes only act as shackles for a better future and a better life. It is time to shatter those stereotypes."

Manushi is urging girls on the internet to freely express how they feel being a girl child and how they would like to be vocal for their rights.

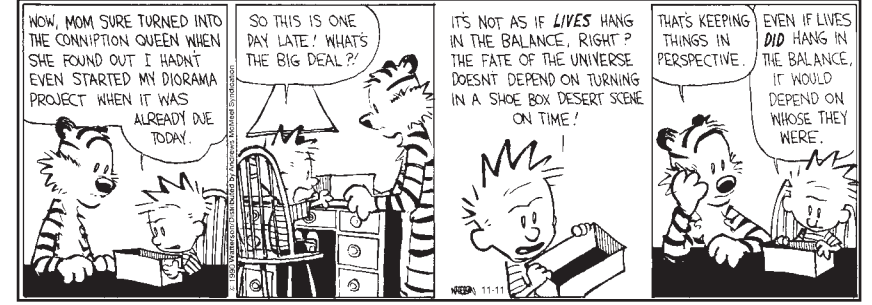
She said: "I have always been vocal about equal rights for the girl child and on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, I will be using the power of social media to bring as much attention to this issue."

Manushi, on the acting front, is gearing up for her big screen debut opposite superstar Akshay Kumar in the historical *Prithviraj*.

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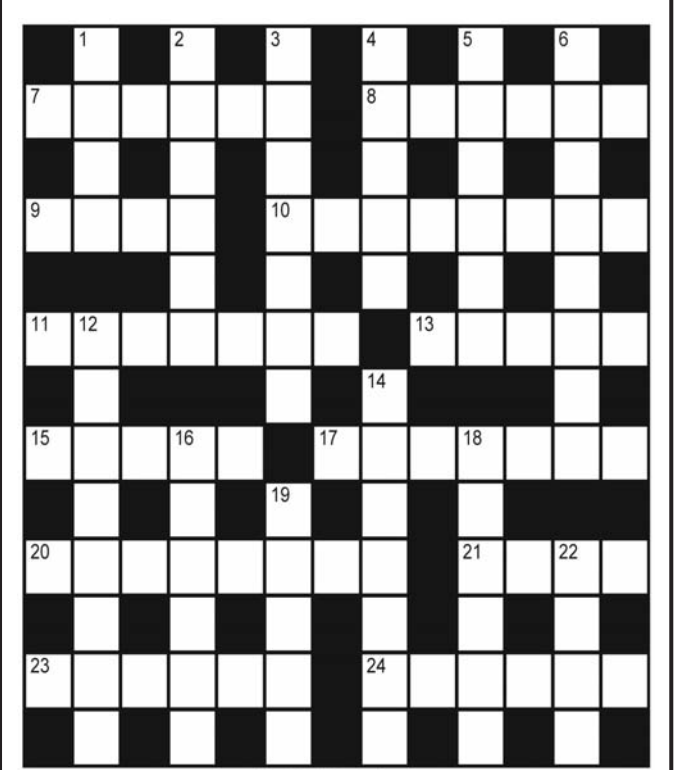
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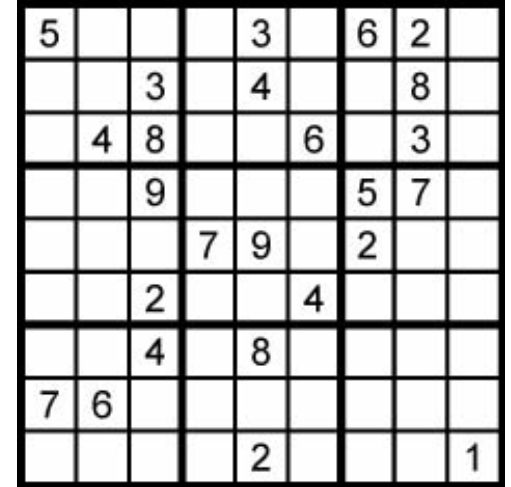
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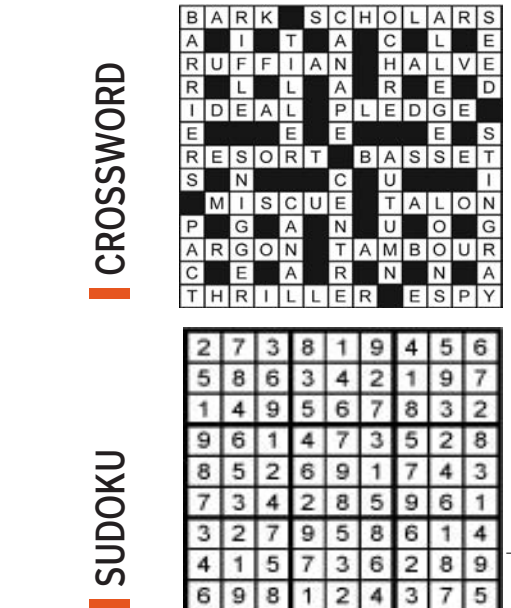
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 - 9 Family group
 - 10 Lighten the load
 - 11 Set apart
 - 13 Counterfeit
 - 15 Question
 - 17 Wide-angle lens
 - 20 Hair problem (5,3)
 - 21 Mountain pool
 - 23 Sphere
 - 24 Cereal fruit
- Down
- 1 Small stream
 - 2 Cone shape
 - 3 Fine-tunes
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 - 5 Cook too long
 - 6 Flotation device (4,4)
 - 12 Venomous stinger
 - 14 Obstructs
 - 16 Kind of gown (3,3)
 - 18 Empty words
 - 19 Denims
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SUDOKU

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SOLUTIONS

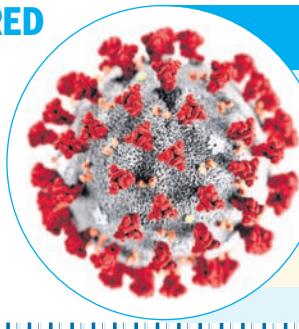


CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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PLAYWRIGHT REMEMBERED

Odia Language, Literature and Culture Minister Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi inaugurates an event organised to mark the birth anniversary of noted playwright Ramachandra Mishra at Rabindra Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Monday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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India	3,39,71,607	3,32,93,478	4,50,782
Odisha	10,32,144	10,19,218	8,255

BMC plans to deploy more manpower at health centres

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: In a bid to rein in Covid-19 cases in state capital, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to enhance the workforce at the Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs).

The civic body has invited applications for appointment of three Public Health Managers (PHMs) under the National Health Mission (NHM) on contractual basis.

While the eligibility criteria demands masters degree in public health, business administration, social work or health care/hospital management, one year experience in health programs, disease surveillance or IEC is mandatory, as per the recruitment notification issued by the BMC.

"Eligible candidates will be paid a monthly remuneration of ₹22,793

along with performance incentives. The applications received for all the posts will be scrutinised and the database will be uploaded on BMC website. Candidates are required to visit the official website of BMC regularly for updates," the notification read.

It can be mentioned here that the role of a PHM includes planning and budgeting of a healthcare facility, management of human resources, quality control and infection control, disease surveillance and epidemic control public health education, data collection, reporting and analysis.

The recruitment is being done after in-house appointments failed to fill the vacancies.

More openings are likely to come up as the centres have been facing staff crunch ever since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic.

My son was murdered by his friends: Navin Das

POLICE CLUELESS 24 HOURS AFTER SENIOR JOURNO'S ELDER SON WAS FOUND DEAD ON CITY'S OUTSKIRTS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: The suspicious death of Manish Anurag Das is still shrouded in mystery even after 24 hours of the incident while his father, senior journalist Navin Das, Monday claimed that his son was murdered by his friends.

The Commissionerate Police has sent the body parts of Anurag for forensic examinations like viscera and diatom test (conducted in drowning cases) in order to unravel the actual cause of the death.

During investigations, the cops found that Anurag was present at Hotel South City in Patrapada till his reported abduction.

Monday, the joint team of Tamando and Infocity police seized the CCTV footage at the hotel and

Rumour has it that a police official has been running the hotel on lease for which the cops kept mum over Covid norm violation

also sealed it for investigation.

Sources said police sealed the hotel after it found that the hotel was operating till late night flouting Covid-19 guidelines.

Rumour has it that a police official has been running the hotel on lease for which the local police allegedly kept mum over the blatant violation of the guidelines.

Some staffers of the hotel also revealed that Anurag had been a regular visitor to the hotel bar. He



Police officials during the investigation, Monday

OP PHOTO

was last seen by the hotel staff going out of the hotel on foot during hours of Sunday.

However, the hotel employees' statement also raised several

questions as to why he went out alone and where his friends were then. Police also interrogated several staffers of the hotel and friends of Anurag.

Speaking to media persons, DCP Umashankar Dash said that the police have been looking into the all the angles to the case and the mystery would be solved soon.

Meanwhile, the deceased's father, in a video message on his YouTube programme, 'Nirbhaya Gumara Katha' claimed that his son was murdered by his friends who called Anurag to attend a feast Saturday night. He expressed his faith in the Commissionerate Police and said they would solve the death mystery of his elder son and "arrest the accused persons involved in the alleged abduction and murder".

Das said his son told him over phone- which was the last call from him at 4:11am- that he (Anurag) was being beaten up by the abductors.

KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2021-22

Govt targets to buy 77 lakh tonne paddy

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: The state Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday approved the Food and Procurement Policy for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2021-22.

Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra said the Kharif marketing season has commenced October 1, 2021 and will conclude September 30, 2022. A tentative target of 52 lakh metric tonne (LMT) in terms of rice has been fixed for KMS 2021-22 (includes both Kharif and Rabi seasons), while in terms of paddy this comes to around 77 LMT, he said.

For Kharif, the tentative target for procurement of paddy would be 63 lakh tonne and for Rabi, the target would be 14 lakh tonne. Paddy (Kharif crop) will be procured in the state during the period from November 2021 to March 2022 while the Rabi paddy will be procured from May to June 2022, he said.

"There is no bar on procurement of any higher quantum if more paddy comes to mandies from registered farmers. The Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister has been authorised to revise this target if the need arises," Mahapatra said.

Paddy will be procured from registered farmers by payment of

CABINET DECISIONS

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minimum support price (MSP). Paddy will be milled into rice by custom millers and the rice will be utilised in state's Public Distribution System (PDS) to meet requirements under National Food Security Act, State Food Security Scheme & other welfare schemes. Surplus rice will be delivered to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), he said.

As per the policy, paddy will be procured from farmers who are registered in the online portal of FS&CW department and Aadhaar



will be the only ID proof for a registered farmer to sell paddy to the government. Sale of paddy is subject to Aadhaar-based biometric identification, it said.

All registered and eligible farmers will be intimated in advance through SMS regarding date of sale of paddy and quantity to be sold.

Priority will be given to small and marginal farmers for sale of paddy to the government. There would be no imposition on farmers to keep aside a certain portion of their produce for personal consumption by their families.

A registered farmer can sell his

entire surplus paddy, as per approved yield rate, to the government. This will facilitate entry of more small and marginal farmers into the procurement fold, the policy says.

Payment of farmers' dues on account of paddy sold to the government will be transferred directly to their bank accounts through online mode within 24 to 48 hours.

For smooth functioning of PDS in the state, the Cabinet has extended the licence period of private dealers from five and half years to six years.

Criteria change for asst prof posting

BHUBANESWAR: The Higher Education (HE) department Monday modified the minimum eligibility criteria for recruitment to the post of assistant professor in biotechnology in state public universities. In a letter to Secretary of Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), HE department Additional Secretary Birendra Korkora said that as per the modification, apart from minimum qualification of PG, Master degree in Bio-Technology/Bio-Chemistry/Life Science/Microbiology/Botany and Zoology, candidates will also need specialisation in Molecular Biology/Genetic Engineering/Microbial Technology/Proteomics/Bioprocess Technology and Computational Biology or at least three research publication or PhD in these subjects in the IGC care list journals.

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WEATHER	BHUB	CTK
TEMP	32.6°C	33.4°C
MIN	25.4°C	25.5°C
Humidity	78%	76%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil
Forecast	Light rain very likely	

Soaring veggie prices burn holes in consumers' pockets

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Vegetable prices in the Capital city have nearly doubled since the last week burning a hole in common man's pocket ahead of the festive season with the traders putting the blame on unseasonal rains which damaged the standing crops.

As per sources, prices of essential vegetables such as onion, tomato and brinjal have seen around 100

per cent jump since last week. While onion was earlier selling at ₹20-30 per kg, it is now being sold at ₹45-55 per kg.

Similarly, tomatoes, which were earlier available at ₹20-30 per kg, are now being sold at ₹50-60 per kg. Brinjal, another common man's vegetable, is now available at ₹55-65 a kg in the retail markets of the state capital against ₹30-40 per kg a couple of days back.

"Rains continued to lash most



part of the state until October first. Moreover, the recently occurred cyclone Gulab has also caused heavy damage to the standing crops. As a result much of the vegeta-

bles are being procured from other states such as Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Karnataka," said Sameet Nanda, a local trader at Unit-II market here.

A deep depression over Bay of Bengal triggered rainfall of around 385 mm last month marking it the wettest September in last 14 years. "Over dependence on other states to meet the demand and lack of supply from local markets contribute to heavy trans-

portation costs incurred by the traders. The burden is eventually passed on to the customers," Nanda added.

While prices of locally grown cauliflower have remained stagnant at ₹40-50 a piece, prices of other vegetables witnessed a rise. While the cost of ridge gourd has doubled from ₹40 to ₹80 a kg, okra (ladyfinger) has jumped from ₹40 to ₹60 per kg. Similarly, the price of beans has seen a sharp increase

of ₹40 a kg - from ₹80 per kg to ₹120 per kg - since last week.

"It has become incredibly difficult to manage our budget in such sudden change in prices. The rise in prices during festival seasons with holidays around is a big concern. We have friends and relatives visiting us and such high prices are ruining us financially at a time when fuel prices have seen sharp escalation," said Neelima Mishra, a homemaker here.

Class XI e-admissions process starts today

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: The Directorate of Higher Secondary Education (DHSE), Odisha Monday released the timeline of e-admissions to Class XI (Plus II) courses for the academic session 2021-22.

The admission for the vacant seats in Class XI shall be conducted through www.samsodisha.gov.in website. The applicants must have passed the annual/off-line/supplementary high school certificate (HSC) examination of the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha on its equivalent mode. No reservation or weightage claim shall be considered for the admissions to vacant seats.

As per the notification by Director of DHSE Bikash Chandra Mohapatra, "The students and parents/guardians are re-

quested to read the Common Prospectus thoroughly prior to filling and submission of online CAF. Particularly, first phase spot admission cut-off marks of different Higher Secondary Schools and the percentage secured by their ward should be kept in mind while selecting the Higher Secondary School choice options. Applicants must retain the print-out of application form and payment receipt after filling in the CAF for future reference."

The availability of online CAF in the S&ME department website www.samsodisha.gov.in for vacant seat admission will be available from October 12 (Tuesday).

The last date of applying online CAF through www.samsodisha.gov.in is October 25, 2021. Merit list would be published October 30, 2021.

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Daily Covid cases dip below 500 after 5 days



Vax at home for sick

CUTTACK: The Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has made elaborate arrangements to ensure that the bedridden get inoculated against Covid-19 at their homes. According to the civic body, the bedridden, who are wishing to get vaccinated against Covid-19 at their home, need to get themselves registered by calling 9777067297 between 10am and 3pm from Monday to Friday. "Details like name, address, ward no, Aadhaar number and mobile number are needed for registration. A mobile health team would visit the person and do the needful," a CMC official said.

Bhubaneswar, registered the highest number of new cases at 208, followed by Cuttack at 48. Three districts - Kalahandi, Kandhamal and Subarnapur - did not report any new case in the last 24 hours.

Two fresh fatalities each were recorded in Cuttack, Kendrapara and Khurda, the official said. 53 other Covid-19 patients have so far died due to comorbidities.

Odisha now has 5,087 active cases, while 438 more people were cured of the disease Sunday, taking the total number of recoveries to 10,18,749. The state government has asked authorities to take strict measures to contain the spread of the infection in Bhubaneswar as the City accounted for about 40 per cent of the daily cases, Health Services Director Bijay Mohapatra said.

"As people are not following Covid norms, the Health department has asked the City authorities to impose more restrictions in the state Capital. The police Commissionerate has also been instructed to formulate action plans to ensure that there will be no large congregation of people at any place in the City," he said.

The state has thus far conducted over 2.07 crore sample tests, including 63,887 Sunday, for Covid-19 and the overall positivity rate stands at 4.9 per cent. Altogether 93,83,364 people have so far received both doses of the vaccines.

NIGHT CURFEW



Police personnel warn commuters of action as they come out during the night curfew in Master Canteen area of Bhubaneswar, Monday. Anticipating a rise in Covid cases during festivities, the state government has imposed new night curfew norms in the twin city (8pm to 5am) that will remain in force till October 20

PHOTO: BIKASH NAYAK

Youth attacked in City over past enmity

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Some 20 odd persons, allegedly from Unit-IV area of Bhubaneswar, attacked a biker with sharp weapons, stones and iron rods near Kalinga Stadium square Sunday evening. The victim has been identified as Babul Samantray, 25, of Behera Sahi under Nayapalli police limits here.

Sources revealed that Babul along with his friends, had assaulted some youths from Unit-IV area during Ganesh Puja over some petty issues. The individuals then begrudged Babul and his friends and attacked him while also damaging his motorcycle. Babul sustained serious injuries and was rushed to the Capital Hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

The whole episode was also captured in CCTV cameras at a traffic post nearby. Informed, police reached the spot and started investigation.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Odisha Monday reported 448 new Covid-19 cases, 204 less than the previous day, with the tally rising to 10,32,144, a Health department official said.

The death toll rose to 8,255 as six more people succumbed to the disease in the last 24 hours, he added. The daily infection rate among people below 18 years of age stood at 13.16 per cent as the new patients included 59 children and adolescents, the official said.

Of the fresh cases, 259 were reported from quarantine centres and the remaining 189 were detected during contact tracing. The number of single-day Covid cases dropped below 500 after a gap of five days, the Health official said. Khurda district, which comprises state Capital

LOPAR TO FORM AROUND OCT 13

BHUBANESWAR: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Monday said the low pressure area, which was predicted to be formed around October 10, would now take shape around October 13. The Bhubaneswar Met Centre said the cyclonic circulation persists over north Andaman Sea & neighbourhood extending upto 3.1 km above mean sea level. As per the latest analysis, under the influence of this cyclonic circulation, the low pressure area is likely to form over East Central Bay of Bengal & adjoining north Andaman sea around October 13, it said. The system is likely to move west-north-westwards and reach south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh coasts as a well marked low pressure area around October 15, the Met Centre said. However, the weather office has not issued any heavy rainfall warning till October 15 in the state.

Law students demand timely classes

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Law students from four law colleges of Odisha staged a protest in front of Utkal University here Monday demanding online semester examination.

A large number of students from University Law College, Madhusudan Law College, Capital Law College and The Law College joined the protest and demanded release of marksheets of previous semesters, resumption of classes of current semester, and time bound examination as per Utkal University prospectus for the current semester.

Deep Kumar Mohanty, a University Law College student, said, "Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were informed that we have been promoted but it is a sorry state of affairs that the 1st,

3rd, 5th and 7th semesters for the batch 2020-25, 2019-24, 2018-23 and 2017-22 respectively were not conducted and we were not informed whether our current semester exam of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters will be conducted in online mode or not."

"Earlier, the students had protested August 23 demanding online exam but it is deeply disheartening that under Utkal University, we have not received any official notice as to when we would be promoted for the previous semester. Till now we have not been informed whether our even semester exams for 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters will be conducted in online mode or not. Only a tentative window from October 25 to 30 for the 8th semester examination has been published," said Mohanty.

He further added, "It is to be

taken into consideration that classes for 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th semesters should have begun by August 2021. However, we are still stuck in 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th semesters respectively and this is not a common issue as other law colleges have already promoted their students timely."

Reportedly, students are in a great dilemma regarding semester examinations despite repeated requests and applications to the Vice Chancellor and the Controller of Examinations of Utkal University. Till now, no action has been taken and no official notification from Utkal University in this matter has been published.

Meanwhile, Chairman of PG council Basant Kumar Mallik assured the students of a meeting Tuesday to come to a decision on the issues.

₹1cr aid to kin of Odia IAF pilot killed in plane crash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: The Kejriwal government provided 'samman rashi' of ₹1 crore to the family of flight lieutenant Sunil Mohanty who lost his life during an air maintenance mission in 2019.

According to a government statement, the amount was handed over to Mohanty's parents at their Dwarka residence by Palam Vihar

MLA Bhavna Gaur.

"We cannot put a cost on their lives. But this provision gives strength and support to their families. We will always stand by the families of martyrs and support them in every way possible," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

Mohanty was working as a lieutenant in the Indian Air Force, and was posted to 43 Squadron Air

Force from June 24, 2016.

He was commissioned June 3, 2019, to fly AN-32 KA 2752 aircraft to undertake an air maintenance mission for Mehkuka Airfield in Arunachal Pradesh during which, his plane went missing. Subsequently, the wreckage of the aircraft was found June 12, 2019 at Mechuka en route to Pari Hills, Siang, Arunachal Pradesh.

NCC TRAINING REVIEW



Chairperson of Higher Level Executive Committee (HLEC) on NCC, Baijayant Jay Panda, along with HLEC Member Major General Alok Raj, (Retd), Monday visited 12 Odisha Battalion NCC at Dhenkanal, NCC Group Cuttack of Odisha Directorate. They took stock of NCC training activities and interacted with cadets, ANOs, officers and Deputy Director General

ECoR to run puja special trains to clear extra rush

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: The East Coast Railway (ECoR) has made elaborate arrangements to run some additional special trains towards different destinations for the convenience of the passengers to clear extra rush of passengers during the forthcoming festive occasions.

ECoR sources said the Puri-Patna-Puri Special (08439/08440) will run during the period from October 16 to October 31, leaving Puri at 14:55hrs every Saturday and in the reverse direction, will leave Patna at 13:45hrs every Sunday. The train will have the accommodation of 2nd AC, 3rd AC, Sleeper and General Class (Second Class Seating) coaches.

Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Special



(08579/08580) will run during the period from October 13 to 28 from Visakhapatnam at 19:00hrs every Wednesday and in the reverse direction, from Secunderabad at 19:40hrs every Thursday. The train will have the accommodation of 3rd AC, Sleeper and General Class (Second Class Seating) coaches.

Similarly, the Tirupati-Visakhapatnam Special (08583/08584) will run from October 18 to November 2 from Visakhapatnam at 19:15hrs every Monday and in the reverse direction, from Tirupati at 21:55hrs every Tuesday. The train will

have the accommodation of 2nd AC, 3rd AC, Sleeper and General Class (Second Class Seating) coaches.

The Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Special (08585/085806) will run from October 19 to November 3 leaving Visakhapatnam at 17:35hrs every Tuesday and in the reverse direction, from Secunderabad at 21:05hrs every Wednesday. The train will have the accommodation of 2nd AC, 3rd AC, Sleeper and General Class (Second Class Seating) coaches.

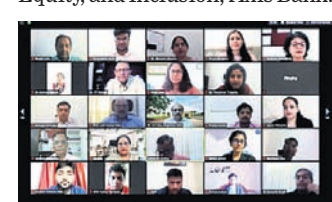
The 08179/08180 Howrah-Puri-Howrah special trains will run from October 9 November 7 from Howrah at 20:35hrs every Saturday and in the reverse direction, from Puri at 19:20hrs every Sunday. The train will have the accommodation of Sleeper and General Class (Second Class Seating) coaches.

BGU webinar on 'Women in Motion'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Birla Global University (BGU) and Axis Bank Monday jointly organised a webinar on 'Women in Motion'.

Distinguished speakers of the session were Vajjayanti Naik, Senior Vice President and Head, Wholesale Banking HR and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Axis Bank and Harish Iyer, Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Axis Bank.



The session was witnessed by enthusiastic students, faculty and staff, and ended with questions and answers

The welcome address was delivered by BGU Registrar professor BK Das who encouraged the faculty and students and highlighted Birla Global University's commitment towards diversity by creating an inclusive environment for growth and prosperity. The lecture was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Professor PP Mathur. He emphasised on the value of the topic and relevancy of it in present scenario. The session was witnessed by enthusiastic students, faculty and staff. It ended with a questions and answers.

The concluding remarks were given by Archana Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Birla School of Management. Vote of thanks was proposed by Bhavana Sharma, Associate Professor, Birla School of Law, who expressed her gratitude for the guest speakers who successfully delivered the message of staying relevant and staying engaged.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

ADVIKA COVERS 10L YOUNG GIRLS IN 1ST YEAR

The initiative aims to build life skills among young girls, thereby enabling them to play proactive role at the community level along with capacitating them to deal confidently with issues and challenges faced by women

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: The Women and Child Development (W&CD) department organised a state level webinar Monday to commemorate one year of 'Advika-Every Girl Is Unique', an initiative to work for millions of young girls in the age group of 10 to 19 at village level through Anganwadi workers. The initiative was launched on the occasion of International Day of Girl Child.

The initiative aims to build life skills among young girls, thereby enabling them to play proactive role at the community level along with capacitating them to deal

confidently with issues and challenges faced by women. The day was observed in district and project level as well, wherein many programs were organised to create awareness on issues faced by a girl child.

The W&CD department focuses on intensifying Advika this year and reach out to more young girls. The theme of 2021 International Day of Girl Child is "Digital Generation, Our Generation". The day marks the call for equal access to internet and digital devices for girls, and targeted investments to generate opportunities for girls in terms of safe and meaningful access, usage, leading and de-

signing of technology.

W&CD Principal Secretary Anu Garg highlighted that Advika was started a year ago on this day to reinforce the government's commitment to empower girl child. It has directly reached 10 lakh adolescent girls and boys. As many as 600 master trainers have been trained with Advika module who now help prepare district-level trainers to take the process forward at the Anganwadi level. Garg also announced the launch of Advika application that will create a platform for the adolescent girls to share their issues and concern and get help.

Arvind Agrawal, Director,

Integrated Child Development Services and Social Welfare (ICDS & SW), stressed that Advika is helping to create peer leaders who will act as change agents and help address issues and challenges of young people especially girls. He said in coming days, district and state level convention of peer leaders shall be organised to encourage the good work being done by them.

W&CD Minister Tukuni Sahu congratulated the department for the successful first year of Advika. She said that the programme would help create a healthy mindset and thereby help achieve a better and healthy society for all.



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Villagers detain 5 cops over road construction dispute

POLICE-PUBLIC FACE-OFF



Villagers at Kokeida detained the police personnel over their alleged failure to prevent the unauthorised construction of a road leading to a poultry farm

Villagers alleged that being in close proximity of the village, the farm not only posed an environmental hazard, but foul smell emanating from bird droppings has made breathing difficult

The detained policemen were released Monday afternoon after the SDPO Bikash Ranjan Behura and IIC Bishnu Charan Barik of the police station assured the villagers of resolving the issue

and later some miscreants hurled bombs in the village May 27.

Meanwhile, the farm owner was constructing an alternative road to his farm with help of neighbouring Singa villagers and the construction was being supervised by two youths from nearby Kushida village. The villagers of Kokeida had a heated brawl with these youths over construction of the road Sunday.

The farm owner informed the Gondia police about the obstruction. Later, a patrolling team of Gondia police led by ASI Laxmidhar Behera reached the spot and questioned the villagers on the dispute.

Enraged at the police intervention, furious villagers detained the policemen and took the patrolling van into their possession. They released and released the police personnel following assurances by the higher-ups in the district police department, Monday.

Reports said that a police team went to the village at around 9 pm Sunday to resolve a long-standing dispute over the construction of a road to the poultry farm and the villagers, which was the bone of contention for the last two to three years. Initially, the villagers were supportive of the farm but later they turned against it over alleged violation of environmental and sanitation norms. The dispute between the villagers and farm owners often led to flared up tensions.

They alleged that the construction of the farm in close proximity of the village is not only a health hazard, but the foul smell emanating from the bird droppings has made breathing difficult.

They said that though they took up the issue with the local administration and police on several occasions, their complaints were ignored. A bitter altercation occurred between the villagers and farm owners over the issue May 23

POST NEWS NETWORK

Gondia, Oct 11: Irrate villagers detained five police personnel including an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Gondia police station over construction of a road that leads to a poultry farm at Kokeida village under Raitala panchayat of Gondia block in Dhenkanal district, a report said Monday.

According to reports, villagers at Kokeida detained the police personnel over their alleged failure to prevent the unauthorised construction of a road to a poultry farm, Sunday. The road is being constructed to the poultry farm Jagannath Agro-Vet in the area. The detained policemen were released Monday afternoon after the SDPO Bikash Ranjan Behura and IIC Bishnu Charan Barik of the police station assured the villagers of resolving the issue at the earliest. They also visited the spot and launched an investigation into the incident.



FESTIVE RUSH

Gole Bazaar market in Sambalpur witnessed a large turnout of customers to buy puja materials from vendors on the eve of Bhai Juntia festival, Monday. The festival is celebrated by girls praying for the wellbeing and prosperity of their brothers

OP PHOTO

Vig tracks down 60 plots owned by jr engineer

POST NEWS NETWORK

Deogarh, Oct 11: Acting on a number of allegations against junior engineer Bikash Kumar Behera, separate teams of the Vigilance department Monday undertook simultaneous raids at different locations in the district.

Behera works as a gram panchayat technical assistant (GPTA) at Tilebani block in Deogarh district. The simultaneous searches were conducted over allegations that he possessed assets disproportionate to his known



sources of income, a senior Vigilance official stated. According to a source, it was found that Behera owned as many

as 60 plots, a four-wheeler, cash worth around ₹1 lakh and a two-storey building located at Balam village under Barkote tehsil in Deogarh district. The house searches are still underway at three places in Deogarh district, the Vigilance official expressed.

Three separate teams comprising four Vigilance DSPs, two Inspectors and subordinate staff were formed for the purpose. The raids were carried out on the basis of a search warrant issued by the Court of Special Vigilance Judge, Sambalpur, the official added.

Minor boy held hostage in Telangana rescued

POST NEWS NETWORK

Umerkote, Oct 11: A minor boy held hostage at a brick kiln in Telangana was released from detention Monday following the intervention of the brick kiln owner.

When the brick kiln owner came to know about the incident, he rescued the minor and sent him back home to Umerkote, paying the



2 middlemen took the boy with them to Jagdalpur and sold him at the brick kiln in Telangana for ₹3L

entire expenses. The matter took to the fore after the family members informed the Umerkote police of the development.

Reports said that two middlemen Rajmohan Harijan of Chikili village and Bighna Bhata of Jhaliaguda village took the boy with them to Jagdalpur and sold him at the brick kiln in Telangana for ₹3 lakh. The minor informed about his detention to his family members over phone.

Police launched a probe after the boy's elder brother lodged a complaint, Umerkote police station IIC Naresh Pradhan said.

Police have launched a manhunt to nab the two middlemen, who are said to be absconding. The police are also trying to trace whether other people are involved in the trafficking racket. Police are also trying to ascertain whether the brick kiln owner sent the boy back home out of compassion or fear of arrest.

IPL betting racket busted in Silk City, eight arrested



POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Oct 11: Acting on a tip-off, police busted an online IPL betting racket in the Silk City and arrested eight persons including a stockist for the offence at Lanjipalli area under Baidyanathpur police limits, Monday

Police have also seized cash worth ₹8.63 lakh and 11 mobile phones from the accused persons. The accused were identified as Jagannath Choudhury, 33, of Lanjipalli; Sabyasachi Padhi, 35, of Ambika Nagar; Kirti Ranjan Satapathy, 28; Niladri Padhi, 32, of Bijipur; Santosh Kumar Nayak of Haladiapadar, 41; Ajit Kumar Sahu, 34; Ram Prasad Padhi, 34; and Binod Panda, 37, of Baidya Sahi in Gosani nuagaon. A

case was registered in this connection and the accused were produced in court, Monday. This was stated here by Berhampur SP Pinak Mishra at a press meet held at the Baidyanathpur police station, Monday. SDPO Bishnu Prasad Pati said that kingpin of the racket and a stockist named Jagannath Choudhury was taken on remand to elicit more information from him about the operation of the betting racket. Police said that the accused were found placing online bets on two websites, which were opened by Choudhury. Preliminary inquiries suggested that Choudhury used to give user id and password and operated the racket with the help of some bookies. It is suspected that the

accused might have links outside the state and had started the online betting business since the start of IPL matches this season.

Police said that they are scanning the bank accounts of the accused and trying to verify the involvement of others in the racket, added the official.

In the past, police had arrested 14 persons in connection with IPL betting racket and had frozen ₹5 crore in the bank accounts of the accused. Further investigations are underway.

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Hydel project in pond lights up Buddhist shrine

THE PROJECT CAME UP AFTER THE DISTRICT ADMIN DECIDED TO UTILISE THE STREAM WATER FALLING INTO PADMASAMBHAVA MANASAROVAR TO ATTRACT TOURISTS TO THE SITE

POST NEWS NETWORK

R Udayagiri, Oct 11: It may seem to be incredible to many, but a hydro-electricity project in a pond here is lighting up the Tibetan tourist centre at Jirang in Gajapati district, a report said. Usually hydro-electricity projects are established in large reservoirs and crores of rupees are spent for the purpose.

However, one has hardly heard of a hydro-electricity project functioning in a pond. The claim may seem surprising but, in fact, a hydro-electricity project operates in a pond at Jirang. The project was first launched July 26 and has been functioning since then without any glitch. The credit for the project goes to the Gajapati district administration which took up the initiative to make best use of the natural stream water. However, initially the endeavour faced stiff challenges.

Reports said that the pond known as Padmasambhava Manasarovar lies near the Boudha Vihar at Jirang in the district. The water from a nat-



ural stream flows into this pond which remains filled throughout the year.

The hydro-electricity project came up in the area after the district administration decided to make best use of the stream water and attract tourists to the site. To achieve the goal, a small turbine was set up on the downstream of the stream to produce electricity from the water flowing from top of the hill.

Later, a small turbine of one kilo-

watt was set up 14-feet under the pond and was connected with a pipe to collect the water and produce electricity. Over 55 litre of water flows into the pipe per second, which is enough to produce 1 kilowatt electricity to light up the area and the Buddhist site.

Officials said that funds worth ₹3.50 lakh has been spent to construct the hydro-electricity project. The district administration has fixed

LED lights on utility poles to light up the area around the pond.

People visiting Jirang to get soaked in its natural beauty and landscape also visit the pond to get a glimpse of the hydro-electricity project. This has become a tourist attraction as people prefer to spend more time around the pond at night than in daytime.

A pilot project was launched by the district administration when Anupam Saha was the district Collector of Gajapati. The project has been implemented under the direct supervision of engineer Nagendra Moharana.

Observers said that the district administration earned widespread appreciation by establishing the project. However, there are several such inaccessible areas in the district where people still reel in darkness once the sun sets.

The project could be a guiding light to implement similar projects in those inaccessible areas and ensure electricity supply to the distressed residents, they added.

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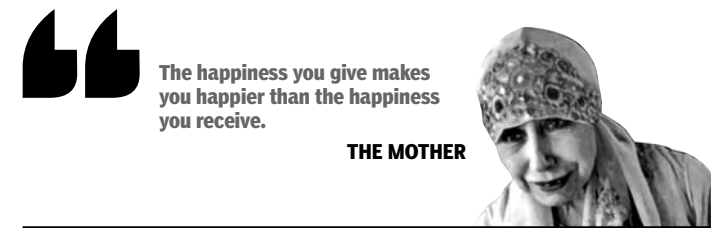
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A Walk-in-Interview will be held in the college premises as per the date and time mentioned in column 5 for the following post of Science (Self Finance) and Arts on purely temporary and contractual basis.

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The happiness you give makes you happier than the happiness you receive.

THE MOTHER

Winner After All

Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, tweeted that the return of Air India (AI) to the group would have gladdened the founder of the airline in pre-Independent India, JRD Tata, had he been alive now. For Tatas, getting back Air India must have been like history turning full circle. The intention may not be to din into the government's ears that it was a misadventure to have snatched the airline from the company in 1953 by the Jawaharlal Nehru government. It could be an emotional outpouring for getting back an iconic venture that had put India, for the first time, on the map of aviation business. The deal of the present government, which seems hell bent on selling 100 per cent of its shares to the Tata Group, is a sad commentary on the mindset of the staff and the executives who were given the task, over the years, of making AI a profitable public enterprise but subverted their responsibilities.

A recent video on social media purportedly showed some cabin staff and air crew of AI seemingly jubilant at the news of the government handing over the airline to private ownership. They were singing some Hindi film songs at the top of their voices and congratulating each other. The impression this clip gave was that of a bunch of people seemingly happy that their mission had succeeded. These people forget that it is their misdemeanours, inefficiency and corruption that bled the citizens of this country of millions of rupees every year for the past few decades and also destroyed an object of national pride. Countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and even Pakistan can boast of a national flag carrier but not India. If one goes back to history, it can be seen that after pledging his aircraft to the British during World War II, JRD Tata got them back in 1946. After India got freedom in August 1947, in October that year, JRD Tata proposed to then PM Nehru to float an international airline named Air India International wherein he invited and received 49% investment from the government. 25% was held by the Tatas while the rest was put out as public offering. The idea currently being floated is that Air India was a 100% Tata held company. This claim is not a fact. Although JRD had named his small airline as Air India, Nehru in 1953 enacted the Air Corporation Act and nationalised not one but nine airlines. Included in that was Kalinga Airlines of former Odisha CM Biju Patnaik. Also interesting to note, that after nationalisation of all these airlines, PM Nehru had appointed JRD Tata as Chairman of Air India. It is only when a major air crash took place, JRD was removed in 1978 by the Morarji Desai government. He was brought back as a member of the Board of Directors of Air India by Indira Gandhi in 1980.

Disinvestment is the new mantra of the BJP-led government at the Centre. The government will surely use the Air India case as a shining example of its decision to open the floodgates of privatisation to disinvest government enterprises. Such a policy may be a blessing in disguise for loss making government enterprises, but it may also signal the dangerous trend of turning profitable units sick so as to hand them over to crony capitalists. Apart from plundering national resources, an uncontrolled private sector may pose dangers to the country's economy and security. The recent murky transaction of smuggled drugs worth ₹21,000 crore through the Mundra Adani Port in Gujarat owned by Gautam Adani is the latest example of how dangerous complete privatisation of public utilities could be for the country.

This AI deal as clinched with the Tatas is not all about profits and losses. For, the buyer will automatically get access to its enormous infrastructure along with the prestige of the airline enjoying the status of India's premier international carrier. Possession of Air India will bring not only ownership of more than 127 air-worthy aircraft but also control of 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at overseas airports. Earlier this year, the aviation ministry disclosed in the Parliament the total value of Air India's fixed assets - its land, buildings, aircraft fleet etc - in March 2020 was over ₹45,000 crore.

So, it is obvious who the winner is, after all!

WISDOM CORNER

- Crises and deadlocks when they occur have at least this advantage, that they force us to think. **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU**
- If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace. **FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**
- It's the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction, things begin to happen. **MUHAMMAD ALI**

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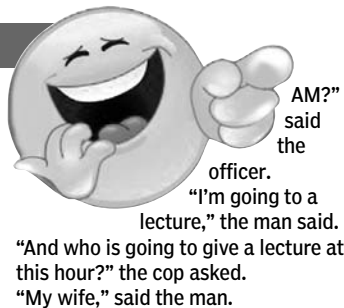
Phytoremediation

Though this is a cumbersome word that hasn't yet reached any of the dictionaries, it has become a moderately common technical term in recent years because of its environmental implications. Phytoremediation is just beginning practical application after years of research, and the word is now starting to turn up in non-specialist areas such as newspaper articles. It refers to a variety of techniques using plants and trees to clean up sites that are contaminated with heavy metals such as lead or cadmium, or with organic compounds like pesticides or solvents. In the case of the metals, species are grown which are known to concentrate the contaminants in their tissues; plants can then be harvested and burnt to release the pollutant, which can often be recycled. Organic pollutants are often treated with plants that take them up and destroy them as part of their normal metabolic processes. Phytoremediation can be a lot cheaper than conventional methods, which usually involve removing the topsoil layer completely and replacing it with uncontaminated soil, but it is usually much slower. The word is a combination of the prefix phyto-, "plant" (from the Greek phutos) with remediation, the action of remedying something, especially environmental damage. With international conferences, coverage in scientific and trade journals, and industry and government-sponsored implementation, phytoremediation is a significant and growing niche in the environmental marketplace (Environmental Technology, September 1998). Because they also absorb and concentrate toxic metals, such as lead, these natural collectors could help to decontaminate industrial waste sites, a process known as phytoremediation (Economist, October 1998).

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I'm going to a lecture

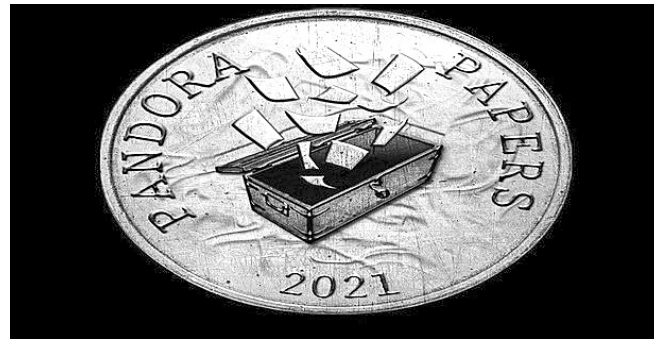
The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2



AM?" said the officer. "I'm going to a lecture," the man said. "And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked. "My wife," said the man.

PANDORA'S BOX OPENS

FOCUS TAX EVASION



The Pandora Papers raise a lot of issues that need serious introspection. However, one hopes that like the Panama and Paradise Papers, they don't become forgotten headlines in a fortnight



Ajit Ranade

MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE AN INHERITANCE OR A STIFF ESTATE TAX. INDIA DOES NOT

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) is a non-profit organisation based in the United States. It is fully funded by donations, and donor details are available on its website, as are its annual reports. Its 2020 annual report says that its annual expenses were 4.7 million dollars (about ₹35 crore). The ICIJ has a small core group of 280 investigative reporters who operate through various offices worldwide and it is also supported by a network of members from more than hundred countries. October 3, the ICIJ released the Pandora Papers, which they claim is the largest ever journalistic collaboration, involving 600 journalists from 117 countries. The collaborators included media organisations like the BBC and Guardian from the UK and Indian Express from India. The data are stored in 11.9 million files, consisting of documents, images, emails, spreadsheets, presentations, audio and video files and even ink on paper. The work was done mostly in secrecy over nearly two years. While the records go back to the 1970's, most of the data pertains to the period from 1996 to 2020.

What the Pandora Papers reveal are the financial dealings of the super-rich, including politicians, businessmen, sports stars and celebrities. They provide data on secret private trusts 'settled' or placed in obscure offshore tax havens and the identity of the ultimate beneficiaries of the wealth in those trusts. The data also reveal multi-layered complex structures, possibly constructed to hide the identity of ultimate beneficiaries. There are shell companies within offshore shell companies, which safeguard wealth in the form of cash, shares, real estate ownership, aircraft, yachts and art. The multiple layers of ownership are to make it difficult to trace the true ownership and beneficiaries. According to the Indian Express there are at least 380 persons of Indian nationality in the Pandora Papers. These include

some against whom investigations are ongoing for financial fraud, and some whose revelation has raised eyebrows. For instance, the Pandora Papers reveal financial holdings of Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Ambani, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, and others, all of which could be legitimate. They also reveal dealings of the King of Jordan, Prime Ministers of Ukraine, Kenya, Ecuador, Czech Republic and a former PM of UK. There is data on more than 130 billionaires from various countries.

What is different about the Pandora Papers from the earlier Panama Papers leaks, revealed by ICIJ five years ago? Unlike the Panama Papers which were leaks from a single source, a law firm called Mossack Fonseca, the Pandora Papers are sourced from 14 different providers, whose identity has been concealed. It is a much more comprehensive picture of how the wealthy shift their wealth across tax jurisdictions, possibly to evade taxes or to have a system of 'more efficient tax planning'. The distinction between evasion and planning is quite thin.

The ICIJ leaks (the Pandora Papers are the seventh major one, the earlier ones being Panama and Paradise) put the spotlight on the role of tax havens and the service they provide to the global wealthy elite to escape taxation

and scrutiny in their home countries. The G20 since the Lehman crisis has been seized of this matter, of how to prevent the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS). The role of tax havens has been troubling because they are the cause of huge tax losses. The UK itself loses significant tax revenue due to its own Crown Territories and places like the British Virgin Islands. But despite decades of both Labour and Conservative governments, the UK has not been able to plug the loophole, making British people wonder whether the political will is strong enough.

The Pandora Papers reveal a new avenue, name individual states within the United States, which now offer trust structures to cloak ownership in secrecy. Earlier Switzerland used to be accused of being tightlipped about safeguarding ill-gotten wealth in Swiss banks. Now it is even sub-sovereign entities like states of the USA. There is an elaborate ecosystem which enables this, with law firms and banks also being complicit. The Pandora Papers show nearly 4,000 banks have helped their clients set up the shell companies or offshore trusts to move their wealth away from the glare of regulators. The BEPS agenda of the G20 is now updated as BEPS 2.0, which consists of two pillars. The first is of fair allocation of profits and

taxable income. The second is a global minimum tax on corporations, so that no matter where you go, at least the minimum tax will be applicable. This initiative led by the US has already got the support of about 132 countries for a minimum tax rate of 15 per cent. The first pillar will imply that even if the profits are booked in a tax haven, so long as they are not hidden, the home country can legitimately tax it. For decades big companies like Apple, Google, Amazon booked profits of their European and global income in the low tax haven of Ireland. That will now end. Indeed, the European Union has imposed a fine on Ireland for such irresponsible taxation, which amounts to 'stealing the taxes' of other jurisdictions.

In India too, many of the wealthy say they have moved wealth to offshore trusts and it is all legal. Perhaps they are worried that the taxman will take away some wealth in the form of wealth tax? The sharply zooming stock market, and mega liquidity infusion have greatly increased wealth inequality in India and globally. Most developed countries have an inheritance or a stiff estate tax. India does not. Is there a fear of the return of estate duty?

Leaving aside the fugitives who have defrauded banks, or defaulted on large loans from public sector banks, another issue to think about is that even if the wealth has been salted away legally, does it reflect a flight of capital? Are high net worth individuals moving significant assets abroad? What is their anxiety? Do they feel their wealth is not secure in India? If India opened up its capital account completely, will we see a massive flight of capital? The Pandora Papers raise a lot of issues that need serious introspection. However, one hopes that like the Panama and Paradise Papers, they don't become forgotten headlines in a fortnight.

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SPECTRUM MIDDLE EAST

The Palestinian ultimatum

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was only ten years old when the United Nations was established. Last month, he addressed its 76th General Assembly and issued a bold ultimatum: Israel has one year to withdraw from the Palestinian territory it occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, or the Palestinians would no longer recognise Israel based on the 1967 borders, and they would take the occupation before the International Court of Justice.

Abbas, like more than half of Palestinians, is a refugee. He still possesses his family's land deed from what is now the Israeli city of Ramat Gan. He pointed out, is registered as part of the UN's records. This state of affairs is not, he made clear, the Palestinians' fault: "To those who claim there is no Palestinian partner for peace and that we do not 'miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity' I challenge them to demonstrate that we have rejected even once a genuine and serious initiative to achieve peace."

To be sure, in September 1967, in the wake of the June war, Arab leaders committed to the so-called Three Nos: "no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, no negotiations with it." But the opposite is true today. As Palestinian PM Mohammad Shtayeh recently noted, it is now Israel that refuses

to talk with Abbas, engage in any good-faith negotiations, or recognise the state of Palestine.

By contrast, Abbas affirms that Palestinians are "ready to work throughout this year on the delineation of borders and solving all final-status issues under the auspices of the international Quartet" (the UN, the US, the EU, and Russia), and in accordance with UN resolutions. But, when a year is up, Israel must end its occupation.

Of course, Israel's leaders do not intend to do any such thing, and it seems unlikely that their American partners will put much pressure on them. Yes, when Israeli PM Naftali Bennett visited the White House last month, President Joe Biden predictably affirmed his administration's opposition to Israeli settlement-building and paid lip service to the two-state solution.

But there is no reason to believe that Biden plans to push Israel on either of these issues, not least to avoid rupturing the country's fragile governing coalition. In fact, Bennett and Biden reportedly agreed that the time is not ripe for direct Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. Apparently, they want to address the 'quality-of-life' issues facing the five million Palestinians under military occupation, without working to remove the cause of those issues. Palestinians have reached a

breaking point, and this is partly Abbas' own fault. Last April, he again postponed legislative elections - supposedly over a dispute about voting in East Jerusalem, but actually to avoid a loss for his Fatah party - and used force against protesters. When people have been living under occupation for so long, and their political process is effectively shut down, their mood will inevitably turn grim.

Already, violence has been replacing diplomacy as the primary means of engagement between Israelis and Palestinians. Last May, Hamas fired rockets from Gaza toward Israeli population centers. The summer was marked by near-daily Molotov-cocktail attacks and armed resistance to Israeli forces. While Israel responded with brutal efficiency, Hamas showed that it was prepared to fight.

In response to the violence, Israel imposed new economic restrictions on the Gaza Strip. It then declared that the reconstruction process in Gaza, beginning with the lifting of the illegal blockade, would be conditional upon a prisoner exchange. And yet, Israel's refusal to offer concessions made agreement on an exchange impossible. Tensions continued to rise.

It was against this background that six Palestinian prisoners escaped in early September from Gilboa

Prison, one of Israel's most secure facilities. As the men were hunted and captured, rocket fire was exchanged between Israel and Gaza. Hamas - which holds two Israeli soldiers in custody and the bodies of two other Israeli military personnel who were involved in the 2014 attack on Gaza - has now pledged to demand the release of the one-time escapees. While all of this has unfolded, the US has taken little action. The Biden administration has failed to produce any political framework for ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; it has not even endorsed a 'roadmap' to a solution.

For decades, Israelis have essentially gotten a pass from the world to occupy Palestinian lands, because of the horrific crimes against Jews during World War II. But this can no longer be an excuse to subjugate the Palestinians.

Abbas wants to see progress toward peace before he departs the political scene. With his UN ultimatum, he hoped to shake the US from its complacency and force Israel to engage in real negotiations to end the occupation. Palestinians will not accept anything less.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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Weaponising tax

Sir, This is in reference to the news item "Fuel prices increase for 6th straight day," Orissa POST, October 11, 2021. The contribution of crude prices in the international market to the unprecedented and astronomical rise of fuel prices at the pumps is relatively small. The real culprit behind the pinching rise is the taxes levied by the government. The tax component and dealer commission amount to more than ₹60, while the actual price of the fuel is mere ₹40 out of ₹100. For the government of India, revenue during 2020-21 from excise collections on fuel was ₹3.44 lakh crore, higher by 74 per cent year-on-year. This dependence on fuel taxes makes governments reluctant to lower them even when the economy's aggregate demand is weak. The defence of the high fuel taxes is that it goes into government spending on public goods. This is an unconvincing reason. Fiscal policy is about designing a tax and spending package to influence economic growth. There are a multitude of taxes, and their rates should be in sync with the prevailing economic context. Revenue collection through tax on fuel has been weaponised to such an extent by the BJP-led NDA government that it is reluctant to preclude even sympathetically the plight of the common man shelling out dear cash at the pumps. In a country where over 80 out of every 100 passenger vehicles sold are entry level two-wheelers, high fuel taxes can only squeeze the people's purchasing power further in an already difficult situation.

N Sathasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Effective parenting

Sir, Children are exposed to electronic gadgets much more than needed now-a-days. Telling them to do meditation, physical exercises and other similar activities is of no use. This is where parents and guardians come to play a pivotal role. Children imitate what they watch elders doing. The elders of the families must understand the role they play in influencing the children and act accordingly. The strong foundation made in the initial development of children decides their future.

Anushka Jaiswal, UJJAIN

Coal crisis

Sir, The Union coal ministry rubbishish claims of a coal crisis must be taken with a pinch of salt. Though Union coal minister Pralhad Joshi has made tall claims that Coal India Limited has stocks of 43 million tonne, enough to meet demand for 24 days, the power problems in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Punjab tell a different story.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

OMC MINING EXPANSION

Locals seek protection of elephant corridors

POST NEWS NETWORK

Joda, Oct 11: Many people have been demanding protection of the elephant corridors in the mining belts of Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) in Dubuna-Sakaradihi area under Joda mining circle in Keonjhar. The issue was raised by the local residents when a public hearing was held on the proposed expansion of Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC)-owned Dubuna-Sakaradihi iron mine and manganese mine, Sunday. The OMC aims to mine 3.0 MTPA iron ore and 0.5 MTPA manganese in 1,332 hectares here.

Officials, including PD (DRDA) Bishnuprasad Acharya and regional officer of State Pollution Control Board (Keonjhar) Puspachandra Behera, present at the public hearing took note of the people's opinions on the issue.

These mines have remained closed since 2006. Locals demanded that the operation of mines should be started soon to create scope of employment for the locals.

The mining authorities should make provision of communication, healthcare, drinking water and other basic facilities in the area, they demanded.

"The elephant corridors in Basantpur and Kalimati panchayats should also be protected," locals said. Regional manager of OMC



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(Barbil) was apprised of these demands. General Manager of the OMC Ashok Kumar Behera explained the locals about the mining operations and advanced technologies to be used in mining in the region.

As many as 121 elephants were found dead in Keonjhar district in the past 22 years, according to Forest Department data. Barring 2016-17, elephant deaths in Keonjhar Forest Division have been reported every year. From 2001-02 till August 2021-22, the forest division has reported 121 jumbo deaths due to a number of reasons.

The pachyderms have lost their habitats mainly due to rampant mining in mineral-rich districts of the state, including Keonjhar, leaving little room for the animals.

It is worth mentioning here that the National Green Tribunal in August had asked the Odisha government to notify 14 elephant corridors in the state within next two months, realising a long-standing demand of elephant conservationists.

DEMO OVER CROP LOSS



Farmers with paddy shoots in hands staging a demonstration outside the Bargarh Collectorate over crop loss due to drought-like condition in Khola panchayat under Ambabhona block in the district

2.5 kg ivory seized in Deogarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

Deogarh, Oct 11: The special squad of Deogarh police arrested a smuggler Monday while he was trying to sell a pair of elephant tusks.

The ivory tusks weigh more than 2.50 kg, the cost of which has been estimated at ₹15 lakh, SP Raj Kishor Paikray said.

The special squad of cops led by SDPO Pratyush Kumar Mohapatra, which nabbed the accused in this case, had disguised themselves as customers.

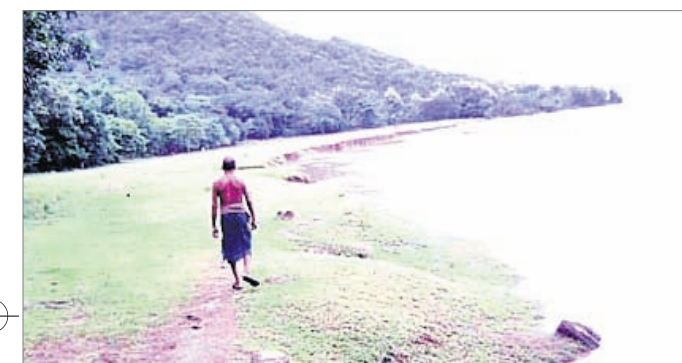
"We are investigating further in



coordination with the Forest department to ascertain the links of the trader. A case has been registered in this connection," said Paikray.

GOKULANANDA JEW PEETHA

Tourist site cries for development



POST NEWS NETWORK

Khandapara, Oct 11: Gokulananda Jew Peetha is one of the popular tourist spots in Nayagarh. The state government accorded a tourist tag to the place 12 years back, but on the development front, the place has not achieved much. Every year, thousands of people throng the place for picnicking. After the Covid restrictions were eased, the flow of tourists has started again. Locals alleged that despite this, Gokulananda Jew Peetha's development has been given a short shrift.

Moreover, the safety and security of the place too are neglected. There is no safety measure for tourists taking a dip in the Mahanadi river. On many instances, tourists had been washed away while bathing in the river here.

In 2009, the peetha was accorded the tourist tag by the state Culture and the Tourism department.

The shrine is located atop Madhukarnika hill on the banks of Mahanadi in Sidhamula panchayat bordering Cuttack district.

The picturesque spot is an ideal place for tourists. In 2010, the Tourism department executed the Bipula Mahanadi tourism project here at a cost of ₹53 lakh.

Two cottages and other buildings have been built near the hill for

the night halt of tourists.

However, many other facilities are to be provided to attract more tourists. Locals observed that the treasure trove of natural beauty of the place should be fully utilised, but it has not been developed as it ought to have been. Lack of willpower of the administration is taking a toll on this spot. Educationist Gangadhar Sarangi said that the main problem at the shrine is lack of drinking water.

Central Ground Water Board has dug a bore-well in the area at a cost of ₹25 lakh. "But no water is available at the shrine, which is just at 100 metres away from the bore-well, he lamented.

ZP member Rameswar Satpathy observed that a tourist place like this needs to be developed further to draw more people, but this has not happened. The administration and the tourism department should tap the tourism potential of the place.

Social activist Maheswar Rana said that Gokulananda Peetha can be developed like Haridwar and Rishikesh, but nothing is being done to tap its huge tourism potential.

Gania-Khandapada ranger Sonali Sio said that the Forest department has already completed the Sidhamula eco-tourism project in the area.

Paradip industrial pollution wrecks havoc in Kendrapara

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, Oct 11: Toxic fumes discharged by the industrial firms in Paradip have led to widespread pollution in Kendrapara district, a report said.

The toxic fumes emanating from these plants have made life suffocating for the residents in Mahakalpara block of the district. Moreover, the toxic effluents discharged from these firms into the water bodies like rivers and creeks are destroying the natural environment of Bhitarkanika wetland and the adjoining areas in the district. This has left the residents fuming as the district administration is yet to take any action on the issue.

Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur districts, carved out of undivided Cuttack district, are on the two banks of the Mahanadi river. However, Kendrapara district lacks industries, while several industrial units have come up in Paradip Port area in Jagatsinghpur district.

The road connecting the industrial complex in neighbouring Jajpur and Jagatsinghpur districts is in close proximity of Kendrapara district. Everyday heavy commercial vehicles carrying chemical goods to these industries travel by this road endangering the lives of the local residents. Residents apprehend that they are at serious risk in case any disaster takes place on the road. However, the district administration is yet to take any precautionary measure to safeguard the lives of the residents.

Bee attack claims man, daughter in Sundargarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sundargarh, Oct 11: In a tragic incident, an elderly man and his daughter, after being attacked by a swarm of bees, died while undergoing treatment in Panposh



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Pollution from the industrial units has resulted in spread of various skin diseases and even cancer, besides affecting the livelihood of the locals

Villagers Purnima Majhi, Sudarshan Bera and Haripad Biswas of Batighar area under Mahakalpara block alleged that pollution from the industrial firms in Paradip has made their lives miserable. This has resulted in spread of various skin diseases and even cancer, besides affecting the livelihood of the locals. The toxic fumes and dust are also destroying their crops and affecting the fertility of the soil in the area. The roads and houses as well as plants and trees can be seen swathed

in thick red dust emanating from a steel plant in Paradip.

Environmentalists Hemant Kumar Rout, Samarendra Mahali and Prabhu Prasad Mohapatra say that this has also posed serious threat to the Bhitarkanika National Park as well as to the flora and fauna and the marine creatures in the area. Incidents of crops getting blighted and decline in harvest have also been reported from the area.

Social activists Bibhuti Bhusan Kar, Lakshmidhar Swain and Pramod Kumar Swain alleged that it has been almost two years since the crisis management group was directed to conduct a survey and take steps to check the pollution but nothing has been done in this regard so far.

When contacted, Sub-Collector Niranjan Behera said that the district administration is aware of the development and the matter will be taken up with the Factories and Boilers department and the Odisha State Disaster Mitigation Authority (OSDMA).

village under Rajgangpur block of Sundargarh district.

The deceased have been identified as Guru Banchhor (65) and his daughter Mina Banchhor (25). They were going somewhere Sunday when a swarm of bees at-

tacked them.

The father-daughter duo was rushed to Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) in a critical condition where they succumbed to the injuries today while undergoing treatment.

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3. Class of Contractor	- "D" & "C" class Contractors
4. Availability of bid document in the website	- 18:00 Hours of 13.10.2021 to 17:00 hours of 26.10.2021
5. Date of opening of tenders	- 11:30 hours on dt.27.10.2021
6. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Web Site www.tendersodisha.gov.in only. Any Corrigendum / Addendum/cancellation of tender will be displayed in the website said only.	

Sd./- Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra Wildlife Division
OIPR-08064/11/0004/2122

ODISHA LIFT IRRIGATION CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking) No. CAD-1452
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, L.I. DIVISION, BARGARH
E-Procurement Notice - 02/2021-22
E-mail: eeolcibgh@gmail.com, Phone: 06646-246126

No. 2186 Dated: 07.10.2021

- Name of the Tender Inviting Officer : Executive Engineer, L.I. Division, Bargarh
- Name of the work : Power Supply, installation and energisation of 16 Nos. CLIPs in different blocks of Bargarh district.
- No. of Packages : 16 Nos.
- Tender Amount : Varies from 26.00 lakhs to 42.00 lakhs
- Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal for online bidding from 10.00 hrs. dated 16.10.2021 to 18.00 hrs. dated 27.10.2021.
- Last date and time of receipt of bids in the portal upto 18.00 hrs. Dated:27.10.2021.
- Last date and time of clarification upto 17.00 hrs. Dated: 26.10.2021.
- Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover - 1) at 11.00 hrs. Dated: 28.10.2021.
- Date of opening of Financial Bid (Cover - 2) will be informed after evaluation of Technical bids.
- Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha i.e. www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
- Subsequent corrigendum/addendum if required shall be available in the above portal.

Sd./- Executive Engineer
L.I. Division, Bargarh
OIPR-32277/11/0002/2122

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SUNDARGARH
No. 5387 Date: 08.10.2021
COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid Reference No. SNGM-18/2021-22 / Dt.08.10.2021
No. C-1103: On behalf of the Sundargarh Municipality, Online e-tender 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 mentioned 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 : 08 Nos.
- Place of Execution : Inside of Sundargarh Municipality
- Estimated Cost of work : Rs.40,966/- to Rs.17,85,668/-
- Eligible Class of Contractors : Registered Contractors of Class- 'D' to Class- 'C' as indicated against the work mentioned in the Tender Call Notice.
- Intending bidders have to participate through "Online" bidding only. The website for online bidding is https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
- The bid documents will be available in the above website from 11 A.M. on 11.10.2021 to 5 P.M. on 20.10.2021 for online bidding.
- Bids received online will be opened at 11 A.M. on 21.10.2021.
- The bidder must possess valid and compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).
- The DTCN for bid shall be available in the e-procurement portal https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in for Online bidding.

Sd./- Executive Officer, Sundargarh Municipality
OIPR-13130/11/0038/2122

3 anti-socials held, arms cache seized

AGENCIES

Rourkela, Oct 11: The Rourkela police Monday busted a notorious gang of anti-socials with the arrest of three persons.

The police also recovered a huge cache of arms from the possession of the accused.

The accused were identified as Basista Mohanty (22), Jangyasio Swain (27) and Amit Kumar Sahoo (32) - all residents of Rourkela, the police said.

Three pistols, 20 live ammunition, four detonators, 35 SLR ammunition, ₹50,000 in cash, an SUV and two motorcycles were seized



from their possession, said SP Mukesh Kumar Bhamao. "The trio is involved in murder, extortion, kidnapping and illegal arm deals, with several cases against their names," said Bhamao.

Jumbo tramples man to death

POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal, Oct 11: A man was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Suravi village in Odapada block of Dhenkanal district Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Madhusudan Swain of the village. The elephant attacked him while he was on his way to join his duty.

Some locals found him dead and informed his family members and police. Forest department officials also arrived at the spot and initiated a probe.

GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (AGRI.), CUTTACK DIVISION, CUTTACK
AT/PO- NAYABAZAR, DISTRICT - CUTTACK - 753004
Phone No. (0671) 2952638, E-mail ID: eeagrill.cuttack@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice : Dated: 11.10.2021
Bid Identification No. 02/2021-22 of EE (AGRI.) Cuttack Division
No. L-71: The Executive Engineer (Agril.), Cuttack Division, Nayabazar, Cuttack, Odisha on behalf of the Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in single cover system from the eligible class of contractors through e-procurement in ONLINE MODE only in the website "www.tendersodisha.gov.in", for civil works/buildings in the district of Cuttack & Jagatsinghpur as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Nos. of the works/nature of work for which tender invites	Approximate Estimated cost put to tender (Excluding G.S.T.) (Rs. lakh)	Cost of Bid Documents (in Rs.)	EMD in (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Total 15 Nos. (Fifteen) Building Works/Civil Construction works	Vary from Rs.5.34 lakh to Rs.22.22 lakh	Rs.4000.00 to Rs.6000.00	1%	B, C & D with valid Electrical Licence	120 Days

- Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : 16.10.2021 at 10.00 A.M. to 25.10.2021, 5.00 P.M.
- Last date/time for receipt of bids in the portal : 25.10.2021 upto 5.30 P.M.
- Date of submission of original bid documents in tender box : 16.10.2021, 10.00 A.M. to 26.10.2021 upto 11.00 A.M.
- Date & time of opening of Original Documents & Verification : 26.10.2021 at 11.30 A.M.
- Date & time of opening of Online bids : 26.10.2021 at 2.00 P.M. onwards

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only in the e-procurement website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in with matching class DSC. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender/other details of the DTCN can also be seen in the said website. Authority reserves the right to reject/accept any or all of the tenders, increase/decrease the quantities of works without assigning any reason thereof.

OIPR-01447/11/0002/2122
Sd./- Executive Engineer (Agril.), Cuttack Division, Nayabazar, Cuttack

CRUISE DRUGS CASE

Special court to hear Aryan's bail plea Oct 13

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 11: A special court here Monday said it would hear the bail application of superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, arrested in connection with the seizure of banned drugs onboard a cruise ship, October 13 and directed the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to file its reply on that date.

Special Judge VV Patil, hearing matters related to the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, said the court would hear the bail plea Wednesday after the NCB said there was 'no extreme urgency' to hear the application and sought a week to file an affidavit. The defence said Aryan Khan was 'falsely implicated' and releasing him on bail would not stop the probe.

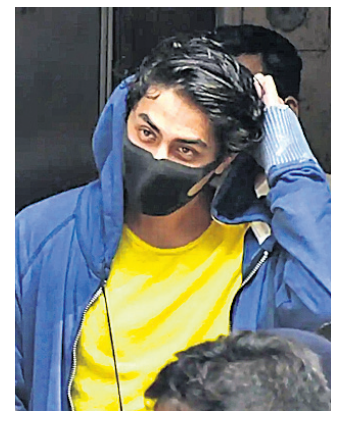
Aryan was arrested October 3 after the NCB raided a Goa-bound cruise ship off the Mumbai coast and claimed to have recovered drugs from some persons. He is currently in judicial custody and lodged at the Arthur Road prison in Mumbai.

He approached the special court for bail October 8 after his plea for the same was rejected by a magistrate's court last week on the ground that it did not have the jurisdiction to decide the matter.

In his plea, Aryan said he was innocent and has not committed any crime and that he has been falsely implicated in the case.

"There is nothing on record to suggest that the present applicant (Aryan Khan) is in any way connected with the production, manufacture, possession, sale, purchase, transport, import, export or use of any psychotropic substance or the financing, illicit trafficking and/or harbouring of offenders in relation to any narcotic drugs," the bail application said.

It added that no incriminating contraband drugs or any other material were recovered from Aryan Khan and that he had strong roots in the society and hence there was no likelihood of him absconding or fleeing from justice.



Stray violence mars near-total Maha bandh

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Oct 11: Stray incidents of violence like stone-pelting at buses, private vehicles, burning tyres on roads to stop traffic and others marred an otherwise near-total Maharashtra bandh, which disrupted normal life, here Monday.

The voluntary shutdown call was issued by the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi allies - Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party, Congress, CPI, CPM, trade unions, scores of farmers groups, students, women and other groups, barring the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena and their constituents.

Considered an unprecedented move by a ruling alliance, the bandh was observed in protest against the Lakhimpur-Kheri massacre in Uttar Pradesh and to express solidarity with the protesting farmers near Delhi and other parts of India.

While the city's lifeline BEST services remained off-roads, inter-district state transport buses were also hit, but the suburban trains functioned normally though with a reduced passenger load, and all other essential services were exempted from the shutdown.

The Maharashtra Police and all other security forces deployed huge bandobast to prevent any untoward incidents across the state, and Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil warned of action



Leaders of three ruling parties - Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP - staged protests against the Lakhimpur incident, and Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut claimed the bandh was 100% successful. The three ruling allies appealed to people to support the bandh to express their solidarity with farmers

HITTING OUT AT THE MAHA VIKAS AGHADI GOVERNMENT OVER THE BANDH IN MAHARASHTRA MONDAY, THE BJP CLAIMED THE THREE-PARTY DISPENSATION'S CONCERN FOR FARMERS WAS "PURE HYPOCRISY" AND IT "IMPOSED" THE SHUTDOWN USING OFFICIAL MACHINERY

LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN THE MAHARASHTRA ASSEMBLY DEVENDRA FADNAVIS SAID IF THE MVA GOVERNMENT IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT FARMERS, THEN IT SHOULD FIRST PROVIDE RELIEF TO THOSE AFFECTED DUE TO UNSEASONAL RAINS IN THE STATE'S VIDARBHA AND MARATHWADA REGIONS

against those indulging in disruptive acts.

However, around half-a-dozen BEST buses were pelted with stones in different parts of

Mumbai. There were road-blocks or tyres set ablaze to prevent some non-essential private vehicles from venturing out.

Top leaders like Sena's Sanjay

Raut, Kishore Tiwari, NCP's Jayant Patil, Nawab Malik, Congress' Nana Patole, Balasaheb Thorat, Bhai Jagtap and others at the state, region and district levels led the

CBI RAIDS ON PREMISES OF ANIL DESHMUKH

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: The CBI Monday conducted searches at the premises of former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh at multiple locations in connection with the leak of confidential documents related to the preliminary enquiry against him on allegations of corruption, officials said Monday.

A team of CBI officials reached the residence of Deshmukh in Nagpur and Mumbai this morning with necessary warrants, they said.

The CBI September 2 had arrested Deshmukh's lawyer Anand Daga and his own sub-inspector Abhishek Tiwari for allegedly leaking confidential documents related to the preliminary enquiry against Deshmukh, they said.

The agency had started a PE on the orders of the Bombay High Court which had issued the directions while hearing a PIL on allegations of corruption against Deshmukh.

The PE findings showed the Deputy SP probing the matter had purportedly opined that no cognisable offence was made out against Deshmukh but it was later converted into an FIR based on a contrasting opinion of the Deputy SP.

The opinion mentioned in the FIR said that cognisable offence is made out against Deshmukh.

The findings giving clean chit to



Deshmukh got leaked to the media causing an embarrassment to the CBI after opposition parties accused the agency of conducting a motivated probe against the then minister.

Soon after the leak, the CBI booked Tiwari and Daga on the allegations of leaking documents.

It has been reliably learnt that Sub-Inspector Tiwari came in contact with Nagpur-based advocate Daga during the course of the inquiry, the FIR alleged.

It said that Tiwari had been in regular contact with him, it alleged.

The FIR alleged that Daga handed an iPhone 12 pro as illegal gratification to Tiwari for passing details of the enquiry and investigation pertaining to corruption allegations against Deshmukh.

The agency also alleged that Tiwari had been receiving illegal gratification from Daga at regular intervals.

At least 114 Assam jail inmates test HIV positive

MOST OF THE PRISONERS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR HIV ARE INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Guwahati/Agartala, Oct 11: Nearly 114 inmates, mostly drug addicts, were detected as being HIV positive in various jails in Assam, officials said Monday.

Assam's Inspector General of Prisons, Barnali Sharma said that in recent months 114 people, including a woman, have tested positive for the HIV and effective measures have been taken for their treatment and prevention of spread of the disease.

"Health officials are further screening and testing their blood samples. Adequate steps were taken as per the health protocols. We would not disclose further details of the HIV cases in prisons in Assam due to obvious reasons," she told IANS.

A health official in central Assam's Nagaon district said nearly 85 jail inmates, including undertrials, recently tested HIV positive in the Central jail and the Special jail in Nagaon.

The official said most of the prisoners are drug addicts and intravenous drug abusers (IDU) - people who self-inject drugs by syringe. These HIV cases were detected in recent times, the official added requesting anonymity.

Thousands of people, comprising drug abusers and peddlers, mainly youths, have been arrested by the security personnel

The Assam Police have seized drugs worth nearly ₹220 crore in separate incidents since May and arrested nearly 2,000 drug peddlers

in Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura and other north-eastern states under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

The health official said even after the release of these detainees, health workers remained in touch with their family members and gave them the necessary support, advice and feedback so that these people can continue with their treatment and lead a normal life.

Officials of the AIDS Control societies in Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur said the trend of IDUs is rising at an alarming rate among the youth between 15 and 20 years in the north-eastern states, especially in Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland.

"The IDU or the HIV/AIDS prevalence is now a major public health problem. To check the rapidly rising trend, we are working with 11 departments of the Tripura government, including Education, Social Education and Welfare, Sports and the Police," Tripura



State AIDS Control Society's Project Director, Phanindra Kumar Majumder told IANS.

The Assam Police have seized drugs worth nearly Rs 220 crore in separate incidents since May and arrested nearly 2,000 drug peddlers. Security forces including the Assam Rifles and the Border Security Force, have seized huge quantities of drugs in Manipur and Mizoram bordering Myanmar.

The Assam and Tripura governments had launched a campaign against narcotics to make

the states drugs-free. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the drugs smuggled into India originated from Pakistan and from across the border along the north-eastern states, especially Myanmar. To spread awareness among the people against the drug menace, the seized drugs worth Rs 170 crore were destroyed publicly recently in Karbi Anglong, Golaghat, Hojai and Nagaon districts of Assam.

The seized narcotics included methamphetamine tablets and foreign origin cigarettes.

The methamphetamine tablets, also commonly known as 'Yaba' or 'party tablets' or 'WY' (World is Yours), is a synthetic drug misused as a high-dosage drug by the people, especially the youth in Bangladesh and neighbouring countries besides India.

Officials said the drugs, specially the highly addictive methamphetamine contain a mix of methamphetamine and caffeine and various other contraband as well as arms and ammunition were often smuggled from Myanmar.

REINED IN BY COVID, PUJA VIBES GRIP GUWAHATI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, Oct 11: With the festival spirit reined in to an extent by Covid protocols, Assam's largest city Guwahati has got into the Durga puja celebration mode, albeit a little belatedly this year.

The lights and glitz of previous years are missing, both due to government restrictions as well as a sombre mood prevailing due to the pandemic, but the religious zeal and spirit of enthusiasm heralding better days ahead has gripped the denizens.

"Covid has been a dampener so far as the financial ramifications or outwardly glitz associated with Durga Puja is associated. Our budget which used to be around Rs 15 lakh every year has come down to Rs 4-5 lakh this year," said Amitabha Choudhury, executive member of the Maligaon Kalibari Durga Puja Committee.

"But for the religiously and spiritually inclined, the Puja is always about the rituals and traditions and there is no let up in their enthusiasm," he added.

Choudhury further said while people will come for the rituals, the pandal hopping in the late evening is likely to be restrained

this year, with the government restrictions also a factor behind it.

The state government has already issued a set of guidelines for organising and visiting Puja mandaps, with curfew imposed from 10 pm till 5 am and strict instructions to all local level authorities to implement the orders.

Moreover, all organisers, volunteers and priests have to be vaccinated preferably with two doses but mandatorily with one dose of vaccine against COVID-19 and they must get tested for COVID-19 before Puja starts (on Panchami day) and after immersion (Ekadasi day).

Devotees attending the events shall be allowed only after it is ensured that they have received at least one dose of vaccine, with exceptions allowed for those below the age of 18.

The size of idols shall be limited in such a way that carrying the idols shall require a minimal number of people and immersion must be planned by the district administration in a staggered manner by allotting specific time to each of the Puja committee for immersion.

Kanchan Pal, an idol maker based in the city, said the size of the idols, which used to go up to 15-feet in his workshop, has come down to



Young girls being worshipped during Kumari puja at the famous Kamakhya temple in Guwahati, Monday. Kumari puja is observed during Durga puja festival

5-7 feet this year. "The number of orders for idols has come down and even those that we have received, the size has been drastically cut as funds are an issue with the Puja committees," he said.

The Puja festivities are expected to provide some succour from the

gloom engulfing the people due to the pandemic, Debabrata Dey, general secretary, American Colony Durga Puja Committee, said.

"Though the pandemic is not over, there has been some relief with the vaccines. People are looking ahead to leave the confines of

their homes and this Durga Puja, they may use the opportunity for some merriment," he said.

Dey, however, added that no precaution can be eased and all government protocols, like wearing masks, using hand sanitizers and maintaining physical dis-

tance, are being strictly followed by the committee.

The shopping spree for the Puja has also picked up in the city with people rushing to the stores for last minute purchases.

Vineet Goel, who owns a garment shop in Ganeshguri area of the city, said, "The shopping has picked up since last week. Initially there was a lull, but since last four-five days, people are busy thronging the stores." Rush of shoppers was also visible in all commercial hubs of the city, including Fancy Bazaar and Maligaon, with the malls also drawing their share of crowds. Many people have preferred to switch to online shopping to avoid the crowds as well as get a better margin.

"Going out to the market with a three-year-old kid is difficult during this pandemic. So, I decided to order online Puja clothes for my family as well as for gifts," Rituashna Batsya said.

The pandemic may have stripped the Durga Puja celebrations of some of its glamour but the religious fervour continues to drive the devotees, while the festivities involved with the occasion continues to grip all sections, cutting across religion or any social divide.

LAKHIMPUR VIOLENCE Assam Cong leaders observe 'maun vrat'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, Oct 11: The opposition Congress in Assam observed a 'maun vrat' (vow of silence) here Monday in protest against the recent violence in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri, and sought removal of Union minister Ajay Mishra, besides exemplary punishment for his son, Ashish, for his alleged involvement in the incident.

Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Bhupen Kumar Borah told reporters that the 'maun vrat' outside Meghdoot Bhawan (General Post Office) was being held as part of the grand old party's countrywide protest against the incident of violence during an agitation by farmers in UP.

Maintaining that the demonstration staged across the country by the Congress was an attempt by the party to 'save democracy', Borah said, "The law cannot be different for VVIPs and common citizens. No effort was made to arrest the minister's son till he surrendered."



India has to augment its commercially available indigenous satellite communication solutions, tracking capabilities across geographies and protection of space assets
AJIT DOVAL | NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

ANOTHER RESHUFFLE

Seven judges were Monday transferred to different high courts. This is the second set of transfers of high court judges affected in the last one week



of the day quote

The National Education Policy aspires to create an entrepreneurship culture in the country by enabling students to get project-based learning, experiential learning, service-learning, and vocational training

Dr. Ashwath Narayan | Karnataka Minister

The Modi government is making concerted efforts to "democratise" space technology for the benefit of the common man and to liberate its transformative potential

Jitendra Singh | Union Minister

With Taliban taking over Afghanistan, terrorism is increasing in Kashmir

Amrinder Singh | Former Punjab CM

NO BREAKTHROUGH

India, China talks fail

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: India and China failed to make any headway in resolving the 17-month standoff in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh with the Indian Army Monday saying the "constructive suggestions" made by it at the latest round of military talks were neither agreeable to the Chinese side nor Beijing could provide any "forward-looking" proposals.

In a strong statement after the 13th round of talks Sunday that ended in a stalemate, the Army also said the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) had been caused by "unilateral attempts" of the Chinese side to alter the status quo and it is necessary that China takes appropriate steps to restore peace in the region.

"During the meeting, the Indian side therefore made constructive suggestions for resolving the remaining areas but the Chinese side was not agreeable and also could not provide any forward-looking proposals. The meeting thus did not result in resolution of the remaining areas," the Army said in a statement on the talks that lasted eight-and-a-half hours.

As the two sides accused each other for the deadlock, it is learnt that the Indian side mentioned



The talks were held at the Chushul-Moldo border point on the Chinese side of the LAC in eastern Ladakh

AS THE TWO SIDES ACCUSED EACH OTHER FOR THE DEADLOCK, IT IS LEARNED THAT THE INDIAN SIDE MENTIONED ABOUT THE STALLED DISENGAGEMENT AT PATROLLING POINT 15 (PP-15) AS WELL AS ISSUES IN DEPSANG PLAINS AND DEMCHOK

about the stalled disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 (PP-15) as well as issues in Depsang Plains and Demchok.

In its statement released in Beijing, the Chinese PLA's Western Theatre Command claimed that India insisted on "unreasonable and unrealistic" demands, adding difficulties to the negotiations. It also said that China has made "tremendous efforts to ease and cool down the border situation and fully demonstrated its sincerity."

People familiar with the talks said the Chinese delegation came to the meeting with a pre-determined approach and was not ready to move forward from its position. The talks were held at the Chushul-Moldo border point on the Chinese side of the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

The talks took place in the backdrop of a brief face-off between the two sides near Yangtse in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh nearly two weeks ago and there were indications of some

"physical engagement" among the troops. Close to 100 Chinese soldiers had also transgressed the LAC in the Barahoti sector of Uttarakhand on August 30.

In its statement, the Indian Army said the Indian side pointed out that the situation along the LAC had been caused by "unilateral attempts" by the Chinese side to alter the status quo and in violation of the bilateral agreements. "The Indian side pointed out that the situation along the LAC had been caused by unilateral attempts of Chinese side to alter the status quo and in violation of the bilateral agreements," the Army said.

"It was therefore necessary that the Chinese side take appropriate steps in the remaining areas so as to restore peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western sector," it added. The Indian side also referred to the talks between the Chinese and Indian foreign ministers last month in Tajikistan's capital Dushanbe on the sidelines of the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

"This would also be in accord with the guidance provided by the two foreign ministers in their recent meeting in Dushanbe where they had agreed that the two sides should resolve the remaining issues at the earliest," the Indian Army statement said.

SHORT TAKES

PM launches ISpA

New Delhi: Launching the Indian Space Association (ISpA) Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his government ensured that space technology became the delivery tool for leakage-free and transparent governance during the last seven years. "Our vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is a well-thought, well-planned integrated economic strategy that is based on technological innovations and will ensure that India becomes a hub for it as well as plays an important role in the global development.... And therefore, the regulatory environment that we have been enabling has given priority to ensure the interest of both the country and the stakeholders," Modi added while addressing the launch event virtually.

Former NC leaders join BJP

New Delhi: A day after resigning from the National Conference, Devender Rana, the former head of its Jammu division, along with another party leader Surjit Singh Slathia joined the BJP Monday. Rana and Slathia joined the BJP at its headquarters here in the presence of Union ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Hardeep Singh Puri and Jitendra Singh. Rana, who is a former MLA and the younger brother of Union minister Jitendra Singh, has also served as a political advisor to former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah.

CPI-M leader dies

Agartala: A top CPI-M leader in Tripura and the party's central committee member Bijan Dhar died at a Kolkata Hospital Monday following post Covid-19 complications, doctors and party sources said. He was 70. Dhar, who was the Convener of the Left Front Committee in Tripura, is survived by daughter Gopa Dhar and wife Ila Dasgupta. Dhar's body will be brought back to Agartala on Monday and likely to be handed over to the Agartala government medical college and hospital on Tuesday as per the wish of the Left leader.

CBI files FIR

New Delhi: The CBI has registered an FIR against Trimax IT Infrastructure and Services Ltd and its directors for allegedly cheating the State Bank of India-led consortium to the tune of over Rs 862.06 crore between 2009 and 2017, officials said Monday. The agency has also named THSL managing director Surya Prakash Madrecha and director Chandra Prakash Madrecha as accused in the FIR, they said.

LAKHIMPUR KHERI INCIDENT

3-day police custody for minister's son



Congress activists take out a silent march towards Governor House over the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, in Kolkata, Monday

PTI PHOTO

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lakhimpur Kheri (UP), Oct 11: A local court in Lakhimpur Kheri Monday sent Ashish Misra, son of Union Minister Ajay Misra Teni, to three days police custody in connection with the October 3 violence.

He will, however, have access to his legal team during the period of police remand. The Special Investigation Team, set up by the Yogi Adityanath government to probe the incident, had sought 14 days police remand of Ashish Misra from the Chief Judicial Magistrate in order to carry out further investigations and recreate the crime scene.

The public prosecutor said the custody can be demanded within 15 days of the arrest. "It was pure non-cooperation. During the 12 hours, he did not reply," the public

prosecutor said. Misra's counsel Avadesh Singh said, "They interrogated him for 12 hours. How much do they need to interrogate? Do they want to apply third degree on the accused? You can't beat him and take his statement... They have not given any reason why they need remand."

The hearing in Ashish Misra's remand case concluded with his lawyer denying all the allegations levelled against his client by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Some technical issues in video conferencing were reported when the court was to start the hearing in the case. The judge left the court room as there was a delay in connecting the video. Misra was arrested late on Saturday night and produced the same night before a magistrate who sent him to judicial custody.

STRENGTHENING TIES

Modi, Johnson hold talks

The British statement said the two Prime Ministers discussed the shared fight against coronavirus and the importance of cautiously opening up international travel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Boris Johnson Monday held a telephonic conversation during which they welcomed the UK's recognition of Indian vaccine certification and agreed on the need for a coordinated international approach to engagement with the Taliban, according to a statement by the UK.

The telephone talks came four days after the UK announced that Indian travellers fully vaccinated with both doses of Covishield or any other vaccine approved by it will not require to undergo a 10-day

mandatory quarantine on arrival from October 11.

The British statement said the two Prime Ministers discussed the shared fight against coronavirus and the importance of cautiously opening up international travel. "They agreed the UK's recognition of Indian vaccine certification is a welcome development to that end," it said.

According to the statement shared with journalists by the British High Commission here, the two leaders also discussed the strength of the UK-India relationship and climate action in the context of the upcoming COP-26 in Glasgow.

FLOWERS FOR FESTIVAL



A vendor waits for customers at a wholesale flower market during the ongoing Durga Puja festival, in Kolkata

Dalit woman gangraped, one arrested

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Noida, Oct 11: A middle-aged Dalit woman was allegedly gangraped at gunpoint in Uttar Pradesh's Jewar area near Noida, police officials said Monday, as opposition parties, including the BSP and the Congress, demanded action against culprits.

One of the four accused has been arrested over the Sunday morning incident outside a village even as multiple police teams were formed and surveillance teams, along with dog squads, deployed in the probe, the officials said. Deputy Commissioner of Police

(Women and Child Safety) Vrinda Shukla said, "The incident took place between 9.30 am and 10.30 am Sunday in open fields near the village where the rape survivor often went to cut grass and the accused also went often to graze his cattle. Both are from the same village and known to each other well."

The key accused, who is a drug addict, dragged the woman into the fields and forced himself on her, according to the police officer, even as local officials said the woman was raped at gunpoint. "The role of other people in the act could be ascertained after investigation. The key accused is on the run and

details could be confirmed after his arrest," she said.

DCP Shukla said the rape survivor was taken to the district hospital after the incident where her health condition was stable Monday. Later Monday evening, the police made the first arrest in the case.

The arrested person has been identified as Devdutt alias Debu, 36, while the key accused Mahendra is still absconding and efforts are on to nab him and the two other suspects in the case, Shukla said.

Of the four accused, Mahendra is the only one identified by the rape survivor.

Over 99% crimes filed under POCSO Act in 2020 were against girls

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New Delhi, Oct 11: More than 99 per cent of crimes registered under the POCSO Act in 2020 were against girls, according to NCRB data which showed that girl child continues to be part of one of the most vulnerable sections of the society.

An analysis of the latest NCRB data by NGO Child Rights and You (CRY) revealed that among 28,327 children who were victims of crimes reported under the POCSO Act, 28,058 were girls. A deeper analysis of the cases reported under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act showed that crimes against adolescent girls within the 16 to 18 age group were the highest at 14,092, followed by 10,949 crimes against girls within the 12 to 16 age group.

Though both boys and girls are



almost equally prone to abuse, the NCRB data revealed that girls irrespective of all age-groups are more vulnerable to sexual offences than boys. On the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child on Monday, CRY said girls are being celebrated all across the world and much being talked about their rights but they continue to be one of the

most vulnerable sections of the society as shown by the NCRB data. According to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) last month, more than 99 per cent of crimes committed in 2020 under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act were against girls. Priti Mahara, the director of pol-

icy research and advocacy at CRY, said recent trends of girls bearing the brunt of crimes against children should not be seen in isolation.

"It is vital to understand that along with the protection-related challenges, aspects linked to education, social protection, poverty, etc. Also play a significant role in the empowerment of the girl child; and assessing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on these parameters is equally crucial," she said.

"During the crises, girls face multiple vulnerabilities - their access to education is further restricted and they become more exposed to the risks of child marriage. They are also more likely to experience violence and sexual exploitation in multiple forms and degrees," said Mahara.

Emphasising on the emerging need of a strong child protection

mechanism, Mahara said over the past few years, some progress has indeed been made in terms of girls' education and strengthening child protection systems, but the pandemic has derailed the growth.

Since the vulnerability has now increased manifold, chances of girls dropping out of the education system and falling from the protection safety-net has correspondingly increased, she added. Mahara said girls, particularly the ones in their adolescence, face many protection risks during and after any humanitarian crisis.

"Given the immediate and long-term risks arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the need of the hour is therefore to reinforce gender responsive protection interventions and ensure that these are implemented to the fullest," she said.

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Pakistan needs investment to accelerate industrialisation. It is critical to create maximum employment opportunities for our growing population, 65% of which are under the age of 35
IMRAN KHAN | PAKISTAN PM

PROTECTING REFUGEES

The United Nations and the government of Bangladesh have signed a memorandum of understanding to work together in aiding protection of Rohingya refugees on an island in the Bay of Bengal where thousands of them have been relocated from cramped camps near the border with Myanmar, the UN said



of the day quote

The global corporate tax deal is really an historic agreement. It's something that is very important for American workers to stop what's been a decades-long race to the bottom on corporate taxation, where countries try to cut their taxes to attract our businesses
JANET YELLEN | US TREASURY SECRETARY



The topic of Israel's security will always be of central importance and a central topic of every German government
ANGELA MERKEL | GERMAN CHANCELLOR



It's just that there is now a sign over my bunk that I am a terrorist
ALEXEI NAVALNY | KREMLIN CRITIC



India to provide \$200mn LoC support to Kyrgyzstan



EAM Dr S Jaishankar presents Indian epics and classics to the Manas-Mahatma Gandhi library in Bishkek
PTI PHOTO

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Bishkek, Oct 11: India Monday agreed to provide a \$200 million Line of Credit (LoC) support for development projects in Kyrgyzstan, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held "constructive" talks with the Kyrgyz leadership to boost bilateral ties, including defence cooperation and discussed global issues like Afghanistan. Jaishankar arrived here Sunday as part of his four-day visit to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Armenia with an aim to further expand bilateral ties with the three Central Asian countries. "Cordial and constructive talks with FM Ruslan Kazakbaev of Kyrgyz Republic. Agreed on \$ 200 million LoC to support development projects. Also concluded an understanding on executing high impact community projects,"

Jaishankar tweeted. According to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs, the signing of the MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) will enable implementation of quick community development projects in various sectors for the benefit of common people under full grant funding by the Government of India. Jaishankar said that discussion on developments in Afghanistan and its implications for the peace and security of the region occupied some time in his talks with Kazakbaev. "We are closely following the developments in Afghanistan. It concerns all of us. Any instability in Afghanistan will have an impact in the region. There are expectations of the international community from the current regime in Afghanistan, which are adequately elaborated in the

UNSCR 2593," he said. "India and Kyrgyz Republic have a shared approach to developments in Afghanistan," he said in a tweet. Noting that India and Kyrgyz Republic traditionally share close and cordial relations underpinned by historical and civilisational ties, Jaishankar said that periodic high-level exchanges between the two countries has been useful in strengthening and expanding the horizons of the bilateral relations. "I had today a detailed and productive meeting today morning with Foreign Minister Ruslan Kazakbaev on various facets of our cooperation. We shared an overall sense that our bilateral relations are progressing very well," he said.

They evaluated the defence exchanges and personnel-training between the two countries very positively during the discussions. "Given our common interest in maintaining peace and security in the region, defence and security cooperation occupies an important place in our relations. We evaluated our defence exchanges and personnel-training very positively," the MEA statement quoted Jaishankar as saying. "We agreed to continue cooperation in the fields of high-altitude training and biomedical research. The conduct of annual military exercise Khanjar despite the constraints of Covid pandemic is noteworthy," he said in the statement. Jaishankar will be in Kazakhstan from October 11 to 12 to attend the 6th Ministerial meeting of the Conference of Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), the MEA said.

TERRIFYING FLAMES



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire in an oil facility in the southern town of Zahrani, south of the port city of Sidon, Lebanon
PTI PHOTO

Russian spies 'stole' AstraZeneca vax formula to make Sputnik jab

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Moscow /New Delhi, Oct 11: Russia stole the formula for the Oxford/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine and used it to help create its own Sputnik jab, UK Ministers have been told, *The Sun* reported. Security services have said that they have proof that one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's spies swiped the vital data from the drugs firm, including the blueprint for the Covid jab, *The Sun newspaper* report said.

The security teams are now sure it was copied. It is understood the data was stolen by a foreign agent in person, the report said. Last year, spies blamed Putin, saying they were "more than 95 per cent" sure that Russian state-sponsored hackers had targeted British, American and Canadian bodies developing a Covid vaccine. Late UK Security Minister James Brokenshire said at the time: "We



are very careful in terms of calling these things out, ensuring we can have that confidence in attribution. We believe we have this here." Conservative MP Bob Seely, an expert in Russian affairs, said. "I think we need to get serious about Russian and Chinese espionage. Whether it is stealing the design for AstraZeneca or blackmailing us over energy by these authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, we need to get wise to them." The claims come just months after Putin confirmed that he had received a shot of the Sputnik V vaccine as he urged Russians to get vaccinated against Covid, *Daily Mail* reported.

SHORT TAKES

Flood hits China's coal production

Beijing: Flooding in northern China is hitting a major coal production centre hard, sending coal prices soaring and complicating the efforts by Beijing to tackle the ongoing power shortages, *CNN* reported. Heavy rains have forced the closure of 60 coal mines in Shanxi province, China's largest coal mining hub, according to a statement released Saturday by the provincial government's Emergency Management Bureau. The province is home to a quarter of the country's coal production.

Naravane to arrive in Sri Lanka today

Colombo: Indian Army chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane will arrive here Tuesday on a five-day goodwill visit at the invitation of his Sri Lankan counterpart Gen Shavendra Silva, the Sri Lankan Army said Monday. During his visit, Gen Naravane is expected to call on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces, and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

'Kabul hotels under threat'

Kabul: The United States and Britain warned their citizens Monday to stay away from hotels in the Afghan capital Kabul, particularly the well-known Serena. It comes after the Islamic State group claimed a devastating bomb attack in the northern city of Kunduz Friday.

Sydney announces 'Freedom Day'

Sydney: As Sydney, capital of the Australian state of New South Wales (NSW), exited its 106-day lockdown, residents Monday re-emerged to celebrate the long-awaited "Freedom Day". As some lockdown restrictions officially ended Sunday midnight and non-essential retail re-opened their doors, locals have lined up to get haircuts, visited 24-hour retail stores, and headed to the gym since the early hours of Monday morning, reports *Xinhua* news agency.

Czech Prez hospitalised

Prague: Czech President Milos Zeman was rushed to the hospital Sunday, a day after the country held parliamentary election in which populist Prime Minister Andrej Babis' party surprisingly came in second and Zeman has a key role in establishing a new government.



TIDBITS

No action against Prince Andrew

London: British police have announced they will not take any action against Prince Andrew after a review prompted by a Jeffrey Epstein accuser who claims that he sexually assaulted her. Virginia Giuffre claims she was trafficked by Epstein to have sex with Andrew in London in 2001, when she was aged 17 and a minor under US, law. She is suing the prince in a US Court. Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II, denies the allegations. He told the *BBC* in a 2019 interview that he never had sex with Giuffre, saying: "It didn't happen." In August, London's Metropolitan Police force began a review of allegations connected to late convicted sex offender Epstein. Police chief Cressida Dick said at the time that "no one is above the law." In a statement late Sunday, the force said its "review has concluded and we are taking no further action."

Austria gets new chancellor

Berlin: Austria got a new chancellor Monday, two days after former leader Sebastian Kurz resigned amid corruption allegations, but the direction of government policy was not expected to change. Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen swore in Alexander Schallenberg, the former foreign minister, as chancellor. Career diplomat Michael Linhart became the country's new foreign minister. Kurz, 35, announced Saturday that he would step aside to defuse a political crisis triggered by prosecutors' announcement that he is one of the targets of an investigation into suspected bribery and breach of trust.

No job, no job: NZ's "bold" vaccine rule

Wellington: New Zealand announced Monday a sweeping "no job, no job" policy for most healthcare workers and teachers to prevent the spread of Covid-19. "We can't leave anything to chance so that's why we are making it mandatory," said Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins, who is also the education minister. Doctors, nurses and other frontline health workers must be double-jabbed by December 1 while everyone working in the education sector who has contact with students must have their two doses by January 1. The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners backed mandatory vaccinations with president Samantha Murton describing it as a "bold, but necessary call" to make.

'US has lost AI battle to China'

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London, Oct 11: China has won the Artificial Intelligence (AI) battle with the United States and is heading towards global dominance because of its technological advances, the Pentagon's former software chief told the *Financial Times*. China, the world's second largest economy, is likely to dominate many of the key emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, synthetic biology and genetics within a decade or so, according to Western intelligence assessments. Nicolas Chaillan, the Pentagon's first chief software officer who resigned in protest against the slow pace of technological transformation in the US military, said the failure to respond was putting the United States at risk. "We have no competing fighting chance against China in 15 to 20 years. Right now, it's already a done deal; it is already over in my opinion," he told the newspaper. "Whether it takes a war or not is kind of anecdotal."

China was set to dominate the future of the world, controlling everything from media narratives to geopolitics, he said. Chaillan blamed sluggish innovation, the reluctance of U.S. companies such as Google to work with the state on AI and extensive ethical debates over the technology. Google was not immediately available for comment outside business hours. Chinese companies, Chaillan said, were obliged to work with their government and were making "massive investment" in AI without regard to ethics. He said US cyber defences in some government departments were at "kindergarten level". Chaillan announced his resignation at the beginning of September, saying military officials were repeatedly put in charge of cyber initiatives for which they lacked experience.



CHINA, US TENSIONS COULD SHAPE CLIMATE FUTURE

Washington: Global momentum is building on the climate crisis but action will be impossible without two nations, China and the United States, which together account for more than half of emissions -- and whose governments don't get along. Ahead of the COP26 summit in Glasgow, experts believe that breakthrough US-China cooperation could be the catalyst for a historic agreement on climate change -- but also that frosty ties between Washington and Beijing are not, so to speak, the end of the world. Both nations have stepped up efforts to curb emissions, although analysts say that actions are far too modest to meet a UN-backed goal of keeping the planet's temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.6 degrees Fahrenheit) and avoiding the worst effects of climate change.

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Tunisia gets new govt

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Tunis, Oct 11: Tunisia got a new government Monday after more than two months without one, with the new prime minister naming her Cabinet, which includes a record number of women. The ministerial appointments announced by Prime Minister Najla Bouden filled a vacuum that had persisted since President Kais Saied abruptly dismissed his former cabinet and suspended parliament 11 weeks ago, concentrating all executive powers. His critics and constitutional lawyers have likened his actions to a coup in the North African nation. Bouden, named September 29 by Saied as Tunisia's first female prime minister, said during the swearing-in ceremony of her new ministers that their main priority would be fighting corruption. The new Cabinet of 24 ministers and a secretary of state has an unprecedented 10 women, including the Prime Minister.

Merck seeks first US authorisation for Covid-19 tablet

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Washington, Oct 11: Drugmaker Merck asked US regulators Monday to authorise its pill against Covid-19 in what would add an entirely new and easy-to-use weapon to the world's arsenal against the pandemic. If cleared by the Food and Drug Administration — a decision that could come in a matter of weeks — it would be the first pill shown to treat Covid-19. All other FDA-backed treatments against the disease require an IV or injection. An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove ground-breaking, easing the crushing caseload on US hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems. It would also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations. The FDA will scrutinise company data on the safety and effectiveness of the drug, molnupiravir, before rendering a decision.

Child marriage kills over 60 girls daily: Report

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United Nations/New Delhi, Oct 11: Child marriage kills more than 60 girls a day globally and six girls a day in South Asia, according to a new analysis released on the *International Day of the Girl Child* that claimed over an estimated 22,000 girls a year are dying from pregnancy and childbirth resulting from child marriage. The report by *Save The Children said South Asia* sees 2,000 child marriage-related deaths every year (or six every day), followed by East Asia and the Pacific with 650 deaths (or two every day), and Latin American and the Caribbean, with 560 annual deaths (or nearly two a day). However, West and Central Africa has the highest rate of child marriage in the world and accounts for nearly half (9,600) of all estimated child marriage-related deaths globally, or 26 deaths a day. The regional

teenage maternal mortality rate is four times higher than anywhere else in the world. "Although nearly 80 million child marriages globally have been prevented in the last 25 years, progress had stalled even before the Covid-19 pandemic, which has only worsened inequalities that drive child marriage." "With school closures, health services under strain or closed, and more families being pushed into poverty, women and girls face an increased risk of violence during lengthy lockdowns. A further 10 million girls are now expected to marry by 2030, leaving more girls at risk of dying," the report said. Inger Ashing, CEO of *Save the Children International*, said child marriage is one of the worst and deadliest forms of sexual and gender-based violence against girls. "Childbirth is the number one killer of teenage girls because their young bodies aren't ready

SHOCKING REVELATION

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to bear children. The health risks of children having children cannot, and must not, be ignored. Governments must prioritise girls and ensure they're protected from child marriage and premature childbirth-related deaths. This can only happen if girls have a say in the decisions that affect them," Ashing said. Sudarshan, CEO, Save

the Children, India, said, "We at *Save The Children India; Bal Raksha Bharat* would like to see child marriage confined to museums and history. It is our collective failure that even in this century such a crime against humanity is prevalent and perpetuated. All those who are not a part of the solution should consider themselves a part of the problem." In a global report released Monday by *Save The Children, Global Girlhood Report 2021: Girls' rights in crisis*, the organisation is calling on governments to raise girls' voices by supporting their right to safe and meaningful participation in all public decision-making, address immediate and ongoing risks of gender-based violence, including child marriage, by putting girls' rights and gender equality at the centre of Covid-19 and humanitarian responses, development policy, and wider efforts to build forward better.

France win Nations League

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Milan, Oct 11: Kylian Mbappe scored late as World Champions France Sunday came from behind to win the Nations League with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the final. Mbappe netted with 10 minutes remaining as France was again forced to fight back, just as it had done in the semifinals against Belgium.



ITALY FINISH 3RD

TURIN: European champions Italy bounced back from their first loss in more than three years to beat Belgium 2-1 in the Nations League's third-place match Sunday. Nicolo Barella opened the scoring at the start of the second half and Domenico Berardi doubled Italy's lead from the spot in the 65th minute. Belgium hit the woodwork three times before Charles De Ketelaere netted his first international goal four minutes from time. Italy had seen their world record 37-match unbeaten run ended by Spain in Wednesday's semifinal, with Leonardo Bonucci sent off before halftime in a 1-2 loss. Belgium lost to France Thursday, after the World Champions recovered from two goals down to win 3-2.

tempted to intercept the pass to the France forward. Spain beat Italy 2-1 in their semifinal game with Ferran Torres netting both goals. There had been

doubts about Torres' fitness but he recovered to start the final. Midfielder Adrien Rabiot was absent for France after testing positive for the coronavirus.

WC Qualifiers: Argentina win, Colombia hold Brazil

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Sao Paulo, Oct 11: Lionel Messi scored his 80th international goal as Argentina beat rival Uruguay 3-0, hours after Brazil's run of consecutive wins in South American World Cup qualifying ended in a 0-0 with Colombia in Barranquilla. Brazil lead the qualifying competition with 28 points from nine wins and the draw, six points clear of second-place Argentina. Ecuador remains in third spot with 16 points, marginally ahead of Uruguay based on the number of victories. Colombia are in fifth place with 15 points. Chile defeated Paraguay 2-0. The top four teams earn direct entry to the World Cup in Qatar next year. The fifth-place team can still qualify via an inter-continental playoff. A stroke of luck helped Argentina in the 38th minute. Messi gave an overhead pass in an attempt to assist Nico Gonzalez, who



failed to touch it. But the ball missed everyone and finished in the net.

Luck once more was on the Argentinian side in the 44th. A series of passing mistakes by both teams gave a clear opportunity to Lautaro Martinez on the edge of the box. Lautaro failed to hit it cleanly, but it was enough to move the ball in the path of a Rodrigo de Paul. For the third goal, Messi found De Paul on the right flank, and the midfielder sent a low cross into the penalty box. Lautaro scored from close range.

NEWS IN BRIEF

F1: BOTTAS CLAIMS TURKISH GP TITLE

ISTANBUL: Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas won the Turkish Grand Prix for his first victory of the season Sunday, while Red Bull's Max Verstappen finished second to reclaim the overall lead from title rival Lewis Hamilton. Sergio Perez capped a strong day for Red Bull by finishing in third place. Verstappen wiped away Hamilton's two-point lead and now leads the Mercedes driver by six points with six races left in a thrilling title battle that could go all the way to the final race in Abu Dhabi. Defending champion Hamilton lost valuable points by finishing fifth after coming in for a late tire change, despite telling his team he wanted to stay on track when still in third.



HUNTER BREAKS MITHALI'S ODI RECORD

HARARE: Ireland's Amy Hunter on Monday became the youngest player to score an ODI century, striking an unbeaten 121 to take her side to a win against Zimbabwe on her 16th birthday here, bettering the record previously held by India's Mithali Raj. The schoolgirl from Belfast overtook the record previously held by India's Mithali Raj, who scored 114 not out against Ireland at the age of 16 years and 205 days in June 1999. Hunter, playing only her fourth ODI, struck eight boundaries in her 127-ball knock as Ireland beat Zimbabwe by 85 runs. Indian veteran Raj held the women's record with an unbeaten 114 against Ireland in 1999 at the age of 16 years and 205 days.



Narine brilliance props KKR

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Sharjah, Oct 11: Sunil Narine (4/21, 26, 15b, 3x6) gave glimpses of his 'old mystery' with the ball and then topped it up with three monster sixes as Kolkata Knight Riders' four-wicket victory in an exciting 'Eliminator' dashed Virat Kohli's dream of winning an IPL trophy while leading Royal Challengers Bangalore.

KKR will now meet Delhi Capitals in the second Qualifier Tuesday to decide CSK's rivals for the title clash October 15.

Narine helped KKR restrict RCB to 138/7 before his cameo made a tricky chase slightly easier in the end as the Knights got home with two balls to spare. Kohli, who was captaining RCB for the last time, did make a contentious decision by opting to bat on a sluggish surface. Narine sent RCB's biggest guns back in the dug-out as Kohli (89, 33b, 5x4), AB de Villiers (11) and Glenn Maxwell (15) had no answer to his turning deliveries.



KKR skipper Eoin Morgan (L) pats Sunil Narine's back after the latter getting a wicket

Defending a low score was never easy but save Harshal Patel's all-time highest-wicket tally (in a single edition) of 32, RCB had nothing to write home about.

However the evening did start well for RCB when Devdutt Padikkal (21) and Kohli got off to a great start by adding 49 runs in the first five Powerplay overs. However,

once they perished, things fell apart for RCB.

BRIEF SCORES

RCB 138/7 (Virat Kohli 39; Sunil Narine 4/21, Lockie Ferguson 2/30) lost to KKR 139/6 (Shubman Gill 29, Sunil Narine 26, Venkatesh Iyer 26, Yuzvendra Chahal 2/16, Harshal Patel 2/19, Mohammed Siraj 2/19) by 4 wickets.

Chhetri equals Pele in India's win over Nepal



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on even keel with the Brazilian great (77 goals from 92 matches). He is now on joint third with UAE's Ali Mabkhout (77) in the list of highest scorers among active footballers, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (112) and Lionel Messi (80). Substitute Farukh Chaudhary somehow managed to win a header from a long throw in and directed it towards the centre of the six-yard box where Chhetri found himself at the right place to fire the ball past Nepal goalkeeper Kiran Limbu late in the match.

Seven-time champions India are now at third spot with five points from three matches in the five-team table, below Maldives (6 points) and Nepal (6 points). India will still need to win their final round-robin league match on Wednesday against hosts Maldives if they have to make it to the October 16 final. A draw against Nepal would have put India on the verge of elimination.

Male, Oct 10: Talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri equalled the legendary Pele with his 77th international goal as his 83rd minute strike helped India beat Nepal 1-0 and saved his side from the verge of elimination in the SAFF Championships here Sunday.

The 37-year-old Chhetri, playing in his 123rd match for India, struck a late goal to place himself

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