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Shiva Thapa advances into the second round of AIBA World Boxing Championships outwitting Victor Nyadera

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RAJ TEACHER SACKED FOR BACKING PAK CRICKET TEAM



JAIPUR: A private school teacher in Rajasthan's Udaipur was sacked and a case registered against her after she posted a celebratory WhatsApp status following Pakistan's victory over India in their cricket world cup match Sunday. Nafeesa Attari, a teacher at Neeraja Modi School Udaipur, had put out a picture of Pakistani players with the caption, "Jeeet gayeeee... We wonnn". After screenshots of her WhatsApp status went viral on social media, the school management terminated her. "Yes, we have taken a decision to terminate the teacher," said school chairman Mahendra Sojatia after a meeting of the Sojatia Charitable Trust, which runs the school. Amba Mata Police Station SHO Narpat Singh said a case has also been registered against the teacher under Indian Penal Code section 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot).

2006 OCS RECRUITMENT VALID: HIGH COURT



Cuttack: The Orissa High Court Tuesday declared the recruitment of 378 Odisha Civil Service (OCS) officers in 2006 as valid while quashing an earlier order of the Odisha Administrative Tribunal (OAT) on the matter. A bench of Chief Justice S Muralidhar and Justice BP Routray set aside the OAT order that had declared the 2006 OCS appointment as invalid. The Odisha Public Service Commission had issued a notice for the recruitment of 378 OCS officers in 2006. Successful candidates were appointed to the posts in 2010. Challenging the appointment, a few unsuccessful candidates had approached the OAT which declared the appointment as invalid in 2014.

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RESCUE MISSION



Indian Army and J&K Police personnel during a rescue operation for two missing villagers in the upper snow clad reaches of Rajouri district, Tuesday

Sack Mishra blitz intensifies

■ BJP takes the protest to Delhi, observes 12-hour bandh in Sambalpur; high-level delegation meets victim's family; Congress holds stir in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Khurda

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: Protests demanding removal of Minister of State, Home, Dibya Shankar Mishra for his alleged involvement in the murder of teacher Mamita Meher are expanding to every nook and corner of the state and outside.

Keeping up pressure on the state government over the issue, opposition BJP and Congress have intensified their agitations.

The BJP Tuesday observed a 12-hour dawn to dusk bandh in Sambalpur demanding a CBI probe into the murder of Mamita Meher and removal of the minister from



NSUI activists during a demonstration in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

the Council of Ministers. The party also demanded a compensation of ₹50 lakh to the family of the deceased school teacher.

The BJP had already observed Kalahandi bandh and Bolangir bandh on the issue and is planning to observe bandh in other districts in the state in the coming days to intensify its agitation. The two-day gherao of all SP offices across the state by the BJP Yuva

Morcha in support of their demand began Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a 15-member BJP delegation led by state BJP president Samir Mohanty met Mamita's family at their residence in Jharani village of Bolangir district.

Holding a presser, Mohanty said there are hundreds of Gobinda Sahu roaming freely on the streets. The time is ripe to crush them before they could do any harm to another Mamita, he said.

Senior BJP leader and former DGP Prakash Mishra raised the questions on the police probe, saying the entire episode of Gobinda Sahu fleeing police custody to his being found from a sugarcane field reeks of conspiracy. "It's a cycle of conspiracy. Why was Gobinda brought to Titilagarh barracks and how did he manage to flee custody? Not only Gobinda but big fishes should be caught," asked Mishra.

Hundreds of Chhatra Congress

OSPCPCR seeks ATR

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has sought an action-taken report from Kalahandi administration in connection with the alleged violation of child rights at Sunshine Public School and Anchalik Mahavidyalaya of Mahaling set up by Gobinda Sahoo, the prime accused in the murder of teacher Mamita Meher.

activists Tuesday marched to Naveen Niwas and scuffled with police. During the face-off, the activists broke the barricades and hurled tomatoes and eggs at on-duty cops. Later, the cops overpowered them and picked up some protesters.

In Delhi, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said the police probe into the murder of the 24-year-old has led to the arrest of the institute's administrator Govinda Sahu who allegedly ran a sex racket exploiting woman employees. **MORE P3&5**

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



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34 kid-friendly police stations in state soon

■ With an aim to make a child narrate his or her ordeal before cops without fear and interference, the govt has decided to set up at least one such PS in every district

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: To provide a conducive atmosphere to children who need police service, the state government has decided to set up 34 kid-friendly police stations (PSEs) across the state.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday directed officials to set up one such police station in each of 34 police districts of the state. The Chief Minister felt the need for a suitable atmosphere for children who need police assistance for various reasons and decided to set up the special police stations.

All these police stations will have special facilities like signage, logos and plaques as well as small libraries for children. The child-friendly police stations will feature a variety of interesting books, magazines, and newspapers.

Similarly, beds, chairs, and tables will be put up for the convenience of children. There will be a display-board carrying information on the rights of children, do's and don'ts for the police. There will be a special plaque for the name and other information to contact the child welfare officer. Besides toys, first aid kits for children will be kept in these police stations.

In 2017, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) had released a guideline enumerating the details regarding required infrastructure, official set up for establishment of child-



friendly police stations.

As per the guideline, "The police often being the first responders to a child and his exposure to the juvenile justice system play a very important role in the implementation of the child-friendly approach."

The guideline advised all the stake holders to create a separate corner at child friendly police stations where children narrate his or her ordeal before the police without fear and outside interference. These police stations should have a female police official or social worker who can talk to girls, both in conflict with law and in need of care and protection.

The NCPCR had further suggested installing CCTV cameras and audio visual setup in separate rooms or corners in order to 'ensure the child is treated properly' by the police and recording of the statement.

Fixing accountability of child friendly police stations is to organise community programmes to create awareness on child abuse—one of the major aims behind the establishment of child friendly police stations.

Child rights activist Benudhara Senapati said, the announcement was a welcome step but the government should strengthen the almost defunct Mahila and Sishu desks at police stations which were earlier declared by the government to be child friendly too.

Japan's princess marries commoner

■ After a delay of three years, Princess Mako marries her classmate Kei Komuro that cost the former her royal status

AGENCIES

Tokyo, Oct 26: Japanese Princess Mako quietly married a commoner without traditional wedding celebrations Tuesday and said their marriage — delayed three years and called unfit by some — "was a necessary choice to live while cherishing our hearts." The marriage to Kei Komuro cost Mako her royal status



and she has taken her husband's surname — the first time she has had a family name. Most Japanese women must abandon their own family names upon marriage due to a law requiring only one surname per married couple. The couple's marriage doc-

ument was submitted by a palace official Tuesday morning and made official, the Imperial Household Agency said. There was no wedding banquet or other marriage rituals for the couple. Their marriage is not celebrated by many people, the agency has said. "For me, Kei-san is a priceless person. For us, our marriage was a necessary choice to live while cherishing our hearts," Mako told a televised news conference, using an honorific in speaking of her husband. Komuro responded: "I love Mako. I live only once and I want to spend it with someone I love." He said he hopes to be with Mako to share feelings and encourage each other at happy times and difficult times. "I hope to have a warm family with Mako-san, and I will continue to do everything to support her," he said. Mako, who turned 30 three days before the marriage.

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₹1.5 CRORE MATCHING GRANT FOR 12 COLLEGES

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday released the first tranche of matching grants of Rs 1.5 crore to 12 colleges and two universities under 'Mo College' campaign.

As per the mandate of Mo College campaign, this is double the amount made by various contributors to these institutes, he said.

The Chief Minister announced that 40 colleges will be developed under the 5T initiative in the first phase. This will provide state-of-the-art campus, classrooms, and offer a modernized learning experience benefitting over 30,000 students of the state at the undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) levels, Patnaik said.

He further said that the success of the school transformation programme has inspired the administration to take up such initiatives for the higher education institutions.

The Chief Minister further said that the state government is developing 1,070 schools for transformation which will be completed by November 14 while 50 transformed schools have already been dedicated to Hinjili block in Ganjam district.

Speaking about the spirit of college life, the Chief Minister said, "College days are

MO COLLEGE CAMPAIGN



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golden period of our life. It's the day of youthful exuberance.

This is the time when we live through our dreams, our struggles and our limitless possibilities. In fact, this period leads us to march with determination for realising our cherished dreams."

Thanking all the donors and contributors for the magnificent donations to

Mo College campaign, Patnaik said that they have made to their own institutes that have made them what they are today.

This is undoubtedly a great beginning which will go a long way to inspire more and more members of the alumni & philanthropists to give back to their Alma Maters for ensuring a holistic development of the college ecosystem of the state, he pointed out.

"Mo College is an endeavour to re-unite you with your alma mater, redevelop it, and re-live the dream moments of your life. It is certainly the most delightful experience to be part of the development of the institutions that have shaped your life," he added.

The Chief Minister called upon the people, especially the members of alumni to join the Mo College campaign.

Attending the programme, Higher Education Minister Arun Sahoo expected that the Mo College campaign would succeed in taking the educational ambience of higher education institutions to a new level.

Chairperson of Mo College Akash Das Nayak, Chief Secretary SC Mohapatra, Higher Education Principal Secretary Saswat Mishra and senior officers of state government were present on the occasion.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Paramita Satpathy feted with Sarala Puraskar



IMPACT trustee Paramita Panda felicitates Paramita Satpathy

PNN/AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: Noted Odia fiction writer Paramita Satpathy was Tuesday conferred with the prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' for her novel 'Abhipreta Kala'.

She was presented with a citation, trophy and Rs 5 lakh at a simple and short programme organised in compliance with the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the

state government.

'Abhipreta Kala' was published by Paschima Publications in 2016.

Daughter of well-known poets Pratibha Satpathy and Nityananda Satpathy, Paramita has authored seven short story collections and several novels.

She had received the Sahitya Akademi award for her short story collection 'Prapti' in 2016.

The annual 'Sarala Puraskar' instituted by eminent Odia industrialist Bansidhar Panda and his wife Ila Panda in 1980, is awarded by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT), the charitable wing of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited (Imfa).

On this occasion, Ila-Bansidhar Panda Kala Samman was given to veteran painter Jagdish Chandra Kanungo and Ghumura artist Jayanta Kumar Behera.

They received a citation and Rs 1.5 lakh cash award each.

OSPCPCR seeks ATR on violation of child rights

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: The Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSPCPCR) has sought an action-taken report (ATR) from Kalahandi district administration in connection with the alleged violation of child rights at Sunshine Public School and Anchalik Mahavidyalaya of Mahaling, instituted by Gobinda Sahoo, the prime accused in Mamita Meher case.

In a letter to the Kalahandi Collector and Superintendent of Police (SP), OSCPCR chairperson Sandhya Pradhan said the commission has

taken suo motu cognizance of the issue. According to Pradhan, the Women and Child Development department had issued a set of guidelines for ensuring a safe environment for children in educational institutions. Apart from that, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has also a regulatory guideline for educational institutions.

"Now, the OSCPCR has an impression that these guidelines are not adhered to by both these institutions. In this context, the commission directed the Collector and SP of Kalahandi to produce an ATR in compliance with the above mentioned guidelines in the two institutions. The two officials have also been asked to appraise the implementation of the guidelines in other institutions in the district," Pradhan said.

MAHALING SHAME

Pradhan for MITRA park in state

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 26: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has urged Textile Minister Piyush Goyal to set up a greenfield Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) park in Odisha.

In a letter to Goyal, Pradhan said, "Odisha has a long and rich history of textiles and the handlooms of Odisha have gained world-wide acclaim for their design and quality. Various designs have existed here, such as Sambalpuri, Bomkei and Berhampuri. Odisha is also famous for its Ikat type of weaving. With this rich history and locally available competence in this area, Odisha is uniquely positioned to attract investments in the textiles and apparel sectors."

Informing about the availability of skilled workforce in the state, Pradhan said that Odisha has emerged as the knowledge and skill hub in the presence

Textiles and Apparel Parks are currently under construction - one near Dhamra port and another at Malipada in Bhubaneswar

of globally recognised institutes of higher learning, research and skill development, including CIPET, IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT, AIIMS, NISER, Skill Development Institute, Indian Oil-ICT Odisha Campus. Industrially too, "Odisha has a wide network of 10,000 km of highway, Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur ports, proximity to industrial hubs and Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) gas pipeline passing through the state," he added.

Odisha also has an Industrial Policy and Apparel Policy in place to ensure smooth

clearance of the project and provide adequate incentive to the industries.

Under the Apparel Policy of Odisha, capital grant of 20 per cent of project cost up to Rs 20 crore and interest-free loan up to 10 per cent with maximum limit of Rs 10 crore is available to the industries presently, the minister said.

Textiles and Apparel Parks are currently under construction, one near the major port of Dhamra and another near Bhubaneswar at Malipada, both with ready availability of facilities including power, water, and boundary walls.

In addition, a Technical Textiles Park is being developed in Bhadrak, Pradhan further stated.

Recently, the Union Ministry of Textiles has announced setting up of seven MITRA parks in India.

The parks will be developed by a special purpose vehicle (owned by state and Centre) in a PPP mode.

The Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II - Section 3 - Sub-section (ii), Published by Authority. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Notification S.O. 4170(E). Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH130CD in the stretch of land from Km 301.675 to Km 326.67 (O/o The Tahasildar, Semiliguda) in the district of KORAPUT in the state of ODISHA. State: ODISHA District: KORAPUT. Includes multiple tables for land acquisition details across various villages like Dusura, Kutugan, Lunguri, Gadkhamar, Hatagura, and Kokingura.

MAMITA MURDER

Bandh observed in Sambalpur, Bargarh

Sambalpur, Oct 26: Demanding removal of Minister of State for Home Dibya Shankar Mishra for his alleged links with the prime accused Gobinda Sahu in the pre-planned murder of school teacher Mamita Meher, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) observed a 12-hour bandh in Sambalpur district Tuesday.

The saffron party has also been demanding a CBI probe into the case and immediate release of Rs 50 lakh compensation to the deceased lady teacher's family. The dawn-to-dusk bandh threw normal life out of gear in Sambalpur district. All shops, markets, government and private institutions remained closed since morning.

Vehicular movement was affected completely. The party leaders and workers were seen blocking National Highway-53, disrupting traffic between Sambalpur and other districts like Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh and Cuttack.

Similarly, the party workers in Kuchinda, Rengali, Hirakud, Burla and other places were seen picketing at strategic locations. To maintain law and order in the district, police forces had been deployed in various parts of the district.

Notably, the BJP had observed 12-hour bandhs in Kalahandi and Bolangir over the same demands October 20 and 21 respectively.



Bargarh: Normal life came to a standstill in Bargarh district following a six-hour bandh Tuesday. Demanding stringent action against the culprits involved in the sensational Mamita Meher murder case, Bhulia Sangha of

Barpali observed the bandh from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm. During the six hours, vehicles remained off the road and markets and business establishments downed their shutters. Essential services like ambu-



Sambalpur: lance, fire brigade, milk vans and medicine shops were kept outside the bandh purview. Police had arrested Gobinda Sahu, the prime accused, from a sugarcane field at Budhipadar village under Bangomunda block October 19.

'Gobinda wrote FIR after murdering her'

Bolangir: Gobinda Sahu had asked the deceased's father to visit the Kegaon police station where he had written a missing complaint on Mamita on behalf of her father. The matter came to the fore from a revelation made by Mamita's father Suchandra Meher, Tuesday. He said that Sahu himself wrote an FIR and went in a hurry to the Kegaon Police, possibly to bribe or threaten the officials. Later, Meher reached the police station to file the FIR which was rejected by the police, he said. There the police asked him to file the FIR at Turekela Police station, he said.

15-MEMBER BJP TEAM MEETS MAMITA'S KIN

Bolangir: A 15-member delegation of the BJP led by state president Samir Mohanty Tuesday met deceased lady teacher Mamita Meher's family at her village Jharni under Turekela block in Bolangir district.

At a time when the saffron party is mounting pressure on the ruling government of Naveen Patnaik to oust Minister of State for Home Dibya Shankar Mishra for his alleged links with the main accused Gobinda Sahu and observing bandhs demanding the



same, the BJP team met the deceased teacher's family members. Notably, a four-member team of

the State Commission for Women led by its chairperson Minati Behera met the family members October 23.

Reds demand ₹50L damages for deceased teacher's family

Rayagada, Oct 26: Raising voice against teacher Mamita Meher's brutal murder, Maoists here have demanded ₹50 lakh ex-gratia for the deceased family members, Tuesday.

The members of the outlawed organisation have also demanded a job for one of her family members. The matter came to the fore after villagers under Muniguda police limits in this district found five posters by the red rebels in the area. The posters were found pinned to the trees near Kumudabali Shiva temple under Muniguda police limits of Rayagada district. In these posters, the ultras demanded the resignation of the Chief Minister and



strict action against government officials, public representatives and police for the murder.

The posters were issued by the Baghuna divisional committee of the outlawed group.

On being informed, police rushed to the spot and seized the posters. Police also launched a probe into the matter, informed SDPO Akash Chandra Sahoo.

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Headmaster held for raping cook

Baripada, Oct 26: Thakurmunda police arrested the headmaster of a Sevashram school in Mayurbhanj district on the charge of raping a female cook of the school, Tuesday.

The accused headmaster was identified as Bishnu Charan Senapati. Police conducted a medical examination on the accused and the survivor before producing the former in court. A case

was registered in this connection and further investigations are on.

The incident sparked tension among the cooks working in various Sevashram schools. Demanding the dismissal of Senapati and protection of the female cooks working in various schools, the members of the district cooks association Tuesday staged a sit-in outside the office of district welfare officer at Baripada.

Saraskana MLA Budhan

Murmu reached the spot and tried to placate the agitating cooks. They relented after the DWO Sunaram Singh said that a probe is underway in the case while the accused has been produced in court.

According to the complaints, Senapati allegedly harassed the cook sexually for over a month. He threatened to oust her from the job in case she discloses the matter before others.

However, the victim

lodged a complaint with the District Collector and police in this connection.

Acting on the complaint, Thakurmunda police registered a case and arrested Senapati.

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Eco retreat festival at Hirakud from Nov 15

THE ECO RETREAT FESTIVAL WILL CONTINUE HERE FOR THREE AND A HALF MONTHS TILL MARCH 1



Sambalpur, Oct 26: An eco retreat festival will be organised at Balbaspur near the left dyke area of Hirakud Dam in this district like last year from November 15.

This was stated by District Collector Subham Saxena to mediapersons. The eco retreat festival will continue for three and a half months till March 1. It will have a host of facilities like water sports, sight-seeing at the tourist destinations, 20 premium cottage suites, five Rajwadi cottage suites with three-star tent facilities. Reception desk, a conference hall, restaurant, bar and other recreational facilities will also be available to the tourists, he said.

The event would help revive the tourism sector in

the region which has been affected due to the pandemic, deputy director of Tourism department Hemant Kumar Pradhan said. Pradhan hoped that the event will witness a larger footfall of tourists than last year.

Pradhan said that the event was launched for the first time last year to help revive the tourism sector in the region reeling under the impact of the pandemic. The tourist footfall last year was quite good despite minimum publicity.

Around 40 percent of the cottages were booked while the consultancy agency earned good profits in water sports. The event attracted tourists in good numbers as they continued thronging the site for around three months. It is expected that the tourist turnout will be

more for this year's eco-retreat as additional facilities like entertainment programmes have also been added to the event this year.

Six firms are participating in the tender conducted at the state level and will be finalised soon. The works department, power department and the public health engineering departments have been asked to complete all the arrangements before opening of the event. The state government will issue the necessary guidelines on the Covid norms to be followed at the eco-retreat fest.

Notably, the state government is laying stress on promotion of tourism by organising eco-retreats at various tourist destinations of the state. People visiting the eco-retreat can enjoy a variety of events and activities including water sports at Hirakud dam reservoir, cycling, rifle shooting, para-motoring, kayaking, jet-skiing, fishing, Yoga, boat ride, ropeway and site-seeing trips to Samaleswari temple, leaning temple of Huma and nature trail to Debrigarh wildlife sanctuary as well as entertainment programmes during their period of stay in the eco-retreat.



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TAKING STOCK



Sachidananda Nayak, project director of district urban development agency in Ganjam taking stock of the waste treatment at Aska during his visit to a waste management centre at Hatapada, Tuesday

Man impersonating RTO held in Bargarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bargarh, Oct 26: Police Tuesday arrested a man for posing as a Regional Transport Officer (RTO) and duping vehicle owners in Bargarh district.

The accused impostor was identified as Bikram Behera.

Behera usually targeted vehicle owners commuting on the National Highway. He would stop the vehicles introducing himself as a Regional Transport Officer (RTO) and collect information about owners of the vehicles from the drivers. Then he would contact the owners over phone, asking them to make an online payment for the challan amount to avoid action.

Sailesh Ram, a truck driver duped by Behera came across the real RTO Monday.

After hearing everything from Sailesh Ram, the real RTO informed the police. A team was formed. It laid a trap and Behera was nabbed by police.

DISRESPECT TO BIJU PATNAIK'S STATUE

Six JMM workers held in Mayurbhanj

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Baripada, Oct 26: The police detained at least six JMM activists Monday for disrespecting the statue of former chief minister Biju Patnaik here while protesting against the alleged attack on their supporters by BJD activists.

The incident took place Monday afternoon when a group of JMM activists staged a demonstration at the Biju Patnaik Gole Chhak in Baripada town.

Some of the protesters attempted to climb over the statue while some others placed placards against the ruling party on the barricade surrounding it.

The policeman on duty was also allegedly threatened when the former asked the demonstrators not

to show disrespect to the statue of the former chief minister, police said. Based on an FIR lodged by a BJD leader, the police picked up six persons and kept them in detention at the Town Police Station, Baripada. Earlier, the police had arrested two persons on the charge of attacking the BJD and JMM supporters during Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's visit to Mayurbhanj Friday.

The chief minister's one-day visit to Baripada had witnessed black flag demonstrations by the opposition BJD demanding the dismissal of state minister DS Mishra over Kalahandi lady teacher's kidnap and murder case, while JMM activists protested against what they termed as "dismal healthcare service" in Mayurbhanj district.

Woman beaten up over child lifting

POST NEWS NETWORK

Langaleswar, Oct 26: Irrate villagers beat up a woman black and blue and later handed her over to police on charge of child lifting at Balikuti village under Baliapal police limits in Balasore district, Tuesday.

The incident sparked tension in the area as police rushed to the spot and rescued the woman from the custody of the incensed villagers. According to reports, the 15-month old son of a villager Jitanshu Sekhar Patra was playing outside his house when an unknown woman picked him up and fled.

After some time, the family members found the child missing and searched for him in all possible locations but in vain. Family members of the child and villagers launched a search operation and spotted the woman around 1 kilometre away from the village. The villagers caught the woman at the village's end and questioned her about the child. The villagers rescued the child and handed him to his parents.

Later, they tied her to a pole and beat her up when she failed to give any satisfactory answer. Baliapal police is investigating into the matter.

Black magic horror grips villagers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nayagarh, Oct 26: Suggesting how superstitious beliefs are still deep-rooted in our society, residents of Chadheyapalli village under Banigochha police limits of Daspalla block in Nayagarh district have been haunted by fear of witchcraft for last couple of days.

This has also been a headache for police as the villagers recently punished four persons suspecting their involvement in black magic in a kangaroo court.

The villagers allege that under the influence of some sort of black magic, every full moon day one of them either dies or loses mental balance. "In the last six months, three villagers have lost their lives to this black magic," they panicked.



Chadheyapalli village

Narrating her experience, a villager Subasini Pradhan said, "Those who set aside these activities, termed them baseless, have never actually experienced them. They would start believing only when they get affected by them. Under the influence of such black magic, a woman of our village has lost her

mental balance and is now roaming like a lunatic. Even if I have no disease, I fall ill on every full moon day. No medicine is working on me. What would you say to this?" she asked. Shockingly, so far, four persons have been punished at the village kangaroo court under sus-

picion of witchcraft and being responsible for the deaths and other unnatural activities. They were tied to a pole and beaten up for the whole day. Later, they were forced to eat human faeces.

The victimised persons have been identified as Santosh Nayak,

THREE DEATHS IN SIX MONTHS

Shockingly, so far, four persons have been punished at the village kangaroo court under suspicion of witchcraft and being responsible for the deaths and other unnatural activities.

Threat to lives of the victims has increased after they lodged complaints at Banigochha police station. They are now living in the nearby forest, fearing attack by the villagers.

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were subjected to unspeakable torture despite their innocence. "We can never forget the way we were treated in the kangaroo court. It will only go with our death. We don't know who are behind this. But we want justice," he said.

It is learnt that the village deity possesses a woman of the village on every full moon day, new moon day and 'sankranti'. She answers people's questions. Abiding by her words, the villagers punished Santosh, Bidya, Bharat and Bighnaraj. Notably, kangaroo courts have become the order of the day in Nayagarh district with such meetings being increasingly held in villages. The penalised persons are being ostracised lives or leave the villages. The complaints with the police hardly give them justice.

Banigochha police station IIC Baidya Narayan Bhoi said, "After complaints about kangaroo court and black magic related incidents, we have registered cases and investigating them. Our efforts are on to bring normalcy back to the village."

No water in canal, farmers fume

POST NEWS NETWORK

Junagarh, Oct 26: Paddy in hectares of land in the distributory region of Indravati right canal in Taljaring and Junagarh areas in Kalahandi district has started wilting owing to lack of water. Farmers in the area have expressed their displeasure over the situation, stating that the paddy will die in a few days if water is not supplied

to the farmlands.

"Though we had drawn attention of the officials towards our plight, no step was taken to save the crops," they fumed and warned of agitation. Many farmers have written about their concern to Minister of State for Home Dibya Shankar Mishra and the executive engineer of the south canal division. Paddy is getting damaged and they will not tolerate the situation, they warned.

Jajpur farmers await payment for paddy

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, Oct 26: Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) work for the overall benefit of agriculture as well as farmers. However, most such societies in Jajpur district are steeped in corruption.

Barchana and Dhaneswar PACS may be taken as examples of gross irregularities.

Till date, over 15 farmers under Dhaneswar PACS in Korei block are yet to receive the money for the paddy they sold. The affected farmers had taken up the issue with the Minister for Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare and Cooperation and other concerned officials, July 16, 2021. In response, an investigation was ordered, but it remained confined to the files only. As a result, the Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Credit) had directed October 22, 2021 the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Cuttack-2 division, to submit the investigation report within seven days.

Despite this, the investigation

into the allegations related to misappropriation of lakhs of rupees due to 15 farmers remains confined to the direction only.

If the allegations of farmers like Baram Rout, Surendra Kar, Jagabandhu Kar, Rabinarayan Das, Subham Rout, Purna Chandra Satpathy, Rashmita Naik under Dhaneswar PACS are true, PACS secretary Akhila Kumar Jena is responsible for the irregularities in paddy procurement.

They alleged that Jena is presently trying for his transfer, but he should not be transferred until the farmers of Dhaneswar PACS get dues. Jena has been on leave for a long period on the pretext of medical issues. It is alleged that he is making the rounds of the office of Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (ARCS) every day for his transfer. The farmers alleged that the ARCS and CEO are shielding him.

At the same time, the farmers alleged that the secretary in-charge of the Barchana PACS, Bikash Kumar Swain, also resorted to for-



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gery. He reportedly presented fake people as original land owners during the paddy procurement. On the other hand, farmers who sold paddy after receiving tokens from their respective PACS were shown

as grandsons and nephews of those fake land owners.

Acting on the allegation, the Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Credit), vide letter No. 8299/20/05/2021, had directed the

Couple commits suicide

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharigaon, Oct 26: A youth and a girl, believed to be a couple in love, were found hanging inside a house at Nirondi village under Jharigaon block of Nabarangpur district Tuesday.

The matter came to the fore after the father of the deceased youth filed a complaint at the police station Tuesday.

Police registered a case of unnatural death and started an investigation into it, said ASI Santosh Kumar Majhi.

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The two returned to the village as their families assured them to arrange their marriage. Nakula and Indumati stayed in a house.

As per reports, Nakula's family members had gone to their farmland Monday and returned home

by 5 pm. But they were shocked to find the room of the couple bolted from inside. Later, the family members broke open the door and found the two hanging with a saree.

Their family members wondered why the two took such an extreme step. Acting on an FIR, police started investigation into the incident with a scientific team.

Herds refuse to take back jumbo calf

FOREST DEPT TO SEND IT TO KAPILASH SHELTER



POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Oct 26: A female elephant calf, which was rescued by the forest department after its herd abandoned it at Champua range in Keonjhar, will be sent to Kapilash elephant shelter, said DFO DD Hanumat. Notably, the jumbo calf had fallen

life threat," it was said.

The calf was earlier set free near the elephant herds, but the latter refused to accompany it. The department has engaged a veterinary doctor and some staff for its care. The baby elephant is being fed with lactogen. But it is only drinking water. It is usually seen that when an elephant falls into a ditch or in any such situation, others come to its rescue. This did not happen in case of the baby elephant. The forest department started an investigation into the reasons why the herds do not accept it. As the baby has come in contact with humans, its body might have human odour which may be keeping other elephants away. Meanwhile, forest officials have applied elephant dung on its body in a bid to remove human odour from its body. The forest department has sent its blood sample for tests.

The baby elephant needs proper feeding and treatment at this stage. In case of negligence, it will face

POLL DUTY



Polling officials leaving for booths on the eve of a by-election for the post of sarpanch in Mahakalpara panchayat of Kendrapara district, Tuesday



The triumph of the vaccines, developed and brought to market in record speed, is being undone by the tragedy of an unequal distribution. Vaccine nationalism and hoarding are putting us all at risk
ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

MATTER OF CONCERN

A jump in the number of people in China infected with bird flu this year raises concerns among experts, who say that a previously circulating strain seems to have changed and maybe more contagious to people



of the day quote

Brexit is a catastrophe for the United Kingdom
THIERRY BRETON | FRENCH POLITICIAN

Australia now has a target to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and we have a clear plan for achieving it. The plan outlines responsible, practical action to achieve net zero that is in our national interest
SCOTT MORRISON | AUSTRALIAN PM

Nevertheless citizenship is not purely a legal issue, but is primarily civilizational and an issue of loyalty, belonging and duty, and not just rights
TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI | EMIR OF QATAR

No nod for Covaxin yet, WHO seeks 'additional clarifications': Report

The Covaxin has demonstrated 77.8% effectiveness against symptomatic Covid and 65.2% protection against the new Delta variant

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

United Nations/Geneva, Oct 26: The World Health Organisation's technical advisory group Tuesday sought "additional clarifications" from Bharat Biotech for its Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin to conduct a final "risk-benefit assessment" for Emergency Use Listing of the vaccine.

The technical advisory group will now meet November 3 for a final assessment. Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which has developed Covaxin, had submitted EOI (Expression of Interest) to the WHO April 19 for the vaccine's Emergency Use Listing (EUL).

The technical advisory group met Tuesday to review data on Covaxin for the emergency use listing of India's indigenously-made vaccine.

"The TAG met today (26 October 2021) and decided that additional clarifications from the manufacturer are needed to conduct a final EUL risk-benefit assessment for global use of the vaccine," the WHO said in an email response to a question by PTI on the decision regarding the Emergency Use Listing of Covaxin. "The TAG expects to receive these clarifications from the manufacturer by the end of this week, and aims to reconvene for the final risk-benefit assessment Wednesday, 3 November," it added. The Technical Advisory Group for Emergency Use Listing (TAG-EUL) is an independent advisory group that provides recommendations to WHO on whether a Covid 19 vaccine can be listed

for emergency use under the EUL procedure. Earlier Tuesday, WHO spokesperson Dr Margaret Harris had said that on COVAXIN, the technical advisory group that reviews all the data for a potential emergency use listing was reviewing that data.

In June, the company said it concluded the final analysis of Covaxin efficacy from Phase 3 trials. Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and AstraZeneca and Oxford University's Covishield are the two widely used vaccines in India.

The WHO has so far approved Covid-19 vaccines of Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca-SK Bio/Serum Institute of India, Johnson & Johnson-Janssen, Moderna, and Sinopharm for emergency use. Last week, the WHO had said it is expecting one additional piece of information from Bharat Biotech regarding Covaxin and emphasised that it has to thoroughly evaluate to ensure vaccines are safe and "cannot cut corners" before recommending a vaccine for emergency use. WHO has said the timeframe for its Emergency Use Listing procedure is dependent on how quickly a company producing the vaccine is able to provide the data required for WHO to evaluate the vaccine's quality, safety, efficacy and its suitability for low- and middle-income countries.

"When the information provided addresses all questions raised, WHO and the Technical Advisory Group will complete the assessment and come to a final recommendation whether to grant Emergency Use Listing to the vaccine," it has said.



PLA deploys new type of all-terrain vehicle on border

China continues to bully its neighbours to try to coerce them into behaviour that is more in keeping with its national security or economic interests, the Pentagon said

AGENCIES

Beijing/New Delhi, Oct 26: The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Xinjiang Military Command has received a new type of all-terrain vehicle, which is expected to ensure logistics support to plateau border defence troops as winter draws close and as China-India border tensions again risk rising after the latest military talks failed to reach an agreement due to "unrealistic Indian demands", Global Times reported.

The delivery of the vehicle comes at a time when China and India failed to reach an agreement during the 13th round of corps commander-level talks over issues related to the western section of the China-India border, with the PLA Western Theater Command slamming India for its unreasonable and unrealistic demands on October 11, Global Times said.

Several Chinese experts reached by the Global Times warned at the time that China needs to brace for the possibility of further Indian military aggression, as India is risk-



ing a new round of conflict. The unit that commissioned the new vehicle is garrisoned at a high-altitude, snowy border region that is ex-

UN chief laments 'leadership gap' ahead of climate talks

AGENCIES

Berlin, Oct 26: The head of the United Nations says a "leadership gap" is undermining the world's efforts to curb global warming, days before presidents and prime ministers from around the globe gather for a climate summit in Glasgow.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told reporters Tuesday that time is running out to cut greenhouse gas emissions to meet the goals of the 2015 Paris accord and avert global warming that could damage the planet.

"The clock is ticking," he said in New York. "The emissions gap is the result of a leadership gap. But leaders can still make this a turning point to a greener future instead of a tipping point to climate catastrophe." Guterres spoke at the launch of a new report by the UN Environment Programme that found fresh pledges by governments to cut emissions are raising hopes but aren't strict enough to keep global warming from exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century.

The report concluded that recent announcements by dozens of countries to aim for "net-zero" emissions by 2050 could, if fully implemented, limit a global temperature rise to 2.2 degrees Celsius (4F). That's closer but still above the less stringent target agreed in Paris climate accord of capping global warming at 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 F) compared to pre-industrial times.

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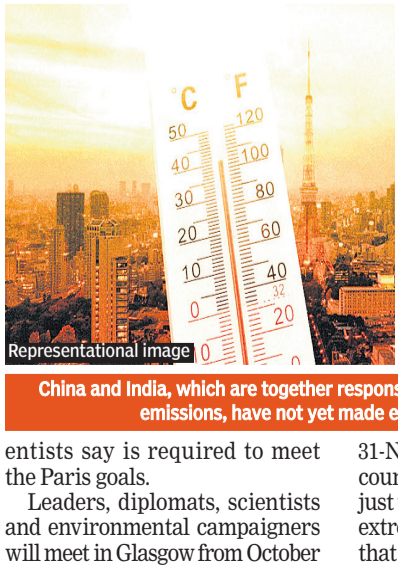
Union and dozens of other countries have set net-zero emissions targets. However, the Environment Programme report said the net-zero goals that many governments announced ahead of a UN Climate summit in Glasgow next week remain vague, with much of the heavy lifting on emissions cuts pushed beyond 2030.

Guterres said scientists were clear on the facts of climate change, adding that "now leaders need to be just as clear in their actions." "They need to come to Glasgow with bold, time-bound, front-loaded plans to reach net zero," he said.

The report is one of several recent studies to examine the gap between what countries have pledged to do to cut emissions of planet-heating gases and what sci-

entists say is required to meet the Paris goals.

Leaders, diplomats, scientists and environmental campaigners will meet in Glasgow from October



WAKE-UP CALL
 Governments will be in the spotlight at the COP26 conference in Glasgow to meet a deadline of this year to commit to more ambitious cut pledges, in what could be the last chance to put the world on track

A UN report in August warned that global warming due to greenhouse gas emissions could breach 1.5C in the next two decades

sea-level rise, more frequent wild weather and more droughts.

India among world's top 10 for climate tech investment: Report
 India ranks ninth in the list of top 10 countries for climate technology investment over the past five years and Indian climate tech firms received \$1 billion in venture capital (VC) funding from 2016 to 2021, according to a new report released in London Tuesday.

'Five Years On: Global climate tech investment trends since the Paris Agreement', by London & Partners and Dealroom.Co, analysed the trends in the sector since the last United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) in Paris and ahead of the COP26 summit in Glasgow next week.

SHORT TAKES

US to lift all travel curbs
 Washington: The US will lift all restrictions for fully vaccinated international travellers, including from India, from November 8 but they will have to show proof of a negative coronavirus test before boarding a flight to the country, the White House has announced. The updated travel guidelines issued on Monday also include new protocols around testing.

Queen back at work with light duties
 London: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II carried out her first engagements Tuesday since staying overnight in hospital last week, but Buckingham Palace confirmed that she will not be travelling to Glasgow for the COP26 climate summit next week. According to the Royal Family's website, the monarch was listed as attending a reception on November 1 as part of the climate change conference, to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Suu Kyi testifies in junta court
 Bangkok: Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi testified for the first time in a junta court Tuesday, four months after being put on trial by the military, a source with knowledge of the case told AFP. Myanmar has been in turmoil since the February 1 coup, with nationwide protests and more than 1,100 people killed by security forces, according to a local monitoring group.

Trudeau gives women top roles
 Toronto: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau overhauled his cabinet Tuesday and named women to the foreign affairs and defence posts in his gender balanced cabinet. Trudeau named Melanie Joly as foreign minister and Anita Anand as defence minister. Chrystia Freeland, widely considered a favourite to replace Trudeau at some point, retains her positions as deputy prime minister and finance minister.

'Assange unwell'
 London: The fiancée of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said he was looking thin and unwell as the US appeals against a UK ruling blocking his extradition. Stella Morris, who has two children with Assange, told in a news conference that she last saw Assange in London's Belmarsh Prison. She said Assange was wearing a T-shirt exposing his arms for the first time in a long while and "I was quite taken aback how thin he was".

FEAST TIME



An egret catches a fish in Mogan Lake in Ankara

UNI PHOTO

Imran dials Xi; vows to boost ties

AGENCIES

Islamabad, Oct 26: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chinese President Xi Jinping Tuesday agreed to further bolster their bilateral ties, including full realisation of the potential offered by the Phase-II of the Free Trade Agreement to overcome the economic headwinds.

The two leaders reviewed the bilateral ties and cooperation during a telephonic conversation Prime Minister Imran had with President Xi, the PM Office said in a statement.

Khan was appreciative of China's successful containment of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the relief measures to developing countries, including the vaccine cooperation with Pakistan, it said.

"Taking stock of the negative impact of COVID-19 on the global economy the two leaders agreed on further strengthening bilateral economic and commercial ties, including full realisation of the potential offered by the Phase-II of the China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement, to overcome the economic headwinds," it said.

The Prime Minister has lauded the successful, timely and high-quality implementation of the



NADEEM ANJUM NEW ISI CHIEF

The Pakistan Prime Minister's Office Tuesday notified the appointment of Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum as the new chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). He will replace the incumbent Lt Gen Faiz Hameed from next month, Dawn reported. "The prime minister has seen and approved the appointment of... Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum... as director general Inter-Services Intelligence, with effect from November 20, 2021, from the panel of officers at para 6 of the summary," a notification issued by the Pak PMO dated October 26 said.

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, and welcomed Chinese investments in the CPEC Special Economic Zones.

He also stressed that early start of work on the ML-1 railway project would complement Pakistan's geo-economics vision for national

and regional development.

The two leaders agreed to promote CPEC's green development as a high-quality demonstration of China's Belt and Road Initiative.

The ambitious CPEC was launched in 2015 when President Xi visited Pakistan.

Cyber attack shuts down gas stations across Iran

AGENCIES

Dubai, Oct 26: A cyber attack targeted gas stations Tuesday across Iran, shutting down a government system managing fuel subsidies and leaving angry motorists stranded in long lines at shuttered stations.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, though it bore similarities to another months earlier that seemed to directly challenge Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as the country's economy buckles under American sanctions.

State television quoted an unnamed official in the country's National Security Council ac-

knowledging the cyber attack, hours after it aired images of long lines of cars waiting to fill up in Tehran.

State TV said Oil Ministry officials were holding an "emergency meeting" to solve the technical problem.

The semi-official ISNA news agency, which first called the incident a cyberattack, said it saw those trying to buy fuel with a government-issued card through the machines instead receive a message reading "cyberattack 64111." Most Iranians rely on those subsidies to fuel their vehicles, particularly amid the country's economic problems.

