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🖀 Gangadhar Meher project by Sept 2023

Bhubaneswar: Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project in Bargarh district will be completed by September 2023, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik while addressing a gathering at Bijepur in Bargarh district, Saturday. Launching distribution of smart health cards among the beneficiaries of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) at Bijepur, Naveen said various developmental projects worth ₹2,500 crore, including the Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project of ₹2,090 crore, is under implementation in the district. The irrigation project will be completed by September 2023 and farmers can draw water from it, he said. Naveen had announced the project in October 2017 before the Bijepur byelection. **MORE P3**



Ratna Ratna Ratna Ratna

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind Saturday conferred Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna on Tokyo Paralympics Gold Medalist Pramod Bhagat along with other 11 athletes during a special ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan here. Neeraj Chopra, who earned the historic track-and-field gold medal with a staggering throw of 87.58m in the javelin throw finals, was also conferred with Khel Ratna award by the President. Olympic silver-winning wrestler Ravi Dahiya, bronze-winning pugilist Lovlina Borgohain, cricketer Mithali Raj, footballer Sunil Chhetri hockey players PR Sreejesh and Manpreet Singh also received the prestigious award. **MORE P12**



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Col among 7 killed in Manipur ambush

■ The militants attacked the convoy when the Colonel of the 46 Battalion of Assam Rifles along with his family was going to supervise a civic action programme in Churachandpur

AGENCIES

Imphal, Nov 13: In one of the deadliest extremist attacks in recent times in northeast, militants gunned down an Assam Rifles Colonel, his family members and four jawans in Manipur's Churachandpur district along Myanmar border Saturday, police said.

The incident took place at around 11am near Sehkan village, as the heavily armed suspected People's Liberation Army (PLA) militants fired upon the convoy of Assam Rifles Colonel Viplav Tripathi, killing



Colonel Viplav Tripathi with his wife PTI PHOTO

him, his wife, their 6-year-old son, three Quick Reaction Team (QRT) jawans and the driver on the spot.

The militants attacked the convoy when the Colonel of the 46 Battalion of Assam Rifles along with his family members was going to supervise a civic action programme in Churachandpur bor-

dering Myanmar, which shares

2 OUTFITS CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY Two proscribed militant organisations

claimed responsibility for the ambush. In a joint statement, the PLA and the Manipur Naga People's Front claimed that they have carried out the attack.

around 400 km unfenced border with Manipur. For the first time, the militants in the northeast killed the family members of a security force official. The Army, Assam Rifles and po-

lice forces led by senior police and para-military officials have launched a massive combing operation in the area to nab the militants.

Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh, who had last week appealed to the militants to come to the negotiation table to sort out their demands, if any, said in a tweet: "Strongly condemn the cowardly attack on a convoy of 46 AR which has reportedly killed few personnel including the CO & his family at CCpur today. The State forces & Para military are already on their job to track down the militants. The perpetrators will be brought to justice."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "The cowardly attack on an Assam Rifles convoy in Churachandpur, Manipur is extremely painful and condemnable. The nation has lost 5 brave soldiers including CO 46 AR and two family members. My condolences to the bereaved families. The perpetrators will be brought to justice soon."

Tripathi was a native of Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said, "One Chhattisgarh officer martyred in Manipur attack. His sacrifice will not go in vain. I extend my condolences to the family." Manipur has over 40 outlawed Strongly condemn the attack on the Assam Rifles convoy in Manipur. I pay homage to those soldiers and family members who have been martyred today. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of sadness

NARENDRA MODI | PM

Strongly condemn the dastardly attack on Assam Rifles convoy in Manipur. My condolences for the bereaved families of the bravehearts and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured NAVEEN PATNAIK | ODISHA CM

insurgent groups, a large majority of them lying low following their signing of separate suspension of operation agreements with the government.

26 MAOISTS GUNNED DOWN IN GADCHIROLI • The operation is billed as the

■ The operation is billed as the biggest success recorded for the security forces, who effected a huge toll on the ultras

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Nagpur, Nov 13: At least 26 Maoists were killed during a fierce encounter with Maharashtra Police in the deep forests near Dhanora in Gadchiroli district, Gadchiroli SP Ankit Goyal said.

"Around 26 Naxals have been eliminated in the encounter at multiple locations by several security forces in the region. Three security personnel have also been injured in the cross-firing. They have been airlifted by helicopter to Nagpur and admitted for treatment at a local hospital," Goyal said.

The gun-battle which started in the early hours of Saturday in the continuing till evening with at least 26 fatalities notched among the Maoists, while three security personnel were also hurt, Goyal said. As per initial reports, the encounter was with a Dalam of the

banned CPI(Maoist) and commandos of the crack C-60 unit of the Anti Naxal Operations. A combing operation was also underway to detect more bodies of the slain extremists.

Though the exact identity of the Maoists killed in Saturday's operations is yet to be established, there is a speculation that a prominent leader of an outlawed organisation is among the slain. Goyal, however, declined to comment.

The latest operation is the biggest success recorded for the security forces who effected a huge toll on the Maoists, the highest in the past 3-4 years.

DHARITR

It has become fashion to bash farmers, SC tells Delhi govt

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Supreme Court Saturday told the Delhi government to stop blaming farmers for the severe air pollution in the Capital city, while asking a series of questions on how it is dealing

AIR POLLUTION



emergency measures, including closure

THE CLIMATE

with pollution caused due to firecrackers, dust, industries and vehicles.

A bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana and also comprising Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant queried senior advocate Rahul Mehra, representing the Delhi government, as to what happened to the smog tower, and whether it was still functioning.

In his response, Mehra said the tower is working and pointed out that on September 30 the Air Quality Index (AQI) was 84 or 'satisfactory', adding that after over a month it was 471 (severe), while the PM2.5 and PM10 were also at critical levels. "Probably, it is due to stubble burning," he said.

Justice Kant said, "It has now become a fashion to blame the farmers. What happened to the firecracker ban? What is the Delhi Police doing?" The bench added that it is an emergency situation and emergency measures will have to be taken, whether it is prohibition on



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vehicles or emission control. The Chief Justice told Mehra, "Why don't you think of some emergency steps... Find a way to stop vehicles on some days."

Justice Chandrachud told Mehra that the Delhi government opened schools and there is a threat to lungs of children due to air pollution, adding that "this is not the Centre, but your jurisdiction. What is happening on that front?"

The Chief Justice said stubble burning may be part of the problem, but not the only issue behind severe air pollution in the capital.

Mehra, in response, said, "We realise that this situation of pollution in Delhi is like smoking 20 cigarettes a day." Concluding the hearing, the Chief Justice told Mehra: "We are listing it on Monday. Tell us about emergency steps taken."

of schools for a week, ban on construction activities and work from home for government employees, to deal with the pollution crisis faced by the city. The Chief Minister, after an emergency meeting, told reporters that his government will also present a proposal for lockdown before the Supreme Court. Terming the rise in air pollution in Delhi-NCR an "emergency" situation, the Supreme Court asked the Centre and the Delhi government on Saturday to take immediate measures to improve the air quality and suggested steps such as stopping vehicles and clamping a lockdown in the national capital. Kejriwal said the schools will remain closed for one week from Monday in view of high air pollution levels. Work from home will be implemented concerning government offices and a separate advisory on it will be issued for private offices, he said. Construction activities will be prohibited in Delhi from November 14 to 17.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



You mean, like numerous others, he spent 9 years in jail just to get a bheek from the British!?

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Centre releases ₹461.76cr health grant to Odisha

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Union government has released ₹461.76 crore to Odisha as health sector grant to strengthen primary health care system in local bodies.

The amount released by the Centre would be utilised for construction of buildings for the sub centres, primary health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs) that are lacking such physical infrastructure in rural areas. It also aims at providing diagnostic infrastructure to the primary healthcare facilities in rural and urban areas.

The central funding will also be utilised for conversion of rural PHCs and sub centres into health and wellness centres.

Significantly, the Department of Expenditure under the Ministry of Finance has released ₹8,453.92 crore as health sector grant for rural and urban local bodies of 19 states including Odisha. The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the



Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV).

The Ministry of Finance informed that the Fifteenth Finance Commission in its report for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 has recommended a total grant of ₹4,27,911 crore to local governments.

"The grants recommended by the Commission inter alia include health grant of ₹70,051 crore. Out of this, ₹43,928 crore has been recommended for rural local bodies and ₹26,123 crore for urban local bodies," the ministry said.

SHOULDN'T WE ?

DHARITRI YOUTH CONCLAVE 2021 CLIMATE CHANGE: FOCUS ODISHA

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KYLIE MINOGUE'S NEW ALBUM DISCO: GUEST-LIST EDITION OUT

Pop star Kylie Minogue has released Disco: Guest-List Edition, via BMG. This is Kylie's eighth UK No. 1 album, which saw her make chart history once more as the first female artiste to have a UK No. 1 album in five consecutive decades.

JENNIFER GARNER BOARDS SERIES THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME

Hollywood star Jennifer Garner is set to headline the upcoming drama series The Last Thing He Told Me. Garner takes over the role from Julia Roberts, who reportedly pulled out due to a scheduling issue. The series is based on the book of the same name by Laura Dave.



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ARIES

Today is payback time. Just look around you and count the marvellous blessings that the almighty has showered on you, both on the personal and professional fronts. You will thus want to arrange a small thanks giving meeting with those close to you. Ganesha approves of the idea.

TAURUS

Today, you are likely to face it difficult to impress or influence others. If you have set your mind on acquiring something. you may face initial setbacks but eventu ally you will succeed in getting hold of it. Everything you engage in will work out fine. Be friendly and outgoing to all, more so during the latter half of the day.

GEMINI

Religious, cultural and intellectual pursuits will keep you busy throughout the day. You will need to compulsorily attend some social function. You will encounter expenses in charitable or philanthropic work. It is a good time for conducting business deals, says Ganesha.

Setting aside house, family and personal matters, you will focus your attention on career or business. You will get a lot of cooperation and praise from your seniors and higher-ups. Your friends and kin will also appreciate you in ample measure. You will spend memorable moments in the evening with your beloved.



competitors. They will be jealous of your progress and will hatch nefarious schemes to pull you down warns Ganesha

VIRGO

Ganesha advises you not to lose your temper, or else it may rupture close associations. You can avoid legal prob-lems by settling vexed issues out of the court. You may spend freely in the evening and indulge in all the activities that give you pleasure.



enhance your knowledge and ability. To attain your final goal you will take the path of enhancing your personality. Toward noon here may be some issues that may trou-

URVASHI'S Versace Baby scales new peak

Her collaboration with Arabian Superstar Ramadan has created a huge fan base in Middle East countries like the UAE, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman and Qatar, claims the 'Kaabil' actress

Mumbai: Modelturned-actress Urvashi Rautela, whose recent Versace Baby music video with Arabic superstar Mohamed Ramadan has notched up 20 million (and counting!) views on YouTube, is happy to see her popularity in the Middle East has only grown with time. She adds that the wide reach of her music videos will help her to be a little experimental with her choice of films in the future, although she has three in the pipeline

at this moment. Urvashi said: "I think with time and the number of music videos I have appeared in, people in the Middle East started knowing me and I have gained a huge fan base in the Arab

world. Whenever I go to, say, Dubai, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman or Qatar, people identify with me and our Bollywood music because of these videos. It is a

great feeling." Talking about her Versace Baby collaboration with Ramadan, she said: "It is special because it is one of the most expensive music videos that has been produced in recent times and because Ramadan is a multi-talented man. He's an actor. musician and producer from Egypt. This is the beginning of a great time when I have interesting film projects



ther was alone at home and everyone was out shooting. As no one was there at home I called him up and asked him if he is okay, are you feeling lonely? He said I am not lonely; I have my books with me. So, I liked that sentiment a lot and vou know even I feel





Guests release the audio CD of Bhoka in Bhubaneswar, Frida *Bhoka* to hit big screens Nov end

The film, made on the backdrop of food scarcity during the pandemic, highlights the struggle of an Odia migrant worker from Surat

POST NEWS NETWORK

BHUBANESWAR: Audio release event of Bhoka, an Odia film made on the plight of a Surat-based migrant labourer from Odisha, was held here at Pantha Niwas, Friday. Among others, Odia Language,

Literature and Culture department director Ranjan Kumar Das and department's project coordinator Basudev Mal Bisoi were present on the occasion

Featuring Kuna Tripathy, Kabya, Ankit, Puspa Panda, Chiranjibi, Subodh Acharya, Abani Mishra and Debasish Padhi in key roles, the Rajiv Mohanty directorial is slated to release in the last week of November. Made under the banner of Jyoti Productions, the film's dialogues have been written by Ranjan Kumar Das while Bikash Das scores the music. Siba Rath, Sasank Sekhar and late Tapu Mishra have lent voice to the songs.

Director Mohanty says, "Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, food insecurity has increased across the globe. The film has been made on the backdrop of food scarcity highlighting the struggle of Kartik, an Odia migrant worker of Surat. for food.'

Animated X-Men, Spider-Man, Marvel Zombies series announced

The three new series, along with Season 2 of 'What If?' and the 'Guardians of the Galaxy' spin-off 'I Am Groot', mark the first wave of animated shows from Marvel Studios.

arvel Studios announced that the company is expanding its slate of animated series for Disney Plus with three new shows:X-Men '97, Spider-Man: Freshman Year, and Marvel Zombies.

After Disney purchased 20th Century Fox in 2019, and the X-Men movie franchise was on its last legs with the poorly received Dark Phoenix and The New Mutants, many observers expected Marvel Studios to reboot the X-Men and reintegrate the characters back into the Marvel Cinematic Universe, reports variety.com. Instead, for its first swing at the

team of powerful mutant superheroes, the company is reaching back to its own origin story: X-Men '97 will be a continuation of the beloved 1990s X-Men animated series that ran for five seasons on the Fox network from 1992 through 1997. The show, which debuted in primetime before moving to Saturday mornings, was such a sensation that it's widely cred-

FUN



One of the associate producers on that film was current Marvel Studios chief Kevin Feige. Effectively, without the X-Men animated series. Marvel Studios probably wouldn't exist.

Beau DeMayo, who wrote Netflix's animated The Witcher spin-off Nightmare of the Wolf, will serve as head writer on X-Men '97. The show is set to premiere in 2023.

Spider-Man: Freshman Year, meanwhile, will be tied to the MCU while also evoking Marvel's deeper history, with an aesthetic approach that, according to a press release, "celebrates the character's early comic book roots"

This show will follow Peter Parker on his journey to becoming Spider-Man within the MCU, suggesting the show might dramatise this Peter's origin story, something the live-action movies with Tom Holland bypassed entirely.

As for Marvel Zombies, it also connects Marvel comics, specifically a limited series written by Robert Kirkman with art by Sean Phillips that launched in late 2005 in which pretty much all the Avengersbecome, well, zombies.

ble you but Ganesha says that these are petty things that happen in life and one should not focus too much on them.

SCORPIO

Once in a while, it's okay to enjoy the luxuries of life and pamper yourself. And if accompanied by your spouse, it adds a romantic touch to the entire experience. When it comes to work, people look up to you as an asset to the company. At times, even unknown people lend you a helping hand and contribute to your progress: appreciate them, says Ganeshji

SAGITTARIUS

While most of them try hard not to mix business or work with pleasure, you enjoy doing that! And you soon realise that it is working well. Today, according to Ganesha, your actions speak louder than words. All in all, a constructive day in store for you.

CAPRICORN

Uncertainties - the only certainty of life, will not bog you down. You are ready to take risks and try your luck out. Start a business or project today, and there are fair chances of you succeeding at that, predicts Ganesha. Appreciation and acknowledgement of your sincerity will brighten up your day.

AOUARIUS

Friends - the pillars of your life are going to be your constant companions for the day. Ganesha suggests you come out of your shell and tread new paths. Bring the vibrant side of your personality to the fore and see the difference you make in every one's life

PISCES

You will be at your wit's end today, grappling with financial issues. You will decide to multiply your savings and increase your income by whatever means possible. The good news being you will find it easy to implement your new plans and schemes. Your friends could have some vital insights to share with you about your finances, says Ganesha





ited for convincing 20th Century Fox to make the live-action X-Men movie, which launched the modern era of superhero cinema when it premiered in 2000.







CALVIN AND HOBBES



BREVITY





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CREATING AWARENESS

A voter awareness programme underway at Sanatan Harichandan Higher Secondary School at Madanpur on the outskirts of the Capital city, Saturday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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Gangadhar Meher LI project Depression to trigger heavy rain next week to be completed by Sept 2023 FARMERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO SHIFT THEIR HARVESTED PADDY TO SAFE PLACES AND KEEP IT PROPERLY STACKED UNDER SUITABLE COVER

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project in Bargarh district will be completed by September 2023, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik while addressing a gathering at Bijepur in Bargarh, Saturday.

While launching distribution of the smart health cards among the beneficiaries of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) at Bijepur, Naveen said various developmental projects worth ₹2,500 crore, including the Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project of ₹2090 crore. is under implementation in the district. The irrigation project will be completed by September 2023 and farmers can draw water from it. he said

Naveen had announced the project in October 2017 before the Bijepur byelection. This irrigation project is an ambitious project of the state government that aims to provide assured irrigation to around 25,600 hectares of chronically drought-hit areas.

Bijepur, Sohela and Barpali blocks of Bargarh district and Dunguripalli block of Subarnapur district would get irrigation facilities from the project, sources said The Chief Minister also laid the

foundation stone for various projects worth ₹300 crore and dedicated 71 high schools transformed under the 5T initiative of the state government.

Launching the smart health card distribution, the Chief Minister said around 3.64 lakh people of the district will benefit from the smart health card programme. So far, 11 districts of Odisha have been cov ered under the programme.

He further said that Bargarh is



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik hands over a BSKY smart health card to a beneficiary at Bijepur in Bargarh, Saturday

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Prior to the CM's visit, the police picked up several BJP and Congress leaders of the district as preventive measure anticipating protest over Mamita Meher murder case

rees. He saluted the skills of the

farmers and weavers of Bargarh.

programme protesting the government's refusal to act against Minister DS Mishra for his alleged involvement in the Mamita murder case. Meanwhile, the Opposition activists continued their egg attack the sacred land of Goddess Lakshmi on BJD leaders' vehicles. They and rice pot of Odisha. Praising the hurled eggs on the carcades of the weavers of Bargarh, he said that minister Jagannath Saraka and they, like the farmers, had given the BJD MLA Snehangini Churia world the gift of Sambalpuri sawhile they were on their way to dis-

Bargarh district.

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PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar: Nov 13: A fresh low pressure area formed over south Andaman Sea and adjoining Thailand coast Saturday morning is likely to move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a depression over north Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal by November 15, the Met office said

Meteorological centre weather scientist Umasankar Das said, the system is likely to continue to move west-northwestwards intensify further and reach near Andhra Pradesh coast around November 18.

Under its impact, heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places in Ganiam and Gaiapati districts November 17. Das said.

Squally wind with speed 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph is likely to prevail over the west-central area adjoining east Bay of Bengal during November 16 to 18 and commence along & off Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha coasts from November 17, Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar said in a bulletin.

vised fishermen not to venture into deep sea of west-central Bay

Naik taken on remand

BHUBANESWAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Saturday took Baikunthanath Naik, who was accused of cheating job aspirants of Rs1.47 crore by impersonating Assistant Section Officer (ASO) of Home department, on two-day remand for further probe. The EOW sleuths grilled the accused for several hours after bringing him from the Jharpada special jail here Saturday.



Rain triggered by a low pressure area affects normal life in Bhubaneswar OP PHOTO

of Bengal during November 16 to 18 and along and off south Odisha coasts November 17 and 18.

Meanwhile, a trough now runs from the cyclonic circulation over north interior Tamil Nadu to Gangetic West Bengal across Andhra Pradesh and Odisha and extends upto 0.9 km above mean sea level. Under its impact, heavy rainfall is occurring in coastal and adjoining areas of Odisha, it said.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall would occur in some parts of Khurda, Puri, Ganjam, Nayagarh, Gajapati, Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur on Saturday and Sunday

At least eight places in Odisha received more than 100 mm rainfall in the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) PK Jena has asked the district Collectors to remain prepared to meet waterlogging issues. due to the rain.

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The Collectors were told to ensure functioning of the control room round the clock and strictly implement the advice for fishermen.

As cold conditions are likely to prevail, the SRC has also instructed the officials to keep shelters/school buildings open at night for homeless/needy people.

The farmers have been advised to shift their harvested paddy, if any, to safe places and keep it properly stacked under suitable cover so as to avoid any loss/ damage

Odisha Research Conclave begins at Utkal University

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar; Nov 13: The Odisha Research Concalve-2021 organised by the Utkal University in association with Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) and Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha, began Saturday.

Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of Utkal University Prof. Ganeshi Lal inaugurated the two-day conclave.

Several research scholars presented their models in the POSTER format on this occasion.

The aim of the poster format was to decrease number and length of lectures and increase the exposure of the researchers with interdisciplinary studies.



GUANGZHOU AWARD FOR URBAN INNOVATION State wins Online Popular City Award

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Odisha has won the Online Popular City Award at the 5th Guangzhou Award for Urban Innovation 2021 receiving more than 4.6 lakh votes from

across the world. People across the globe sel



shortlisted for promoting sustainable environment conservation and women empowerment through.

The award's technical committee consisting of distinguished members from across the world assessed each submission using the main criteria of - innovativeness, effectiveness, context, replicabiland relevance to the SDGs.

The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation aims at recognising innovation in improving social, economic and environment sustainability in cities and regions. The two initiatives of the Odisha government competed rigorously with their international competitors over a period of one year to reach the final stage.

leaders of the district as preventive measure anticipating protest over Mamita Meher murder case. Several Opposition leaders including BJP youth wing president of Odisha, Irasis Acharya, BJP district Krishak Morcha president Srikant Mishra and Congress party's district president Nihar The IMD's regional centre has ad-Mahananda were detained by the police, Bargarh MP (BJP) Suresh

the Urban Wage Employment Initiative (UWEI), now known as MUKTA programme of Odisha government, from among 15 other international programmes and cities.

The state also received Medals of Honour for two of its key initiatives – Mukhvamantri Karma Tatpara Abhivan (MUKTA) and Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) - for their outstanding contribution to local implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda.



The two programmes were globally recognised from among 273 initiatives from 175 cities and local governments in 60 countries including Australia, China, South Africa, USA, Brazil and Denmark. While the UWEI was selected for reducing vulnerabilities and

enhancing resilience of the urban poor, FSSM in Berhampur was ity /scalability and significance. The Committee appreciated the UWEI programme as an excellent example of state government providing a safety net to the vulnerable population during the Covid-19 pandemic and building resilience

through public works. The FSSM programme in Berhampur was lauded for enhancing incomes of women, ensuring community participation and ownership for sustainable FSSM and promoting women empowerment. Both the initiatives were recognised for their contribution

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has congratulated the Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) department for this international award.

"Congratulations H&UD Dept as #Odisha has been awarded 5th #Guangzhou Award which recognises innovation in improving social, economic and environmental sustainability in cities and regions. #Odisha has been awarded for its urban wage employment initiatives," twittered Patnaik.

Addressing the audience, Prof

Ganeshi Lal emphasised on manifestation of ideas by the researchers in order to create a space for infinite possibilities. He essentially encouraged the researchers to excel in their respective fields and reach new heights. Quoting William Wordsworth he shed light on "the bliss of solitude" and highlighted the significance of working in silence.

The keynote speaker of the event, Professor Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), applauded Governor Ganeshi Lal at the Odisha Research Conclave-2021, Saturday OP PHOTO

the Higher Education department for organising this dynamic conclave. He stated that research and innovations are the primary imperatives for India. Mohanty also expressed that research institutes in our country should have an open-ended schemes to allow researchers to patent their research. products and technology as an method incentivization

In his address, Professor Ashok Kumar Das, Vice Chairperson,

OSHEC, talked about the various schemes introduced by the state government to establish equilibrium between research ecosystem and research output. He spoke in detail about the Odisha University Research and Innovation Incentivisation Plan (OURIIP).

Towards the end of the first half of the conclave, Chancellor Prof. Ganeshi Lal went around seeing the posters and interacted with the re searchers and presenters.

Air pollution harms heart cells in kidney patients: Experts

While air pollution has a direct impact on kidney via pollutants entering blood circulation leading to oxidative stress and kidney damage, there are indirect impacts too through exacerbation of underlying diseases such

as cardiovascular, hypertension and diabetes

s the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) gasps for clean air amid the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) shooting to severe levels, health experts warned that increased exposure to particulate matter (PM) 2.5 can worsen disease progression for chronic kidney patients, and damage their heart muscle cells.

Delhi woke up to shallow fog Friday with reduced visibility and an overall AQI of 390 under the 'very poor' category. On Thursday, Delhi had recorded the 24-hourly AQI at 411. Most of the 39 air quality monitoring stations in the national capital recorded air pollution levels in 'severe' category.



Even Ghaziabad's Air Quality Index (AQI), which has been reeling under 'severe' category since Diwali, continued to remain at the same level i.e. at 488 Friday.

According to Manju Aggarwal, Chief of Medical Services and Chairperson of Nephrology department at Artemis Hospital, Gurugram, chronic kidney disease patients usually have underlying cardiovascular disease. "Risk of developing cardiovascular disease is as high as 20 times in kidney patients. Air pollution adds to these problems by causing hy-

pertension and leads to worsen-

ing hypertension, frequent heart attacks and strokes," Aggarwal said. Amit K Devra, Director of

Urology & Kidney Transplantation at Jaypee Hospital, said that epidemiological studies have suggested that PM2.5, made of fine particles present in the air, is directly linked with a decline in glomerular filtration rate (GFR) - a test used to check how well the kidneys are working and further progression of chronic kidney disease.

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While air pollution has a direct impact on the kidney via pollutants entering blood circulation leading to oxidative stress and kidney damage, there are indirect impacts also via exacerbation of underlying diseases such as cardiovascular, hypertension and diabetes.

Besides affecting the kidneys, rising PM levels are also a strong determinant to poor cardiovascular health. This is in particular for people suffering from heart problems, or those who have suffered from a previous cardiac ailment or stroke, and face inflammatory risks. Rising pollutants can worsen heart health further, the experts said.

"It has been found that PM 2.5 and PM 10 levels can lead to high levels of plaque build-up and clogged arteries, meaning that any individual can face a bigger risk of heart attacks," said Shubhendu Mohanty, HOD -Cardiologist at Sharda Hospital, Greater Noida.

Thus, people with prior respiratory or chest complications and even those who have recently recovered from Covid, must watch out for symptoms, go for frequent steam inhalation and use a good quality mask when stepping out, Mohanty suggested.

Partial lunar eclipse to be visible from Odisha Nov 19

The maximum partial eclipse will be visible at 2.34 pm as 97 per cent of the moon will be covered by the Earth's shadow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: The longest partial lunar eclipse in 580 years will occur November 19 and will be visible from parts of Northeast India. an astrophysicist said Saturday.

The rare phenomenon will be visible from a few areas in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, Director of Research and Academic at MP Birla Planetarium Debiprosad Duari said.

The duration of the eclipse will be 3 hours 28 minutes and 24 seconds, making it the longest in 580 years, Duari said.

"A few areas in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam will experience the last fleeting moments of the partial eclipse just after the moonrise, very close to the eastern horizon," he explained.

The last time a partial lunar eclipse of such length occurred was February 18, 1440, and the next time a similar phenomenon can be witnessed will be February 8, 2669. he said.

The maximum partial eclipse will be visible at 2.34 pm as 97 per

cent of the moon will be covered by the Earth's shadow.

The moon is likely to appear blood-red in colour, which happens when the red beams of the sunlight pass through the Earth's atmosphere and get least deflected and fall on the moon.

The partial lunar eclipse will be visible from North America, South America, eastern Asia. Australia and the Pacific region.

The penumbral eclipse, which occurs when the sun, earth, and the moon are imperfectly aligned, will begin at 11.32 am and end at 5.33 pm, Duari said. The penumbral eclipse will be visible from UP. Bihar. Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha but it can be seen only briefly from these places, he said.

A penumbral eclipse is not as spectacular and dramatic as the partial eclipse and sometimes does not even get noticed, he said.

The last lunar eclipse was July 27, 2018. The next lunar eclipse will be May 16, 2022, but it will not be visible from India, Duari said. Thenext lunar eclipse to be visible from India will be November 8, 2022.







downtown

W&CD department gets SKOCH Award **Vegetable prices surge due to unseasonal rains**

Traders and vendors attribute the spike to high demand and low supply due to damage of crops, and delay in transportation

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar; Nov 13: The Women and Child Development Department, Government of Odisha received the prestigious SKOCH Award, the highest independent honour in two categories-'Ghare Ghare Arunima Integrated Child Development Services' (in SKOCH PLATINUM) and 'Child Marriage-Free Village Initiative' through Nirvaya Kadhi (in SKOCH GOLD).

SKOCH Award remains the most credible independently instituted award in the country for the last 25-years. Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award salutes people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation. This is India's highest independent civilian honour.

The announcement of Skoch Order of Merit semi final investiture and Skoch Award was organised Saturday during the 75th Skoch Summit, which was organised virtually with the underlying theme of 'State of Governance'.

The award was received virtually by Aravinda Agrawal, Director, ICDS & Social Welfare, WCD department, Government of Odisha

Nigerian gang involved in OCAC CEO's mobile hacking

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: The state Crime Branch suspects the involvement of Nigerian cyber fraudster gang in the hacking of Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) CEO Manoj Kumar Pattnaik's phone number and subsequent cyber fraud of ₹7 lakh through fake distress messages recently.

The sleuths, during a telephonic conversation with the accused cyber criminals, found their accent was not Indian. They suspect that their accent was of people from African nations.

The Crime Branch sleuths claimed that some Nigerian nationals living in Bangalore were behind the cyber fraud. Police also froze several bank accounts where the ill-begotten amount had been transferred during the last few days.

A team of the Crime Branch will soon go to Bangalore for further probe into the matter.

Cops foil suicide bid of 'Chhabi Rani' dir

Bhubaneswar: The security personnel deployed at the residence of CM Naveen Patnaik here thwarted a suicide bid Saturday by the director of 'Chhabi Rani' movie Bobby Islam over alleged negligence by the jury the 31st Odisha State Film Award.

For instance tomatoes are sold Jharkhand and even Andhra in the retail market for ₹80/kg Pradesh

Saturday, up from ₹60/kg a week ear-Since it is raining in all these areas for the past few days, the lier. At the Kochlei haat, 50 per supply is low, Susmit Behera, a cent of vegetables come from Cuttack, while the remaining are young vendor at the market, said. procured from far off places like He also said that there was a fall in

supply due to damage caused to crops in many places of the state

due to the unseasonal rains. Samir Patnaik, a wholesale trader at Unit 1 market, said that close to 400-450 trucks arrive at Unit 1 market every day with produce. However, due to the inclement weather, only 300 trucks are currently reaching the market.

Tomatoes, brinjal and drumsticks are some of the higher priced vegetables today, selling for anything between ₹70 and ₹80 in parts of City. Lady's finger is at ₹80/kg, while carrots and beans are around ₹120/kg.

Kumar, a vegetable vendor in Palasuni area, said he is making a loss due to the hike in vegetable prices. "It is not that we hike the prices ourselves. Due to the price hike at the wholesale market, we also run at a loss or make a profit of only ₹10 now."

Since the crops are damaged and supply is less, most vegetables are either spoilt or rotten. The produce is not of the same quality we used to get. So, we try to make busi-

SEEKING ATTENTION

ness with the ones we have and we

barely make any profit," he added. Janaki Swain, a vegetable vendor in Saheed Nagar, said, "Every year, vegetables from Ranchi arrive during this time of the year. But the supplies are less this year owing to fuel price hike. As a result, we are vet to get fresh cauliflowers, cabbages and carrots. Most of the vegetables are from the cold storages. Sumitra, a resident of Satya Nagar, said, "The prices of vegetables are too high, especially essentials like tomatoes and onions. First, the price increased, and so

did the price of petrol. Now, it has increased more because of the rain. I had to think twice before purchasing the quantity that I required due to the price hike. If the price goes on increasing, it will become hard to manage.'

on 2-day remand POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: The Commissionerate Police Saturday took five members of the KBN gang on two-day remand for further probe into the gang's activities.

CP takes 5 KBN CP takes 5 KBN gang members

The SDJM court had earlier allowed City police to take Suman Kumar Parida, Rajesh Kumar Behera alias Chenga, Sanatana Behera alias Sania and Rahul Jena, on two-day remand. Meanwhile, police got the court's permission to take another member Narendra Sahu on twoday remand Friday. The mastermind Bubu Jena is still at large.

The cops will interrogate the accused to elicit the modus operandi of the gang and from where they procured the weapons and the firearms shown in the video that scared the denizens of Capital city.

Maharashtra takes crown at National Yogasana Championship

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Prices of

vegetables in various markets

across the Capital city have sky-

rocketed following the unseasonal

According to traders and vendors.

the price rise of vegetables is due

to high demand and low supply as

crops have been damaged in many

areas of the state. Add to this the

delay in transportation of vegeta-

bles from neighbouring states, es-

pecially Jharkhand, due to fuel

price hike.

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Maharashtra was crowned the overall champion at the National Yogasana Championship 2021-22 that concluded here Saturday. Tamil Nadu bagged the second

position while West Bengal and Goa jointly remained at third position at India's first ever National Yogasana Championship hosted by Odisha. The event commenced November 11 and concluded Saturday.

As many as 50 medals were awarded to young athletes who showcased their Yogasana skills in various competitive events. Trophies were awarded to winners of sub-junior and junior team championships.

Trupti Dongrae of Maharashtra finished first in sub-junior girls and Nibodh Patil finished first in sub-junior boys category. Swara Gujar from Maharashtra won the title in junior girls and Jai Kalekar from Maharashtra won the title in junior boys category.

Addressing the gathering, Odisha Hockey Promotion Council Chairman Dilip Tirkey said, 'Yogasana Sports have the potential to become a landmark sport in the world and gain popularity by bringing global recognition for

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DILIP TIRKEY ODISHA HOCKEY PROMOTION

India, like Hockey. After setting

Over 560 young athletes from 30 states took part in the competition organised by the National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF) in association with the Odisha government.

"The NYSF will continue to work dedicatedly to promote Yogasana Sports throughout the country and advocate it on the international platforms as well," said NYSF President Udit Sheth.



COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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Sambalpur, had married Krishna Kumar Patnaik, a well-to-do person in Cuttack city. She was living happily with her husband and daughter Komal. "My husband passed away in 2020 while my daughter died in 2021. After that, all these properties

daughter were alive, the rickshaw puller used to serve them too. After their death, Budha and his family devoted themselves to serving her.

After seeing the dedication, selfless service, and commitment of Samal, the old woman said she has taken the decision. "Now, no one will harass Budha and his family after_ my death," she further said.

The rickshaw puller said he has been serving this family for the past 25 years and had never dreamt of the property. He never carries any other passenger in his rickshaw. "I always made it a point to ensure that my family always looked after Minati after her husband died. We would continue to look after her," Budha said.



Contractual supervisors of ICDS during a demonstration at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, Saturday, to press for job regularisation among other demands OP PHOTO

on the true story of horrific gang rape and murder of the woman journalist Chhabi Rani Mohapatra on the riverbed of Biluakhai in October, 1980. The security personnel noticed Bobby and actor Mitu Mithun holding a polythene bag containing a kerosene bottle and going towards Naveen Niwas Saturday afternoon. They quickly intercepted the duo and took them to the police station. Mithun said Bobby accused the jury of selecting copies of foreign flicks and not finding his movie eligible for any award under all the 27 categories.

WASSUP TODAY

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- Kalamanima Samman Samaroh, Radhaballav Mutt, Ravi Talkies Square, 10.30 am
- Presser by Odisha Drivers' Association, Jajati Hotel, Unit-3, 10.30 am
- Demo by All Odisha Aided College Teachers' Association, Lower PMG, 11 am
- Balsahitya Puraskara Samaroh by Sahitya Akademi, Soochana Bhawan, 5.30 pm

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puller.

vives with his wife and two sons, has been serving Minati and her family members (who have passed away) for the past 25 years. Minati, who hailed from

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Setting

an example for the society, a

63-year-old woman in Cuttack city

has donated her entire property

worth around ₹1 crore to a rickshaw

Minati Patnaik has donated her

three-storied house at Sutahat area

of the city, gold ornaments and all

other assets to rickshaw puller

Budha Samal. She executed a Will

in favour of Budha.

The rickshaw puller.

ing in grief, none of my relatives stood by me. I was all alone. But, this rickshaw puller and his family were taking care of my health without any expectation," she said. When Minati's husband and

have no value for me," Minati said.

"When I was shattered and liv-

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Sugar-coated fangs digging deeper everyday: Survey

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), the apex trade association of the country, unveiled a report Saturday on the findings of a National Level Survey conducted on the state of diabetes in India as part of its 'Illness to Wellness' campaign and in the light of the forthcoming 'World Diabetes Day' to be observed November 14. The release was followed by a we-

binar on "Diabetes Free India" organised with the objective of cascading awareness and disseminating wisdom on diabetes prevention and its management, which was attended by a panel of eminent experts and

doctors from across the country. The survey report entitled "Diabetes in India" was produced by ASSOCHAM and the Delhi-based think tank Thought Arbitrage Research Institute (TARI). The survey was designed and conducted by IMRB-Kantar and covered 2,33,672

people and 673 public health offices in 21 state clusters covering appropriate regions and age segments.

The prevalence of diabetes around the globe increased from 273.4 million cases in 2005 to 460 million cases in 2019. India has the dubious distinction of becoming the global hub for diabetes cases with prevalence of cases increasing from 15.6 per cent to 18.6 per cent cases in the same interval. According to the report, the prevalence of diabetes cases in India almost doubled from 42.6 million cases in 2005 to 85.4 million cases in 2019.

Globally, diabetes accounts for 70.9 million DALYs (Disability-Adjusted Life Years) and 36.7 YLDs (Years Lived with Disability) in 2019. In India, diabetes accounts for 12.8 million DALYs, 6.7 million YLDs and 0.3 million deaths during the same time-period.

In terms of risk factors for diabetes, dietary habits related to high intake of junk/fried foods, most



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common in younger people today, has highest relative risk of 47 per cent. The next highest risk factors, as elicited by the survey report, relate to low physical activity (38 per cent), low intake of fruits and vegetables (28 per cent), and other causes such as stress, pollution, and high consumption of alcohol and carbonated/sugary drinks.

IN A NUTSHELL

Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces

here are ample studies conducted by Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) which highlight that diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke, and lower limb amputation

he prevalence of diabetes around the globe increased from 273.4 million cases in 2005 to 460 million cases in 2019

The disease incidence increases significantly in individuals above 35 years of age and affects men more than women. The report also found that about 16.8 per cent of the

male adult population and 14.6 per cent of the female adult population on average are estimated to be diabetic. As per the survey, about 7 per cent of the respondents who were suffering from diabetes stated that they were not seeking any treatment at all. However, more than 56 per cent of the respondents stated otherwise, testifying to the indisputable and inevitable morbidity of this disease.

Setting the tone for the panel discussion, Chairperson of AS-SOCHAM CSR Council Anil Rajput said, "This year marks the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin. It is, however, unfortunate that diabetes has been underrated as a global public health issue. This needs to be addressed on priority and we as a nation need to take urgent important steps to address this challenge. It is a fact that diabetes is one of the top three NCDs in India and with each year the burden is rising.' IANS

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Efforts on to ensure Bondas get forest rights Criminal shot at in police encounter

BONDA GHATI IN MALKANGIRI. THE HABITATION OF PRIMITIVE BONDA TRIBALS, HAS BEEN IN THE FOCUS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Nov 13: As the state government is focused on development of Malkangiri district, the district administration has intensified its efforts to push rapid development in 30 villages located in Bonda Ghati

Bonda Ghati, the habitation of primitive Bonda tribals, has often been in the news for their sufferings and miserable condition.

Taking note of the reports, the administration has given serious thoughts for the development of the Bonda Ghati. The administration is active in resolving the problems of the tribals. Officials have been making frequent visits to the Bonda Ghati these days to take stock of the problems faced by these tribals. The rights of Bonda

tribals on the forest land have been a major issue. The administration is now working to approve rights of the Bonda tribals on their dwelling places in forested areas under Forest Rights Act-2006.

As of now the Bonda tribals are

deprived of their forest rights

under the Act. Over the decades, the

members of the tribe have been

leading a miserable life under-

been living.

Sahu presided over the meeting. Trainer of SC/ST Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, Pabitra Mohan Das, assistant researcher Ajay Muduli and social awareness officer of BDA Santosh Kumar Rout took part in the workshop. Representatives of Bonda tribals from 30 villages were present in the workshop.

At the workshop, trainers imparted knowledge to Bonda leaders about how they could claim their rights on the forest land they have been living on or doing cultivation prior to 2006.

taking shifting cultivation for a They were told about formation of village committees with posts of livelihood. They have no right on the forest land where they have president, secretary and members (male and female). Thereafter, a Recently, the district adminislist of tribal dwellers will be pretration organised a workshop for pared with documentation of detailed data about their location, Bonda tribals at Khairput block names of forests where they are office to create awareness on how they will be given rights on their doing cultivation, the period for forest land. Officer in-charge of which they have been cultivating Bonda Development Agency(BDA) the land, land holdings and caste and Khairput BDO Hrudananda certificates.



collector.

Minutes of the meetings of the village committees will be prepared with all details of the tribals. The village committees will submit the related details to Forest and Revenue officials in their respective areas.

The officials of both the departments will make field visits to the villages to verify claims recentres and health centres.

People of other Scheduled Tribes will have to show proof about their dwelling for 75 years. The claims will be investigated and their rights on forest land will be granted thereafter, it was stated.

A couple of days ago, Collector Vishal Singh made a surprise visit to Bonda Ghati and reviewed the progress of various developmental works.

Singh inspected a high school for Scheduled Tribes at Mudulipada panchayat. He also took stock of the staff strength, existing infrastructure and functioning of the office of the Bonda Development Agency. He also reviewed utilisation of funds by the BDA Singh interacted with local res-

idents to understand their problems. He directed the officials of various departments to ensure that Bonda tribals do not face problems in any sector – education, road connectivity, livelihood creation, drinking water and electricity.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak, Nov 13: A criminal, identified as Bapi Pani, was critically injured in a police encounter in Basudevpur area of Bhadrak district Saturday. The accused was admitted to the orthopedic ward of the district headquarters hospital



His treatment is going on amid tight security. Police said that over 20 criminal cases are pending against Bapi at three police stations in the district.

A few days ago, Bapi had looted ₹20,000 cash and three cell phones from the owner of a medicine store at gunpoint at Aradi Chhak.

Police managed to arrest Bapi by tracking three phones that he had looted from the medicine store.

17 labourers hurt as tractor overturns

POST NEWS NETWORK

Ravagada.Nov 13: Seventeen labourers were injured, some of them critically, after the tractor in which they were travelling overturned at Talana Ghat under Gunupur block in Rayagada district Saturday. The driver of the vehicle also sustained injuries in the mishap.

While the identities of the injured labourers are yet to be ascertained, it is learnt that they all belong to Lumuda Singh village under Kainpur panchayat of Rayagada block.

According to reports, the labourers had gone to work in a nearby village. After their work, they were travelling to Gunupur. While crossing Talana Ghat, the driver lost his balance on the tractor, leading

On being informed, Fire Services personnel reached the spot, rescued the labourers and sent them to the Gunupur sub-divisional hospital in an ambulance.

SHORT TAKES

Boy dies as jumbo demolishes wall

Keonihar: A six-year-old boy was killed in wall collapse after an elephant demolished a portion of the wall at Ranibeda village under Raisuan panchavat in Keonihar district late Friday night. The deceased has been identified as Naravan, son of Binod Mahanta of Ranibeda village. According to sources. like any other day, Binod, a daily labourer. his wife Rita son Narayan and daughter Smrutirekha went to sleep after dinner. While they were asleep an elephant pulled down a portion of a wall of their house, searching for food. As the wall collapsed Narayan was trapped under it. The elephant also tried to reach out to Smrutirekha but her mother's presence of mind saved her. Naravan was rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctor declared him 'brought dead'.

Woman jumps in front of train. dies

Sambalpur: A young woman committed suicide by jumping in front of a goods train near Rairakhole station in Sambalpur district Saturday morning. The deceased is yet to be identified. Reports said, the woman, aged around 25 years, was seen talking to someone on her mobile phone near the railway

SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION

As School Transformation programme under 5T is in full swing in Keonjhar, girl students are seen shifting desks to new classrooms at Government Girls' High School, Saturday

Girls' forum to prevent child marriage in Ganjam

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Nov 13: The Ganjam district administration has formed a forum of adolescent girls, who have stopped their marriages before 18 years of age, to create awareness against the social evil, an official said Saturday.

lated to the homeland and farmland.

They will submit report to the sub-

Thereafter, they can individu-

ally apply for rights on their

dwelling places and farmlands.

while the community as a whole will

apply for rights on land for com-

munity use such as schools, play-

grounds, pastureland, Anganwadi

The administration has recently felicitated 30 girls who had stopped child marriages at a meeting held at Chhatrapur, he said.

Members of the Balya Bibaha Pratiriadh Manch (Child Marriage Prevention Forum) will be engaged to make people aware of how they stopped their illegal marriages before 18 years of age, District Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange said.

earlier launched 'Nirbhaya Kadhi, an innovative programme, to prevent child marriage.

Under the initiative, awareness programmes are held in villages, where Anganwadi workers and accredited social health activists (ASHAs) educate adolescent girls

BJP leader alleges police 'weakened' case

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar; Nov 13: Bijoy Mohapatra, senior BJP leader, Saturday targeted the Naveen Patnaik government and police alleging the tardy pace of investigation in the Mamita Meher murder case. "Although the FIR in connection with Mamita's murder was registered October 13, police took three days to file a case diary in Bangomunda SDJM Court and it was filed October 16," Mohapatra alleged. "The police team probing the case has been trying to weaken the case against the prime accused Gobinda



The case diary clearly mentions about a sex racket being run at the college hostel, but Gobinda's name was conveniently omitted from the case diary, Bijoy observed

decided to hike cash reward from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 for informers who provide information about child The district administration had marriages to the administration. "We will take action against priests found to have solemnised child marriages," the Collector to the mishap. said.

In the first 10 months of this year, the district administration has successfully prevented 183 child marriages as against 228 in 2020.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CUTTACK N.H. DIVISION, CUTTACK Ph. No. 0671-22304101, E-mail ID: nhcuttack@gmail.com INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) Dtd.11.11.2021 Letter No. 2033 Bid Identification No. 02 EE NH Cuttack of 2021-22

The Executive Engineer, Cuttack N.H. Division, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bid in Single Cover System in ONLINE MODE for the construction of works as detaile in the table, from the class of eligible contractors as mentioned in coloumn-4 (Four) registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade/Class registered with Central Government/MES/ Railways/CPWD for execution of civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority sha



against child marriage on the third

Saturday of every month. Meanwhile, the authorities have

tracks. As she was talking she was also sobbing and seemed to be very upset. Just then a goods train was coming on the tracks. Before anyone could figure out what the girl was going to do in the next moment, she jumped in front of the train and ended her life. The loco pilot pulled up the train and informed the GRP. A team of

GRP reached the spot and recovered the body.

Sahu," Mohapatra alleged, suspecting foul play during those three days.

Mohapatra also suspected that a sex racket was operating at the Mahaling College hostel. "The case diary clearly mentions that a sex racket was in operation at the

college hostel, but Gobinda Sahu's name was very conveniently omitted from the case diary," the BJP leader alleged.

Worth mentioning here that Mohapatra had earlier alleged that Minister of State for Home Dibya Shankar

Mishra was with the key accused Gobinda and the victim Mamita in Raipur days before the school teacher was brutally murdered.

Meetings between Mishra, the accused and the deceased was held thrice in the city, Mohapatra had claimed.

be enclosed along with the Bid. If successful, the bidder who has not registered under State Governmen has to register under the appropriate registering authority of the State Government of Odisha in appropriate class of eligibility before award of the work.

The bidders may submit bid for the following work

SI. No.	Name of work	Value of work put to tender (Rs.)	Class of Bidder	Concerned Tender Inviting Authority (TIA)	Security Amount (Rs.)* Online	Cost of Bid document (Non- refundable) (Rs.) Online	Period of Completion in Calendar Months
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
01	CDR to NH. 55 such as Providing BM and SDBC from Km 286/725 to 287/137 Km and Extension of HPC at Km 337/560 and 338/750 Km and repair to Slab Culvert at 339/679 Km for the year 2021-22		"D" & "C"	Executive Engineer, N.H. Division, Cuttack	Exempted against declaration	Rs.6,000/-	2 (Two) Months
3.	The detailed Bid document will be availa 24.11.2021 for online bidding.						11.2021

The authority reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason OIPR-34047/11/0002/2122 Sd./- Executive Engineer, N.H. Division, Cuttack

Plan effected to end absenteeism in schools

SCHOOL MONITORING APP LAUNCHED, OFFICIALS RECEIVE TABLETS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Chhatrapur, Nov 13: Absenteeism of teachers in schools has been always one of problems plaguing schools in the state. Now, the Ganjam district administration and the Education department have toughened their stand to end absenteeism in educational institutions. A close watch will be maintained on teachers and others who have been playing truant through monitoring application called E-Upastapana app. The new monitoring system will be effective from November 16 across the district.

According to reports, the new application will let the authorities know if any teacher or Cluster Resources Centre Coordinator(CRCC) has attended their respective schools or not.

Collector Vijay Amruta Kulanga has launched this application Friday. Block education officers (BEO), additional block education officers (ABEO) and CRCCs in all the blocks will be provided with 355 tablets so that they are able to detect truant teachers in schools with E-Upastapana app.

The BEOs, ABEOs and CRCCs of Chhatrapur, Ganjam and Rangeilunda



blocks have received the tablets.

E-Upastapana app has been put in places in all schools of the state to monitor the routine presence of teachers and students

Earlier, the BEOs, ABEOs and CRCCs were using their smartphones to take stock of school infrastructure and teaching system in schools with Odisha School Minitoring Application.

Now, tablets will be used in the place of personal smartphones. The officials will also receive complaints and opinions about teaching and learning of children from the guardians. All such data will be uploaded through the tablets. The app assumes importance as schools

are being transformed under 5T Initiative with modern facilities to ensure a conducive educational environment for students in rural areas. The officials of the administration and the department by using school monitoring application will keep track of the attendance of teachers, students, functioning of the mid-meal scheme, school manage ment, school environment and activities of CRCCs. The Collector said, "We have to work hard to ensure quality education to students in the district. The role of CRCCs assumes much importance in this regard. Stern actions will be taken against the teachers and CRCCs neglecting their duties.'

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Extract Of Financial Results For The Quarter Ended On Sep. 30, 2021 Key numbers of Financial Results (Rs. in Thousands)

SI. No.	Destinutes	1	Quarter Endeo	d	Half year Ended		Year Ended	
	Particulars	30.09.2021 (Un-Audited)	30.06.2021 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2020 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2021 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2020 (Un-Audited)	31.03.2021 Audited	
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	Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	N	(1,024)	(1,161)	(1,799)	(2,461)	(7,250)	
	Net Profit / (Loss) before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)		(1,024)	(1,161)	(1,799)	(2,461)	(7,250)	
	Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)		(1,024)	(1,161)	(1,799)	(2,461)	(7,030)	
5	Total Comprehensive Income [Comprising Profit / (Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax]	(775)	(1,024)	(1,161)	(1,799)	(2,461)	(7,030)	
	Equity Share Capital	39,600	39,600	39,600	39,600	39,600	39,600	
	Earnings per share (of Rs 10/- each) Basic & Diluted (Rs.)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.45)	(0.62)	(1.78)	

Notes :

a) The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended Sep 30, 2021 have been audited and recommended by the audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in their respective meetings held on 13th November, 2021. These results are being published in accordance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and half vear ended on Sep 30, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obilgation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on 30th Sept, 2021, are available on the website of the Stock Exchanges - www.bseindia.com as well as on the website of the Company - www.suryofoods.com.

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Date : 13th November, 2021 Place: Bhubaneswar

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FOCUS AFGHANISTAN

There is no better way to become friends than to laugh together. THE MOTHER



Who's Next?

The big story this week is about what an actress said about the Independence movement. She felt something like India's struggle for freedom being akin to begging and that real freedom had come only after 2014. For four days, this was the subject dominating social media and other media. Earlier in the month, the primary news story here was about a film star's son being jailed by the Union government's narcotics agency though he had no drugs on his person. This story was the dominant one for over three weeks. Meaning that it was the lead story in the TV debates for that entire period

For my new book I did some research on the patterns of news coverage of the two biggest English news networks. In the month of August 2020, Republic TV out of its 45 debates and specials ran 38 on Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide. Times Now ran 35 on the actor and his girlfriend. A similar study by Vihang Jumle and Christophe Jaffrelot analysed Republic TV's content from May 2017 to April 2020. Of the 1779 debates in all, half were critical of the Opposition and not one was critical of the government. The point I am trying to make here is not about the political skew but about the nature of the content of our largest media organs.

The content is fluff, meaning trivial and superficial. This is obvious even to the media houses, which move on from one story to the next and do not go back to the previous ones they were so passionate about only a while ago. How many stories have we seen recently about

Sushant Singh Rajput's 'murder' or the 'murder' of Shashi Tharoor's wife? None. The media has moved on to Arvan Khan and then Kangana Ranaut and tomorrow it will be someone else. They are doing this strategically and deliberately, it is their audience (meaning us) whose interests they are responding to.

In nations where the fundamentals are sorted this is not a problem and we can laugh at the absurd media content. In countries with high life expectancy, low infant mortality, high employment, high wages, high levels of education, low crime, high gender equality, strong individual freedoms and a functioning justice system, it is fine for the media to run nonsense. The lives of people, and especially those of the poor and the weak, are not affected by what the news media chooses to show.

India stands 136th in the world on life expectancy (behind Irag and Nepal), our infant mortality rate in states like Madhva Pradesh is worse than Yemen and Sudan, unemployment has been at a post-Independence record high since 2018. Five crore fewer Indians are working today at the end of 2021 than had jobs in 2013 Our workforce has shrunk though an additional 13 crore people have come of working age in this period. On every meaningful measure, life for Indians compares poorly with those in other democracies. But this is not reflected in our media. This is not the subject that interests us. The question to examine here is why. In my opinion we cannot blame the media for this. There is no point in going into their motives because that is irrelevant. They have the freedom to decide what they think is newsworthy. We have the freedom to determine what news we want them to show. If most of us felt that what they showed was nonsense that was not worth our time, we would not watch it.

But that is not what is happening in India. It is the trivial and the unimportant and even the ridiculous (as is this week's story about an actress' views on the freedom struggle) that is important. And the trivial and meaningless and ridiculous is important not because there is a shortage of other news. Ministers have said that the six kilos of free grain and dal that was being given to 60 per cent of the population (80 crore people in all) since last year will be discontinued at the end of November. The government's survey shows that malnutrition and stunting and wasting in children have increased in many states, with some states regressing 15 years. However, this is not of as much concern to us and as important as the things that were shown on TV yesterday and will be shown today. It is surprising to me that though we are told we are going through a phase of nationalism, there was not much anger about the fact that our per capita GDP had fallen behind that of Bangladesh. Equally surprising was that the news that China was building and populating villages in what we call Arunachal Pradesh and they call South Tibet got less coverage than a 30 second clip of Kangana Ranaut.

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NARCO-TERROR HAVEN

The strategic folly of US President Joe Biden's Afghan policy has been laid bare in recent weeks. First, the country came back under the control of the Pakistan-reared Taliban. The announcement of the interim government's composition then dashed any remaining (naive) hope that this Taliban regime would be different from the one the US and its allies ousted in 2001. Beyond the cabinet including a who's who of international terrorism, narcotics kingpins occupy senior positions.

Afghanistan accounts for 85% of the global acreage under opium cultivation, making the Taliban the world's largest drug cartel. It controls and taxes opioid production, oversees exports, and shields smuggling networks. This is essential to its survival. According to a recent report by the United Nations Security Council monitoring team, the production and trafficking of poppy-based and synthetic drugs remain "the Taliban's largest single source of income." So reliant is the Taliban on narcotics trafficking that its leaders have at times fought among themselves over revenue-sharing.

The Taliban is hoping to expand its drug income as much as possible. Since its takeover, prices of opium in Afghanistan have more than tripled. In India - which is situated between the world's two main opium-producing centers, the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran "Golden Crescent" and the Myanmar-Thailand-Laos "Golden Triangle" - seizures of Afghanorigin heroin have increased. As the UN Office on Drugs and Crime warns, the economic crisis Afghanistan currently faces will only increase the appeal of illicit crop cultivation for local farmers.

The problem extends beyond opioids. In recent years, Afghanistan has drastically expanded its production of methamphetamine. The appeal lies in the fact that meth offers producers a higher profit margin than heroin, owing to lower overhead costs and inexpensive ingredients, especially now that its chemical precursor, pseudoephedrine - a com-



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mon ingredient in cold medications – is being produced locally.

Last year, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction warned that Afghanistan's meth industry could soon be as large as its heroin industry. While the Taliban was not yet in control of Kabul at the time, it controlled the majority of Afghanistan's small, clandestine meth labs. The Taliban uses several smuggling routes to move opiates. It moves output to Western Europe via the Caucasus and the Balkans. and from there all the way to North America. With the help of the Tajikistan-based terrorist group Jamaat Ansarullah, it also uses a northern route to Russia. The southeastern route, which snakes through Pakistan, is enabled by Pakistani security officials, who cooperate with the Taliban and smuggling syndicates, known locally as 'tanzeems," in exchange for bribes.

In 2008, a Taliban drug trafficker was recorded boasting that most of his product ended up abroad. "Good," he gloated. "May God turn all the infidels into dead corpses. Whether it is by opium or by shooting, this is our common goal. With the Taliban channeling profits from drug sales directly into its terror machine, the connection between Islamist violence and drug trafficking could not be starker.

This is not exclusive to the Taliban; Islamist groups like Boko Haram, al-Shabaab, and al-Qaeda are also linked to drug trafficking. But not all terrorist groups are on board with this approach. As a 2020 UN Security Council report points out, the Islamic State-Khorasan – ISIS' Afghan arm – opposes the drug trade. This is one reason why the outfit is an enemy of the Taliban, despite the two groups' longstanding personal relationships, common history of struggle, and shared belief in violent Islamism. In fact, when ISIS-K had control of the Afghan border province of Nangarhar, it blocked the Taliban's trafficking routes into Pakistan. The link was restored only when the US and Afghan government forces smashed the ISIS-K stronghold there. This highlights the failure of

the US-and the West more broadly to recognise the complex but clear links between drug trafficking and Islamist terrorism. Had the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan been followed by a US campaign to arrest and prosecute Taliban leaders for their narcotics-trafficking activities in American courts, the group's appeal among fundamentalist Muslims might have been severely diminished.

Such a plan was proposed in 2012. In a 240-page memo, the US Drug Enforcement Administration and several Justice Department officials recommended prosecuting 26 senior Taliban leaders and allied drug lords for criminal conspiracy. A similar approach worked in Colombia, and helped to force the narcotics-funded Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia to make peace with the government in 2016, after 52 years of guerrilla war.

But successive US presidents refused to use this strategy against the Taliban, which was a strategic mistake with costs that are only beginning to be revealed. By allowing the Taliban to enrich and sustain itself with drug profits during the 20-year war in Afghanistan, the US contributed to its own humiliating defeat at the hands of a narco-terrorist organisation.

It is not too late for the US to start targeting the Taliban as a drug cartel through its federal courts. After all, Afghan-origin opioids have resulted in high rates of drug addiction and deaths around the world, from the US and Europe to Africa and Asia. And, given Afghanistan's economic woes, the Taliban has a strong incentive to ramp up production and trafficking. By highlighting the nexus be-

tween Islamist terrorism and the global narcotics trade, US indict ments of the Taliban's drug kingpins would help to build multilateral cooperation to crush the group's primary source of income, such as by blocking shipments and seizing illicit profits, often parked in banks and real-estate investments abroad. If the US does not lead an in-

ternational effort to tackle Afghanistan's opioid and meth production, the Taliban's powerand ability to commit atrocities will only grow, and its narco-state will serve as a haven for al-Qaeda and other violent jihadist groups. As matters stand, the world can expect a major surge in international terrorism and drug overdoses in the months and years ahead.

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Planning the route to net zero

company CEOs, and investors who made their way to Glasgow for the latest United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) may seem trivial. The carbon footprint of their transport of choice-plane, car, or train-or the size of their entourage pales in importance when compared to that of the agreements they hope to achieve. But the reality is that without careful planning of the journey, it would have been impossible to bring these people to-

number of world leaders. tails about its 2025 revenue pro-

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What is the destiny of such a nation? It is hard to be optimistic about such a place. And the events of the last few years show that pessimism about where we have arrived and where we are headed is justified.

WISDOM CORNER

- Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. LAO TZU
- An arrogant person considers himself perfect. This is the chief harm of arrogance. It interferes with a person's main task in life becoming a better person. LEO TOLSTOY
- Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility. SIGMUND FREUD

WORDS**WORTH**

Pony up

his is a classic American expression, but one now widely known in other parts of the English-speaking world. To pony up means to pay what you owe or settle your debt. It usually refers to a smallish sum of money: The promotion offers Virginians 16 and older the chance to fish without a license for three days in the hopes some of those folks will have so much fun they'll decide to pony up a few bucks for the privilege of fishing for the next 12 months (The Roanoke Times (Roanoke, Virginia), 2 Jun. 2013). It dates from the early nineteenth century. This is the earliest example so far known: The afternoon, before the evening, the favoured gentlemen are walking rapidly into the merchant-tailors shops, and very slowly out, unless they ponied up the Spanish (The Rural Magazine and Farmer's Monthly Museum, May 1819). Spanish here is slang for money, a term known a little earlier in Britain - Francis Grose recorded it in the 1788 edition of his Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue. It's short for Spanish money, from Spanish dollars, pieces of eight, which were widely used as currency in the New World and elsewhere. It seems very likely that pony similarly derives from English slang. It appears in several works at about the same time, including the 1796 edition of Grose's book. It also turns up in another famous work, which will expand even further your knowledge of longobsolete slang terms for money: It's everything now o'days to be able to flash the screens - sport the rhino - show the needful - post the pony nap the rent - stump the pewter (Tom and Jerry, by W T Moncrieff, 1821). It is often assumed that it comes from the equine pony because it was a small horse, as relatively small as the sums of money which users were concerned with.



Richard Mattison

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ABOUT **COMPANIES'** LONG-TERM **CLIMATE GOALS. BUT VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE NEAR-TERM STEPS** THEY WILL TAKE **TO ACHIEVE THEM**

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gether for this essential event. The same can be said of the explosion of interest by investors and companies in committing to reach net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero initiative, launched in April, now represents over 450 financial firms responsible for assets of roughly \$130 trillion that are committed to achieving net zero by 2050 or sooner.

These promises are significant, but they leave financial markets in an interesting position. There is considerable information about companies' long-term climate goals, but very little about the near-term steps they will take to achieve them. To put this in context, imagine that a company publishes a 2050 rev-

jections, how the business will scale over time, or its short-term strategy. In order to appraise the credibility of companies' pledges, investors need more details on near-term planning up to 2025 and how these actions will advance the 2050 net-zero goal.

The emphasis on 2025 reflects that year's potential to mark a tipping point for the net-zero transition. S&P Global's Platts Future Energy Outlooks indicates that the world must move faster to curb emissions and show concrete progress by that year or risk overshooting a 2° Celsius rise in average global temperatures, relative to preindustrial levels. To avoid this outcome, almost all economic sectors - from heavy industry to transport – would need to reduce total annual emissions to below 2019 levels by 2025, and supplies from wind and solar would need to increase 133% and 98%, respectively, from 2019 levels.

As with any significant transition, a balance of risk and opportunity is at play in the green economic transition, and demand for comparable and consistent scenario analysis continues to rise as companies seek to unlock capital and investors seek to align their

ment. With the world's assets under management increasingly committed to the net-zero goal, and active engagement by investors supplanting passive stewardship, successful companies will be those that share detailed plans for this transition. This represents a real opportunity for progressive companies to access capital directly from institutional investors and through increasingly popular environmental, social, and governance (ESG) or sustainability-fo-

cused indices.

The opportunities for investors in companies engaged in the green transition are clear. What about the risks? ESG factors can and do influence credit quality, specifically the ability and willingness of borrowers to meet financial commitments. These criteria played a prominent role in creditworthiness-and therefore in S&P Global credit ratings – well before they were grouped together and became a composite indicator more than a decade ago. At times, ESG considerations will affect an entire industry's prospects. This year, S&P Global Ratings updated its risk assessment for the oil and gas industry to incorporate several in-

According to data from S&P Global Trucost, physical assets owned by the utilities, materials, energy, consumer staples, and healthcare sectors will face the greatest climate-related risks in 2050, with 66% of the market cap of the S&P 1200 holding assets at high risk. Water stress will be the biggest climate-related hazard to assets by 2050, especially for the utilities and materials sectors. And corporate infrastructure in Asia. East Asia. the Middle East, and North America is most exposed to severe weather events and other adverse effects of climate change.

Significant progress has been made in the last 12 months, but to achieve net zero by 2050, a clearer focus on near-term planning and more transparency about strategy is required. For the moment, the destination has been set, but the route to get there is still being defined. Companies should be applauded for setting ambitious climate goals, but, like the leaders planning their journeys to Glasgow, now they must show how they will get there.

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Social evil

Sir, Children's Day is celebrated every year November 14 in India. But now-a-days child labour is rampantly practiced. Child labour is work that harms children or keeps them from attending school. The International Labor Organisation estimates that 215 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 currently work under conditions that are considered illegal, hazardous, or extremely exploitative. Large numbers of children work in commercial agriculture, fishing, manufacturing, mining, and domestic service. Some children get involved in illicit activities like drug trade and prostitution or other traumatic activities such as serving as soldiers. It is time to take action against child traffickers, spread awareness against the social evil and send more children to school. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, NAYAGARH

Neighbourhood matters

Sir, The first meeting between Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart YS Jagan Mohan Reddy could be impactful to people residing in border areas of both states who are caught in a trap between identity and government incentives. The joint statement released by both states promising to act against left-wing extremism and enhancing multilingualism by a high-level committee could act in rapprochement of already tensed relations. Meanwhile, the little mention on the identity of Kotia cluster of villages adds more complexity to the development, which could only be resolved by ensuring a proper voting system and clearing the doubt on which part of the land they want to stay. The conclusive action of the committee must consider the proper review of river barrage constructions by Andhra Pradesh including Polavaram and Jhanjhavati projects as the irrigation facility to Andhra farm lands must not result in flooding the villages of Odisha.

Debadurllav Harichandan, BHUBANESWAR

Women in Army

Sir, The Supreme Court's stern warning of contempt action has paid off with the Army agreeing to grant permanent commission to all eligible women officers. A bench noted the Army may be supreme in its authority, but the constitutional court is equally supreme in its jurisdiction. The court also rejected a controversial Army affidavit insisting that women would not be welcomed as superior officers by men and were unfit to fight. Despite repeated court orders, authorities have been reluctant to pass on the benefit of the ruling to all eligible women officers. The court's move is commendable and must come as a victory for women officers, denied their just due.

NJ Ravi Chander; BANGALORE





India's National **Education Policy addresses** the needs and realities of the fourth industrial revolution as well as the emerging post-pandemic scenarios HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA INDIA'S FOREIGN SECRETARY

NO JAB, NO BUS TRAVEL

Those people who have not received even one shot of anti-COVID 19 vaccines will not be allowed to travel in the buses operated by the Thane Municipal Corporation, city Mayor Naresh Mhaske said Saturday





Mr (Narendra) Modi first said that we must become a cashless economy! Within days he realized it was an absurd goal. He modified the goal to a less-cash economy! At the time of demonetisation, cash in circulation was about 18 lakh crore. Today, it is 28.5 lakh crore!

P CHIDAMBARAM CONGRESS LEADER

Prime Minister Narendra Mod will lead the celebrations to mark 'Janiativa Gauray Divas' on November 15 in Bhopal as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsay ARJUN MUNDA UNION TRIBAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

The government is committed to fulfilling the needs of the defence industry RAJNATH SINGH DEFENCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Naxals kill two villagers

Balaghat (MP): A group of Naxals allegedly shot dead two villagers on suspicion that they were working as police informers in Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district, an official said Saturday. The incident took place at Malikhedi village under Baihar police station in the intervening night of Friday and Saturday, the official said. As per initial information, the Naxals shot dead villagers Santosh (48) and Jagdish Yadav (45), said Aditya Pratap Mishra, Baihar's sub divisional officer of police (SDOP).

UP man gets

death sentence

Lalitpur (UP): A special court

here has sentenced a 35-year-

old man to death for killing his

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Under attack for describing India's Independence as "bheek", a combative Kangana Ranaut Saturday asked which war took place in 1947 and said she would return her Padma Shri and apologise too if anyone could answer her question The actor, known for her provoca-

tive and often inflammatory statements, came under more pressure to withdraw her comments with Maharashtra's ruling Shiv Sena saying she should be stripped of all national awards and the Delhi Mahila Congress writing to the police commissioner to say she should be booked for sedition among other things.

But Ranaut maintained a defiant stance. She posted a series of questions on Instagram, also bringing in partition as well as Mahatma Gandhi and alleging that he let Bhagat Singh die and did not support Subhas Chandra Bose

The actor, whose Twitter account has been suspended, shared a passage from a book quoting freedom fighters, including Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Aurobindo Ghosh and Bipin Chandra Pal, and said she knew about the "collective fight for freedom" of 1857 but nothing

about a war in 1947. historians, academics, fellow ac-"Just to set the records (sic) tors and others, with many savstraight... 1857 first collective fight ing she should return her award. for freedom along with sacrifice of greats like Subhash Chandra cussion. Referring to her 2019 period Bose, Rani Laxmibai and Veer movie "Manikarnika: The Queen Savarkar ji."...1857 I know but which of Jhansi", in which she played the war took place in 1947 I am not role of Rani Lakshmi Bai, the actor aware, if someone can bring to my said she had done extensive reawareness I will give back my search on the 1857 struggle.

Faleiro nominated to RS by TMC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 13: With an eye on the 2022 Goa Assembly polls, the TMC Saturday named Luizinho Faleiro as its candidate for the upcoming bypoll to a Rajya Sabha seat from West Bengal.

Faleiro, the former chief minister of Goa. ended his decades-long association with the Congress and joined the TMC in September. He was appointed as the party's national vice president last month.

"We are extremely pleased to nominate @luizinhofaleiro to the Upper House of the Parliament. We are confident that his efforts towards serving the nation shall be appreciated widely by our people! the TMC said on Twitter.

The November 29 bypoll to the RS seat was necessitated following the resignation of TMC MP Arpita Ghosh from the Upper House. The Trinamool Congress, after a stunning victory in the West Bengal Assembly elections earlier this year, is trying to expand its footprint in BJP-ruled Goa and Tripura.

Apart from Faleiro, the party has also roped in tennis legend Leander Paes and many other dignitaries. Elections to the 40-member Goa Assembly are likely to be held early next year.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had visited Goa last month to strengthen the party's organisation in the coastal state. The party had on October 5 released a 'chargesheet" against the incumbent BJP government in the western state and its predecessors.

The TMC "charge sheet" claimed Goa was the eighth worst among all states in India in terms of unemployment, and its economy was in such a precarious condition that the average citizen can't buy a house in the state.

ROWING TO SAFETY



Nagercoil Municipal Corporation personnel rescue Nagercoil Railway Colony residents after a flood in the area, in Kanvakumari district

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INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 13: State health minister Veena George has called upon the people of Kerala to be on high alert after norovirus was reported in the state.

The rare norovirus was reported among 13 students of a veterinary college in Pookode in Wayanad district of the state two weeks ago. After the health department reported that the virus could be dangerous among children and the elderly, health minister Veena George on Friday had chaired a meeting of doctors and health department officials and called upon the people to be vigilant.

Doctors warned that the elderly and pregnant women should take extra precautions against the disease and wash hands thoroughly before eating. The norovirus which is also known as the 'winter vomiting bug' is highly infectious and spreads easily among people leading to diarrhea, vomiting, and stomach ache.

Health department doctors said that the disease is transmitted by direct contact with an infected person, contaminated food or touching a contaminated surface, and putting unwashed hands in the mouth.

The most common symptoms

HINDUTVA ISSUE HIGH ALERT BJP continues with its attack on Cong



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No Bitcoin scam, says BJP

Padma Shri and apologise also ...

please help me with this (sic)," the

34-year-old actor wrote in a lengthy

post in English in her Instagram

Ranaut had kicked off a major

row with her comments at an event

organised by a news channel on

Wednesday evening, declaring that

India attained "real freedom" in

2014, when the Narendra Modi-led government came to power, and

saving Independence in 1947 was

The controversial statement,

two days after she was presented

the Padma Shri by President Ram

Nath Kovind, led to outrage from

several quarters, including politi-

cians from across the spectrum,

On Saturday, she kept up the dis-

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Stories

Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala alleged in a press conference in Delhi Saturday that the size of the scam could be much bigger because just on two days on

December 1, 2020 and April 14, 2021 illegal transactions worth ₹5,240 crore took place



Saturday said Special Judge Nirbhay Prakash sentenced Chhidami alias Chhiddu to death in connection with the murder of his daughters Anjani (11), Raddo (7) and Putto (4) at their residence in Veer village under Banpur police station limits on the night of November 13, 2018 The court on Friday also imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on Chhidami. Tiwari said on the fateful night, Chhidami returned to his house in an inebriated state and hit his daughters, who were sleeping, with a hammer. Later. he set his house afire using LPG and the girls sustained burn iniuries.

Farmer ends life

Dholpur: A farmer allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his house in a village here, police said Saturday. Rakesh (50), who was allegedly being harassed by moneylenders, was found hanging in his room in Jatauli village that falls under the Sadar police station area on Saturday, they said. In a suicide note recovered from his room, Rakesh accused two persons of capturing his land and getting it transferred in their names fraudulently.

Delhi man held

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly harassing the wife of his cousin on social media over a personal dispute, the Delhi Police said Saturday. The accused has been identified as Hiten, a resident of Jagat Pur Pusta, they said. A complaint was received from a woman alleging that she was being stalked by someone for the last six to eight months through her Instagram account and using her photographs downloaded from social media. a police officer said.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Nov 13: The Bharativa Janata Party Saturday dismissed the Congress party's allegations on the Bitcoin issue cover-up, saying there was no scam.

The Bengaluru police too refuted the charges of foul play in the investigation and cover-up exercises."There has been absolutely no scam of whatsoever nature or dimension it could be. Therefore any question of having any actors in this scam is a perverted imagination. However, new actors have emerged making mountain out of a mole, and making baseless allegations, based on distorted facts of the case," BJP's Karnataka unit spokesperson Ganesh Karnik said

in a statement. He was reacting to Congress allegations that 'influential politicians' are involved in the scam after officials seized Bitcoins worth

₹9 crore from a city based hacker, Srikrishna alias Sriki, who is also accused of hacking into government portals, sourcing drugs through the dark net and paying for it through cryptocurrency. Congress general secretary

Randeep Singh Surjewala alleged in a press conference in Delhi Saturday that the size of the scam could be much bigger because just on two days on December 1, 2020 and April 14, 2021 illegal transactions worth ₹5240 crore took place. He posed a series of questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked what was the role of Karnataka Chief Minister Basaravaj Bommai, who was the state's home minister when the scam took place. Surjewala also demanded to

know why international investigative agencies, including the Interpol, were not informed about the stolen Bitcoins. Apparently referring to the Congress leaders as 'new actors', Karnik said they were

continuously carrying out a slanderous campaign by releasing distorted and partial facts for cheap popularity, "in utter disregard to the fact that the case is subjudice and pending before the Trial Court". He claimed that neither had any Bitcoin been transferred from the account of hacker Srikrishna nor anv Bitcoin been lost

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru police issued a statement to clear the air and said that the investigation was conducted by the Central Crime Branch "in a fair and professional manner.""It is emphatically stated that such misleading versions are being floated based on incomplete/distorted facts. All such versions are vehemently denied," the police said.

Based on the credible information on November 4, 2020 on a drug consignment procured through the darknet, CCB Police secured one accused and seized 500 grams of Hydro Ganja.

of the disease according to doctors are diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain. In certain cases there is fever, headache and body ache. The signs and symptoms are seen 12 to 48 hours after the person is exposed to norovirus and it lasts for three to four days. Fresh fruits consumed without proper washing, green vegetables including lettuce and oysters are common carriers of norovirus.

The state health ministry in its guidelines said that fruits and vegetables must be washed thoroughly before consumption.

Crabs and oysters should be cooked well as they could act as carriers of norovirus. The Kerala health ministry in its guidelines said that those who interact with animals should pay special attention and must use chlorinated water for drinking.

The health department has directed people to stay at home if found infected with norovirus. Doctors said that lots of water should be consumed to prevent dehydration and patients must take rest at home.

that India was partially a "Muslim nation" when it was in power as Sharia provisions were then part of the legal system and measures were taken to give them primacy even over Supreme Court judgment.

New Delhi, Nov 13: Keeping up its

attack on the Congress over the op-

position party's criticism of

Hindutva, the BJP claimed Saturday

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi alleged that the violence in Maharashtra over the "false" news of mosques being targeted in Tripura, disinformation campaign in social media and Congress leaders' comments attacking Hindutva were part of a larger conspiracy against Hinduism.

Attacking Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, he wondered if the opposition leader was training his party workers in Maharashtra in defaming Hindutva and driving an organised campaign to stoke communal discord and violence. It was during his speech via

video conferencing to Congress workers at a training camp in the state that Rahul Gandhi had sought to draw a distinction between Hinduism and Hindutva, and had attacked the latter. The BJP has been on the offensive after Congress leader Salman Khurshid compared Hindutva, a term associated with

and spreads hate against Hinduism and causes riots

the RSS-BJP ideology, with terrorist Islamist organisations.

Trivedi said the Congress symbolises politics of appeasement and spreads hate against Hinduism and causes riots. Noting that Shivaji's rule was also associated with Hinduism, Trivedi said leaders like Rahul Gandhi cannot comprehend the concept and asked him to read up his own party stal warts like Mahatma Gandhi, Bal Gangadhar Tilak Jawaharlal Nehru.

Nehru, he added, had written that the word 'Hindu' can be understood in the broader context of Indian identity and should not be seen narrowly." Under the Congress rule India was partially a Muslim nation. I am saving so because Sharia provisions were part of the constitutional svstem," the BJP leader said, referring to the practice like instant talaq, now barred, and grant of Haj subsidy, since discontinued.

1 in 12 Indians is diabetic, second highest in world: Report

The report added that another 40 million adults in India have impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), placing them at high risk of developing Type-2 diabetes

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Nov 13: One in 12 adults or more than 74 million people living in India are diabetes patients, according to a new report from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF).

The figure is the second highest in the world after China, which has 141 million people living with diabetes. The findings are from the 10th edition of the IDF Diabetes Atlas to be published on December 6

The report added that another 40 million adults in India have impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), placing them at high risk of de-

veloping Type-2 diabetes, while more than half (53.1 per cent) of people living with diabetes in India are also undiagnosed.

The increasing number of people living with diabetes and at risk of developing the condition in India confirms diabetes as a significant challenge to the health and well-being of individuals and families in the country," said Professor Shashank Joshi, Chair, IDF South-East Asia Region, in a statement.

Moreover, the report showed that worldwide, 537 million adults are now living with diabetes, a rise of 16 per cent (74 million) since the previous IDF estimates in 2019.



Globally, 90 per cent of people with diabetes have Type-2 diabetes. The total number of diabetics is predicted to rise to 643 million

(11.3 per cent) by 2030 and to 783 million (12.2 per cent) by 2045. Currently, one in ten (10.5 per cent) adults around the world are living with diabetes.

Diabetes was also responsible for an estimated \$966 billion in global health expenditure in 2021. This represents a 316 per cent increase over 15 years. Excluding the mortality risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, approximately 6.7 million adults are estimated to have died as a result of diabetes, or its complications, in 2021.

This is more than one in ten (12.2 per cent) of global deaths from all causes. The South-East Asia Region accounts for 11 per cent (747,000) of total diabetes-related deaths, according to the report. The rise in the number of people with Type-2 diabetes is driven

by a complex interplay of socio-economic, demographic, environmental and genetic factors. Key contributors include urbanisation, an ageing population, decreasing levels of physical activity and increasing levels of people being overweight and developing obesity.

"We must do more to provide affordable and uninterrupted access to diabetes care for all in India, and around the world. Policy makers and health decision-makers must turn words into action to improve the lives of people with diabetes and prevent the condition in -(those at high risk of developing it," Joshi said.











Mega tribal outreach event seeks to rebuild BJP poll base

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, Nov 13: A mega event to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to mark Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas November 15 is part of the ruling BJP's plan to bring back tribals of Madhya Pradesh into its fold, especially after a cold shoulder from the segment in 2018 saw it lose power in the state after 15 years of uninterrupted rule.

As per the 2011 Census, tribals account for 1.53 crore, or 21.08 per cent, of the state's 7.26 crore population, and 47 Assembly seats in the 230-member House are reserved for Scheduled Tribes

Political observers said tribals account for at least 50,000 votes each in 35 other Assembly seats, and the segment could once again make the difference for the ruling BJP in the 2023 state polls.

The Congress had managed to trump the BJP in 2018 and attain power in the state after winning 31 of the 47 ST seats, with the rest going to the latter.

In 2003, the BJP had managed to unseat the Congress government of Digvijaya Singh by winning 37 of 41 ST seats

The catalyst for this ride to power of the BJP, observers said, was a massive 'Hindu Conference' held in Jhabua in 2002 in which over two lakh tribals took part.

In the 2008 Assembly polls, when the delimitation exercise increased ST seats to 47, the BJP continued



Cutouts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, tribal leader Birsa Munda and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for Tribal Pride Day celebration ahead of PM Modi's visit at Jamboree ground, in Bhopal, Saturday. PTI PHOTO

to hold sway in the segment by winning 41 of them. In 2013, the BJP returned to

power in MP, with the party pocketing 31 of the 47 ST seats.

The BJP, which came back to power in early 2020 after several Congress MLAs loyal to Jyotiraditya

Scindia switched sides, is sparing no efforts to ensure it manages to keep the tribal electorate in the state firmly on its side. The plan is to draw over 2.50

lakh tribals to the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas event at Jamboree Maidan here Monday, coinciding with the birth anniversary of legendary tribal icon Birsa Munda.

With the PM, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Governor Mangu Bhai Patel, himself a tribal, and state party chief VD Sharma scheduled to attend wearing traditional tribal headgear, party

FOCUS ON **TRIBAL VOTES**

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sources said over 5,000 buses will be deployed to bring people to the venue from across MP.

Arrangements have also been made for their food and accommodation here, these sources added. The BJP's efforts to make the

event a grand success, however, attracted a jibe from senior Congress leader Digvijava Singh who claimed the MP government was spending over ₹12 crore to bring crowds to Monday's event.

Bhopal's Habibganj station renamed after Gond queen

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to dedicate to the country the railway station which has been redeveloped and provided with airport-like amenities November 15



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, Nov 13: The Habibganj railway station in Bhopal has been renamed after Gond queen Rani Kamalapati, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced Saturday while thank ing Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the decision.

The state government also issued a gazette notification stating that the changed name will be spelt at "Rani Kamalapati Railway Station." Chouhan hailed Rani Kamalapati as pride of the Gond community and "the last Hindu queen of Bhopal." Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to dedicate to the country the railway station which has been redeveloped and provided with airport-like amenities November 15. Modi will be visiting the Madhya Pradesh capital to address a tribal convention to mark 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' in remembrance of the tribal icon and freedom fighter Birsa Munda.

"People of Madhva Pradesh are thankful to the Prime Minister for renaming the Habibganj railway station after Rani Kamalapati, the Gond queen of Bhopal," Chouhan said in a statement. The prime minister enhanced the glory of tribals by renaming this "mostmodern railway station of the country" after the Gond queen, he said. "Rani Kamalapati is the pride of the Gond community and last Hindu queen of Bhopal. Her kingdom was usurped by Afghan commander Dost Mohammed by deceit through a conspiracy. When she saw that victory was not possible, she committed 'Jal Jauhar' (ritual suicide) to save her honour. Chouhan said. Her son Naval Shah was killed at Lalghati, a part of

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today's Bhopal, he noted.

Friday, the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh had written to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, seeking renaming of the redeveloped Habibganj railway station after Rani Kamalapati, stating that it will honour the legacy and bravery of the widow of the Gond ruler Nizam Shah. Chouhan, in a tweet Saturday, reiterated that she was "the last Hindu queen of Bhopal." "Habibgani railway station has been named 'Rani Kamalapati' after her. It is a matter of great satisfaction and joy for me. Prime Minister Narendra Modi I thank you from my heart," the chief minister added. The gazette notification said the "Government of India has no objection to changing the name of Habibganj Railway Station as Rani

Kamalapati Railway Station." The work of changing old name boards at the railway station, located in the new Bhopal area, also started. Congress MLA from Bhopal Central Arif Masood said the land on which the railway station stands was donated by Habibullah Khan, therefore it was named after him. "It would have been better if they had paid attention to development than engaging in the politics of name change. A lot of money is spent on name change. Instead, this money should be given to the families of pandemic victims and for providing free ration," he said.

Sanatan Dharma inclusive, BJP antithesis to it: Mufti

INDO-ASIAN NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Nov 13: Former Chief Minister and president of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti said Saturday said that Sanatan Dharma teaches inclusivity and the BJP is an antithe sis to that.

Speaking to reporters here, she said what BJP and RSS are propagating is not Sanatan Dharma. "Sanatan Dharma doesn't teach

us communalism, it is about RSS, BJP and Jan Sangh who want to make people fight in the name of communalism. They have hijacked Hinduism and Hindutva. They feel Hindutva and Hinduism are the BJP and RSS, but it is not so, Mufti said.

She asked if they are violent and lynch people in the name of religion, how are they different from others who kill in the name



of religion.

"Communal parties can be compared with IS (Islamic State). Those that make Hindus and Muslims fight in the name of religion. They can be compared with the IS or any other party, because both of them kill people in the name of religion.

Security forces 'identify' 38 active Pak terrorists in J&K

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE New Delhi, Nov 13: The security forces have identified 38 Pakistani terrorists active in the Kashmir

Valley and a coordinated operation will be launched soon to neutralise them, sources in the intelligence grid have said. The sources said Friday that out of 38 ultras, 27 belong to Lashkar-

e-Taiba (LeT) and 11 are from Jaishe Mohammad (JeM) and they are on the radar of the security forces. They also said that the locations

of these ultras have been traced, which have been spread in Srinagar, Pulwama, Baramulla and Kulgam and other parts of the Valley while some of them might be hiding in the forest areas too.

The 'Special Group', constituted after the spate of the civilian killings



in the Jammu and Kashmir Valley in October this year, has been trying to find the exact locations for pinpointed operations, the officials in the security grid said, adding that they have been provided help from the overground workers.

They also said that the identifications become possible because of the specialised group of central police agencies which have now



The newly constituted Terror Monitor Group (TMG) has been very effective in neutralising terrorists in the valley with coordination with other central agencies, connecting all terror links together.

Cong to set up outfit for 16-20 age group; BJP mocks move



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, Nov 13: The Madhya Pradesh Congress is set to form a new 'non-political' outfit called the Bal Congress whose members will be in the 16-20 age group, a party functionary said Saturday.

The outfit will be formed Sunday, to coincide with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, celebrated nationwide as Children's Day or Bal Diwas

"The party has outfits like NSUI for people above the age of 21. Bal Congress will be for those in the 16-20 age group. It will be set up to mark Bal Diwas. State unit chief Kamal Nath will formally launch the new organisation," MP Congress spokesperson Bhupendra Gupta told PTI.

"Bal Congress will not be a political outfit. Young people associated with this organisation will be taught the history of the Congress as well as that of the freedom struggle. It will spread the message of patriotism and nation-building," he added.

These adolescents will be taught



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manner, so senior leaders like Rahul Gandhi should also be made members of this outfit

PANKAJ CHATURVEDI BJP SPOKESPERSON

about subjects like art of speech, personality development and communication skills, and kin of freedom fighters will also be contacted, he said, adding that former minister and Congress MLA Bala Bachchan has been made in charge of this new outfit.

Mocking the move, MP BJP spokesperson Pankaj Chaturvedi said, "This is ridiculous. I think most Congress leaders are behaving in a childish manner, so senior leaders like Rahul Gandhi should also be made members of this outfit.'

27 held so far in NIA crackdown on terror conspiracy

Srinagar, Nov 13: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Friday arrested two more people in connection with its ongoing probe into a terrorism conspiracy case in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The fresh arrests took to 27 the

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number of people arrested from different parts of Kashmir in connection with the case in the past one month. Rashid Muzaffar Ganaie and Nasir Mir, both residents of Sopore township of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, were arrested during raids conducted by the NIA in the Valley Friday, a spokesperson of the agency said.

"Preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused



persons are terror associates/Over Ground Workers of various proscribed terrorist organisations and have been providing logistical and material support to terrorists,' the NIA said.

The NIA registered the case October 10 with regard to a con-

spiracy to undertake violent terrorist acts in Jammu and Kashmir and other major cities by cadres of terrorist organisations Lashkare-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al Badr and their affiliates such as the Resistance Front (TRF) and

the People Against Fascist Forces (PAFF). The spokesperson said the case relates to conspiracy both physically and in cyberspace for undertaking violent terrorist acts and the agency arrested 27 people in the case till now.

'These terrorists and cadres have effected several terrorist acts including killings of numerous innocent civilians and security personnel, unleashing a reign of terror in the valley of Kashmir, thereby challenging the writ of the state,' the NIA said. Three days after the registration of the case, the NIA carried out searches at 18 locations in Kashmir Valley and arrested nine terror associates. Four more arrests were made during searches at 11 locations October 20.

Vaccination 'must' for beneficiaries at fair price shops in MP



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, Nov 13: The Madhya Pradesh government is using different methods to achieve 100 per cent Covid-19 vaccination in the state by end of the year.

In a latest move, the state's Food and Civil Supplies Department has announced that the subsidised or free food grains at all governmentrun fair price shops will be given only to those who have taken both doses of the vaccines. However, those who are not vaccinated, will be given rations only if they would agree to get vaccinated from the nearest vaccination centre.

The department has also asked its employees at fair price shops to enquire the vaccination status of each beneficiary visiting the shops.

They have been asked to note down names and contact number of visitors along with date of their vaccination. "The process will have us a collective data of a particular ward or villages that who have received their first or both dose and who have not taken even single dose. It would help the health workers to reach their homes to give vaccine doses," said an official associated with Food and Civil Supplies Department.

The Shivraj government has set a deadline of December 31 to vaccinate all eligible persons. Meanwhile, the government has asked all its departments to ensure that employees and their fam-ilies have taken both the doses of Covid vaccines.

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PARADISE ON EARTH

A man rows his boat amid dense fog at Dal Lake in Srinagar, Saturday











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The top BJP leaders are feeling uneasy over the party's sure defeat in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh assembly polls and that is why they are rushing to the state repeatedly AKHILESH YADAV I SAMAJWADI PARTY PRESIDENT

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SRINAGAR RECORDS COLDEST NIGHT

As the mercury continued to dip, Srinagar recorded the coldest night of the season so far at 0.1 degree Celsius, as Ladakh's Drass town remained frozen at minus 12.7 degrees, the Met Department said Saturday.



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CM Arvind Kejriwalji, the sale at petrol pumps in Delhi has gone down by 70 per cent. Please reduce the VAT on fuel prices

and start paying attention to Delhi's problems. You had promised that petrol and diesel will be cheaper in Delhi than (the other) NCR cities but anyway, you keep breaking promises MANOJ TIWARI DELHI BJP MP

India's future is very bright, presently our automobile industry's turnover is Rs 7.5 lakh crore. Within five years it will be more than 15 lakh crore and

this is the industry which is generating the highest number of jobs, exports and revenue to state and central governments NITIN GADKARI UNION MINISTER OF ROAD

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

The Shiv Sena will have to think differently for itself even as it remains part of and steers the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra SANJAY RAUT SHIV SENA LEADER

SHORT TAKES

2 dead, 12 hurt

Banihal/Jammu: Two persons were killed and 12 others seriously injured on Saturday. when a passenger vehicle fell into an over 600-feet gorge along Jammu-Srinagar national highway, a government official here said. The accident took place near Digdole in Ramban district around 10 am, when the driver of an SUV, on its way from Jammu to Banihal, lost control while negotiating a blind curve, they said. A rescue team comprising police, Army, and local volunteers immediately swung into action after the incident, they said. After hectic efforts, the team rescued 14 seriously injured, including two women. and four children aged between two and eight years.

Five injured

Curfew in Amravati as fresh violence erupts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Amravati, Nov 13: Internet services were shut down and curfew was imposed Saturday in Maharashtra's Amravati city which witnessed fresh violence during a Bandh, a senior police official said.

A mob hurled stones at shops during the Bandh (shut-down) allegedly organised by local BJP workers in protest against the rallies organized by Muslim organizations the day before to condemn the recent violence in Tripura, police said.

Internet services in the city will remain suspended for three days so as to prevent the spread of rumours that fuel violence, said city Commissioner of Police Arti Singh.

Saturday morning, hundreds of people, many of them holding saffron flags in their hands and raising slogans, came out on streets in Rajkamal Chowk area of the eastern Maharashtra city, located around 670 km from Mumbai.

Some members of the mob hurled stones at shops in Rajkamal Chowk and other places, the police official said, adding that the police lathi-charged the protesters to bring the situation under control. Against the backdrop of back-toback incidents of stone-pelting on Friday and Saturday, additional police commissioner Sandip Patil issued orders imposing curfew in the city limits of Amravati under sections 144(1), (2), (3) of the CrPc



to avoid any untoward incidents.

Except for medical emergencies, people are not allowed to come out of houses. A gathering of more than five people is not allowed, as per the order. Friday, stone-pelting was reported during rallies taken out by Muslim organisations to protest against incidents in Tripura at Amravati, Nanded, Malegaon, Washim and Yavatmal. Police have so far arrested 20 people and detained four others by registering 20 FIRs under various charges, including rioting, in connection with

allowed to come out of houses. A gathering of more than five people is not allowed, as per the order Friday's incidents. In Amravati, over 8,000 people had gathered outside the district col-

lector's office on Friday to submit a memorandum demanding that atrocities against the minority community in Tripura be stopped When people were leaving after submitting the memorandum, stone-pelting took place at three places between Chitra Chowk and Cotton Market under the limits of the Kotwali police station. Meanwhile, launching a veiled attack on opposition BJP, Shiv Sena

Fake news circulating on social media: MHA

New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry Saturday said news circulating on social media about damage and vandalisation of a mosque in Tripura is fake and complete misrepresentation of facts. It also said that there is no report of simple or grievous injury or rape or death of any person in any such incidents in Tripura as alleged in some social media posts. In a strongly worded statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said there is no reported case of damage of the struc ture of any mosque in Tripura in the recent past and that people should maintain calm and should not be misguided by such fake reports.

MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said the violence in Amravati and other places was aimed at destabilising the MVA government.

Speaking to reporters in Aurangabad, Raut said the state government is firm in the saddle and real faces of the perpetrators of violence will be exposed soon. "Raising the bogey of violence, they (Opposition) will meet the state governor and write letters to the Union home ministry claiming that the (law and order) situation in Maharashtra is deteriorating. This will happen in the future too. But the state government is firm in the saddle," Raut said.

Shah attacks Akhilesh over Jinnah remarks

Akhilesh has drawn flak for his statement in which he equated Jinnah with

Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru, saying they helped India get freedom

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 13: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday targeted the Samajwadi Party, alleging it stands for "Jinnah, Azam Khan and Mukhtar (Ansari)", and asserted that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has rid the Purvanchal region of "mosquitoes and mafia".

'Modiji brought 'JAM' - Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar cards and a mobile phone to every person - for a corruption-free system, but the SP people say they have also brought 'JAM' - Jinnah, Azam Khan and Mukhtar (donturned politician Mukhtar Ansari)," Shah said addressing a rally in Azamgarh, an SP bastion represented by party chief Akhilesh Yaday in Lok Sabha, in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh.

'You should tell me whether you want BJP's JAM or SP's JAM. These



fare of Uttar Pradesh. They indulge in dividing people on the basis of caste, causing riots, appeasement and vote-bank politics," Shah said. As the election season is ap-

proaching, Akhilesh Yadav is seeing greatness in Jinnah, he said, referring to the Pakistan founder."There are so many people from the minority community here. Is there anyone here who sees greatness in Jinnah," Shah said.

Akhilesh Yadav has drawn flak for his statement in which he equated Jinnah with Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru, saying they helped India get freedom.

Shah said Chief Minister Adityanath has ensured the migration of mafias from Azamgarh and other parts of Uttar Pradesh.

GIRL DUMPS HER BABY IN TOILET, HELD -

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Uttara Kannada, Nov 13: The Karnataka police has arrested a college student for dumping her new-born baby, which died later, in a public toilet in Karwar city, police said Saturday

During investigation, it came to light that the girl and the boy studied in the same college and were in a relationship, according to police

A boy, identified as Mohammad Makbool Ammad (19), has been arrested for impregnating the girl.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patan (Gujarat), Nov 13: A group of villagers allegedly tonsured a 14year-old girl, blackened her face and paraded her as a punishment for eloping with a man at a village in Gujarat's Patan district, police said Saturday.

At least 22 people have been arrested so far for the alleged incident that took place in Harij village on November 10, an official said. Villagers belonging to the Vadi tribal community punished the girl by tonsuring her and blackening her face for eloping with her lover, which they claimed brought a bad name to the tribe, the official said.

A video of the incident posted on social media shows the girl crying as men tonsured her and blackened her face to carry out a ritual to "purify" her. Villagers also paraded the girl and her lover in the village as a punishment.

Soon after, the girl's family members also forced her to marry another man from the same community, the police said. "We have lodged an FIR against 35 villagers in this connection and so far, and 22 have been arrested,' Superintendent of Police (Patan), Akshayraj Makwana said.

The man with whom the minor eloped was also booked for rape under the IPC and relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, among other charges, he said.

As per the FIR registered on Friday, 35 accused were booked under sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (wrongful restraint), 509 (insulting modesty of woman) of the IPC, and provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and

Prohibition of Child Marriage Children prepare bricks at a village in Jalandhar, Saturday Act. it was stated



Thane: Five labourers working on the Metro Rail line in Bhiwandi of Maharashtra's Thane district were injured Saturday when iron rods erected at the construction site fell on them, an official said. The incident occurred around 3 pm when iron rods forming a pillar post fell at the construction site at the Anjur junction, said Santosh Kadam, chief of the regional disaster management cell of the Thane Municipal Corporation.

Two booked

New Delhi: Two persons have been booked for beating a street dog to death in Shahdara's Rohtash Nagar area, police on Saturday said. A CCTV footage of the incident, which took place on Tuesday at 11.56 am, was circulated on social media. The footage showed a person hitting the dog three to four times in a street. The dog, limping, tries to run away but then is hit by another person on head, after which it falls unconscious.

Waze's police custody extended

Mumbai: A local court Saturday extended the police custody of dismissed assistant police inspector Sachin Waze till November 15 in connection with an extortion case registered against him at suburban Goregaon police station. The Mumbai police's crime branch had taken Waze's custody on November 1 in the case, based on the complaint lodged by builder-cum-hotelier Bimal Agrawal, in which former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh is also an accused. Waze was produced before a magistrate court Saturday at the end of his earlier remand.

Meals may be back on short-duration flights

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Serving food on flights with a duration of less than two hours can be resumed, the Union health ministry is learnt to have informed the civil aviation ministry after the latter sought inputs from it for amending the existing regulations

The health ministry has also said the crew members on a flight need not wear coveralls but should continue to wear gloves, masks and face shields, according to sources. Under the existing guidelines, airlines are not allowed to serve meals in flights that have a duration of less than



two hours. The ban came into When the scheduled domestic effect from April 15. flight services were resumed on May 25 last year after the lockdown imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus, the ministry had allowed the airlines to serve in-flight meals under certain conditions.

"The civil aviation ministry is reviewing the on-board meal services in domestic flights in view of a decline in the number of daily COVID-19 cases and has sought inputs from the health ministry for amending the existing guidelines.

'The health ministry has now informed that serving food on flights of less than two hours can be resumed and that the crew members need not wear coveralls but should continue to wear gloves, masks and face shields,' a source said.

With 11,850 fresh cases, India's COVID-19 tally has shot up to 3,44,26,036, while the number of active cases of the infection has declined to 1,36,308, the lowest in 274 days, according to the health ministry's data updated at 8 am on Saturday.

The death toll due to the viral disease has climbed to 4,63,245 with 555 more fatalities. The number of fresh COVID-19 cases has been below 20,000 for 36 straight days and less than 50,000 fresh cases have been reported for 139 consecutive days.

The body was recovered from the public toilet of Karwar bus stop last week. The city police, who took up the investigation, cracked the case after verifying CCTV footage. The police tracked a minor girl who took the baby inside the public toilet and abandoned it, police said.

During investigation, it came to light that the minor girl and the boy studied in the same college and were in a relationship, according to police.

After her delivery, the minor girl had abandoned the baby in the public toilet.

The police are investigating the cause of the baby's death. The police have booked the accused under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act and sent him to judicial custody. The minor girl has been sent to observation home.

AIR POLLUTION IN DELHI

Measures announced by Kejriwal 'band-aid' solution: Experts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Terming the emergency measures announced by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to deal with the air pollution in the national capital as "bandaid solution", environment experts called for a long-term resolution to the recurring problem.

Kejriwal Saturday announced various emergency measures, including the closure of schools for a week, a ban on construction activities and work from home for government employees, to deal with the pollution crisis faced by the city.

After an emergency meeting, he said that his government will also present a proposal for lockdown before the Supreme Court. Jyoti Pande Lavakare, the co-

founder of Care For Air which is committed to clean air in India, said, "These are just band-aid measures. Every year, the entire Indo-Gangetic plains face this issue. At least, the Delhi government is doing something but it is too little, too late.""The problem needs a concerted, collaborative effort by all the five states. What will Delhi do if the crop fires are happening in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana? Even the

odd-even rule won't help since between Diwali and stubble burning, the AQI levels have reached dangerous levels," she said. Lavakare questioned the government on the smog towers set up

in Delhi and "had cost so much of public money". "They should be sucking the pollution of Delhi and making its air breathable. The



prime minister should lead the way in tackling the issue."This is having a long-term impact on the health of the people. The problem should be solved at the off-peak time and not at the on-peak time.

The judiciary is trying but this is a colossal failure of the governments -- be it at the Central or state levels." Pande added

Environmentalist Vimlendu Jha, said the measures announced by Kejriwal are only emergency solutions but the need of the hour. "These are band-aid solutions and not a long-term cure for the pollution problem. The governments -centre and state -- have unfortunately failed to address the problem. They do not take up the issue the rest of the year but only wake up in October and November when there is a rise in pollution levels. These measures are emergency measures but they are the need of the hour."

He also said that these measures were introduced only after the Supreme Court asked the Centre and Delhi government to take immediate measures to tackle the situation.

Terming the rise in air pollu- ২ tion in Delhi-NCR an "emergency" situation, the Supreme Court on Saturday suggested clamping a lockdown in the national capital as it asked the ment to take immediate measures to improve the air quality.











international

Every day, there are six times more boosters administered globally than primary doses in low-income countries. This is a scandal that must stop now TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO

SNOOPY IN SPACE

US space agency NASA has announced that Snoopy will ride on the Artemis I mission, slated for 2022, as the zero gravity indicator. Snoopy is an anthropomorphic beagle in the comic strip Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz



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Britney finally freed: Judge dissolves conservatorship *Friday's hearing capped*

Difficult weeks lie ahead of us, and you can see that I am very worried. I urgently ask everyone who has not yet been vaccinated: please reconsider

ANGELA MERKEL GERMAN CHANCELLOR

Secretary Blinken stated that US commitment to defending Japan including the application of Article 5 of the Japan-US Security Treaty for the Senkaku islands, was unwavering

YOSHIMASA HAYASHI FOREIGN MINISTER,

Let me again say how grateful we are for your leadership, your support on Afghanistan, but also to note that our

partnership is much broader than that. Qatar is a crucial partner in promoting regional stability ANTONY BLINKEN | SECRETARY OF STATE, US

SHORT TAKES

Bimal Patel elected to ILC for 5-yr term

United Nations: Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term starting January 1, 2023 in a hardfought election at the United Nations. "Hearty felicitations to Prof Bimal Patel @RakshaUni for election to International Law Commission by topping the group," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti tweeted.

Duterte's daughter to run for VP in '22

Manila: Sara Duterte-Carpio, the daughter of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, Saturday filed her candidacy for Vice President in the May 2022 elections. Carpio. 43. sent a representative to the Commission on Elections to file her candidacy as substitute vice presidential candidate under the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (Lakas-CMD) that she joined earlier this week.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Los Angeles, Nov 13: A Los Angeles judge Friday terminated the controversial guardianship that has controlled pop star Britney Spears' life for the past 13 years, handing back her freedom along with control of a multi-milliondollar estate.

The ruling, greeted with raucous cheers and showers of pink confetti by Spears' fans outside when the star attacked a the downtown courthouse, ends a conservatorship long overseen by her father, and which the Toxic singer has described as abusive.

COP26 SUMMIT



"Best day ever ... praise the Lord ... can I get an Amen," wrote Spears

The formal end to the guardianship comes after the pop princess's father Jamie Spears was removed from his position in charge of her finances and estate at a hearing in September. Both sides reiterated their support for swiftly ending the guardianship at the start of Friday's brief hearing.

"Effective today ... the conservatorship of the person and estate of Britney Jean Spears is hereby terminated. And that is the order of the court," said Judge Brenda Penny. Judge Penny agreed with Spears' request for the arrangement to end without need for a

mental evaluation - on the basis that this was a voluntary conservatorship and that all parties agree.

Spears did not address the court Friday via telephone as she did earlier this summer, although her mother and father both dialed in. Supporters organized a Termination Rally Friday, with a Freedom Party to follow across

town in West Hollywood. "I'm so happy, I'm ecstatic. It's magical, exciting... she's been in this horrible circumstance for so many years," said Spears fan Neal Wolf. 32. "It's just like 'Finally!' We've been fighting for so long.³

Outline of carbon markets deal emerges

AGENCIES

Glasgow, Nov 13: Negotiators began to close in on a deal to settle rules for carbon markets Saturday, as talks extended into overtime at the COP26 UN climate summit.

a 13-year-long

campaign by Spears and

her legion of global

fans to end a

conservatorship that

began after her highly

public 2007 breakdown,

paparazzo's car at

a gas station

New draft documents released early Saturday on implementing Article 6 of the 2015 Paris Agreement suggest progress around all three of the key sticking points that have skuppered a deal on the issue at the past two UN climate conferences. Article 6 would set the rules allowing countries to partially meet their climate targets by buying offset credits representing emissions cuts by others.

with vast forest cover are keen for

a robust deal on government-led car-

bon markets in Glasgow, in hopes

also of legitimising the fast-growmarkets. Companies as well as countries

But balancing those interests against worries that offsetting will go too far in allowing countries to continue emitting climate-warm-

UK DRAFTS PLAN FOR CLIMATE FINANCE

GLASGOW: The British hosts of the COP26 UN climate talks published a proposal Saturday to make sure rich countries deliver climate finance to the world's poorest nations in future years, after past promises remain unfulfilled. Finance has proved one of the toughest issues to solve at the meeting in Glasgow, Scotland. The draft proposal, one of many drawn up by Britain to be published at the end of COP26, asks a UN committee to report next year on progress towards delivering the \$100 billion, and proposes government ministers meet in 2022, 2024 and 2026 to discuss climate finance. The regular check-ins would attempt to keep up pressure on rich countries to fulfill promises to mobilise the cash. The British proposal also asks countries to increase their contributions to deliver the \$100 billion. The draft needs approval from the nearly 200 countries represented at the summit.

ing global voluntary offset

ing gases has made some wary of

TAXING TRADES On the issue of whether certain

carbon trades should be taxed to fund climate adaptation in poorer nations, the latest proposals offer a two-track approach. Bilateral trades of offsets between countries would not face the tax. That suggests capitulation to rich nations including the United States, which had objected to poor coun tries' demands for the levy.

In a separate centralised sys tem for issuing offsets, 5% of proceeds from offsets will be collected to go toward an adaptation fund for developing countries. Also in that system, 2% of the offset credits will be cancelled. That aims to increase overall emissions cuts by stopping other countries using those credits as offsets to reach their climate targets **OLD CREDITS**

Another stubborn roadblock

had been whether carbon credits created under the old Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement's predecessor, should be included in the new offset market system. Negotiators had been wrangling over a compromise that would set a cut-off date, with credits issued before that date not being carried forward

on Instagram, using the hashtag

#FreedBritney.

The latest text would carry over any offsets registered since 2013. That would allow 320 million offsets, each representing a tonne of CO2, to enter the new market, according to an analysis by the NewClimate Institute and Oko-Institut non-profits.

DOUBLE COUNTING

One of the most contentious points had been on the question of whether credits could be claimed by both the country selling them, and the country buying. A proposal by Japan may have resolved the issue, and appears to have backing from both Brazil and the United States. Brazil's past insistence on allowing double counting had torpedoed an Article 6 deal in the past. Under the new proposal, the country that generates a credit would decide whether to authorise it for sale to other nations to count towards their climate targets. If authorised and sold, the seller country would add an emission unit to its national tally and the buyer country would deduct one, to ensure the emissions cut was counted only once between countries

'West on the brink of conflict with Russia'

President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that Russia had nothing to do with the crisis on close ally Belarus's border with the bloc

AGENCIES

London, Nov 13: There is a greater risk of an accidental war breaking out between the West and Russia than at any time since the Cold War, with many of the traditional diplomatic tools no longer available. Britain's most senior military officer said.

Tensions have been mounting in eastern Europe in recent weeks after the European Union accused Belarus of flying in thousands of migrants to engineer a humanitarian crisis on its border with EU-member state Poland, a dispute that threatens to draw in Russia and NATO.

General Nick Carter, chief of the defence staff, told Times Radio there was a greater risk of tensions in the new era of a multipolar world, where governments compete for different objectives and different agendas.

"I think we have to be careful that people don't end up allowing the bellicose nature of some of our politics to end up in a position where escalation leads to miscalculation." he said in an interview to be broad cast Sunday. Carter said authoritarian rivals were willing to use any



tool at their disposal, such as migrants, surging gas prices, proxy forces or cyber attacks. The character of warfare has changed.

"Following the bi-polar world of the Cold War, and the unipolar world of US dominance, diplomats now face a more complex multi-polar world," he said, adding that traditional diplomatic tools and mechanisms of the Cold War were no longer available.

Britain said Friday that a small team of UK military personnel had been deployed to explore engineering support for Poland on its border with Belarus.

British Typhoon fighters also escorted two Russian military aircraft out of its area of interest Friday, working with NATO partners to monitor the jets as they passed through international airspace.

More than 8K Sikh pilgrims to visit Pak





a hasty deal

US court upholds stay on vax mandate

Washington: A US appeals court has upheld its stay on President Joe Biden's vaccineor-test mandate for companies with at least 100 employees. A three-judge nanel of the US Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans issued the ruling and barred the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from enforcing the mandate. scheduled to take effect January 4, 2022.

marriage, says Unicef

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kabul, Nov 13: Unicef Executive Director Henrietta Fore has voiced deep concern about Afghan girls increasingly at risk of child marriage in the war-torn country.

Even before the latest political instability, Unicef's partners registered 183 child marriages and 10 cases of selling of children over 2018 and 2019 in Herat and Badghis provinces alone, reports Xinhua news agency. The children were between six months and 17 years of age, she said.

The UN agency estimates that 28 per cent of Afghan women aged 15-49 years were married before the age of 18. "As most teenage girls are still not allowed to go back to school, the risk of child marriage

We have received credible reports of families offering daughters as young as 20 days old up for future marriage in return for a dowry

HENRIETTA FORE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNICEF

is now even higher," said Fore. "Unicef is working with partners to raise communities' awareness of the risks for girls if they are married early. Child marriage can lead to a lifetime of suffering. Girls who marry before they turn 18 are less likely to remain in school and more likely to experience domestic violence, discrimination, abuse and poor mental health. They are also more vulnerable to complications in pregnancy and childbirth," she said.



PAYING RESPEC

French President Emmanuel Macron pays tribute to the flag draped coffins in the crypt of the French resistance memorial of the Mont Valerien during a ceremony for Hubert Germain, a WWII veteran and the last Companion of the Liberation, in Suresnes, Paris PTI PHOTO

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 13: Pakistan Minister for Information Fawad Chaudhry said Saturday that more than 8,000 Sikh pilgrims from all over the world will visit Pakistan to celebrate the birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak, Express Tribune reported.

The minister took to his official Twitter handle to make the announcement and to welcome the pilgrims to "the land of Gurus, Sufis and Yogis"

The Pakistan High Commission has issued about 3,000 visas to Indian Sikh pilgrims to enable them to participate in the 552nd birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak in Pakistan from Nov 17-26, the Dawn reported.

20 Indian fishermen freed from Pak jail

Karachi: Twenty Indian fishermen, who were released recently after languishing in Pakistan's Landhi jail, will be transported to the Wagah border Sunday to be handed over to the Indian authorities so that they can return home, a senior official said Saturday.

Russia's Covid-19 cases exceed 9mln

Moscow: Russia confirmed 39.256 Covid-19 infections over the past 24 hours, taking the nationwide tally to 9.031.851. the official monitoring and response centre said Saturday It took less than a month for Russia's caseload to jump from eight million to nine million as the country has been struggling with a fourth and the highest wave of coronavirus infections since mid-September.

Vitek Jirinec, an ecologist at the Integral Ecology Research Center

Washington, Nov 13: Even the and colleagues analyzed data collected on wildest parts of the Amazon The untouched by humanity are more than biggest takeaway being impacted by climate 15,000 birds for me is that this is change, according to happening far from direct new research. The human disturbance, such as changes are thought meas deforestation, in the heart of to be a response to nuured. the world's biggest rainforest. tritional and physio-That is something to ponder logical challenges, esand on the last day of COP26 pecially during the tagged June to November dry VITEK JIRINEC | ECOLOGIST, INTEGRAL ECOLOGY RESEARCH

Hotter, drier conditions over the past four decades are decreasing the body size of the rainforest's birds while increasing their wingspans, a study published in the journal Science Advances said

season.

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that were caught, weighed, over the course of 40 CENTER years of field

work. They found that nearly all the birds had become lighter since the 1980s. Most species lost an average of two percent of body weight every



CLIMATE IMPACT

Amazon birds becoming smaller, longer-winged: Study

The birds which fly more and are exposed to heat for longer, had the most pronounced changes due to an adaptation to energy pressures and thermal stress

decade, meaning a bird species that would have weighed 30 grams in the 1980s would now average 27.6 grams The data was not tied to a specific site but rather collected from a large range of the rainforest, meaning the phenomenon is ubiquitous. More efficient flight

In all, the scientists investigated

77 species whose habitats ranged from the cool, dark forest floor to the sunlit and warmer midstory - the forest's middle layer of vegetation.

'There's good theoretical reasoning why a smaller size is beneficial under climate warming - you can cool vourself better -- but the larger wings are more difficult to explain," said Jirinec.

That's why we proposed the 'wing loading' hypothesis,' he added.

Longer wings, and a reduced mass-to-wing ratio, produce more efficient flight -- similar to how a glider plane with a slim body and long wings can soar with less energy. A higher mass-to-wing ratio requires birds to flap faster to stay aloft, using more energy and producing more metabolic heat.

The Amazon birds "are fairly fine-tuned, so when everyone in the population is a couple of grams smaller, it's significant," added co-author Philip Stouffer of Louisiana State University, in a statement.

The team behind Friday's paper last month published a study showing a dramatic decline in sensitive bird species in the Amazon owing to a warming climate - particularly those that dwell on forest floor where they forage for insects. The authors believe other species across the world are likely to be facing similar pressures that have not yet been documented.

"This is undoubtedly happeningall over and probably not just with birds," Stouffer said.





business



There is no denying the fact that the move to electric is inevitable for two-wheelers. I don't think there is any convincing required to the consumer to switch to electric VARUN DUBEY CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, OLA ELECTRIC

MUSK SELLS TESLA STOCK WORTH \$6.9BN

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has sold roughly \$6.9 billion worth of Tesla stocks this week in one of the largest-ever stock disposals by a chief executive over a several-day period. According to a regulatory filing made public on late Friday, the Tesla CEO reported selling 1.2 million shares Friday, worth more than \$1.2 billion



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Value of a stressed asset declines every passing day. It has also been observed in some cases that the resolution value was almost close to the liquidation value

NAVRANG SAINI ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF IBB

SWSL will immenselv benefit from Reliance Group's integrated new energy vision which will further strengthen our position as a leading EPC and O&M player globally

AMIT JAIN GLOBAL CEO, SWSL

Our growth momentum in transaction volumes and throughput continues to be strong. Consumer behaviour towards convenience banking is gaining impetus RISHI GUPTA CEO & MANAGING DIRECTOR FINO PAYMENTS BANK

SHORT TAKES

IREDA logs highest profit of ₹299 crore

New Delhi: State-owned Indian Renewable Energy **Development Agency has** posted an all-time high net profit of ₹299.90 crore in the first half of this fiscal (April-Sentember 2021). the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy said Saturday. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), today announced audited financial results for Half-year-1 and Quarter-2 FY2021-22 ending September 30, 2021, the ministry said in a statement. According to the statement, the company has posted a total income from operations of ₹684.80 crore and profit after tax (PAT) of ₹110.27 crore for Q2 FY22.

..... **Over 3L Indian** footfall in Dubai

New Delhi: The India Pavilion

PM chairs high-level meet on crypto

THE NEED TO STOP THE ATTEMPTS TO MISLEAD THE YOUTH THROUGH "OVER-PROMISING AND NON-TRANSPARENT ADVERTISING" WAS ALSO TOUCHED UPON AT THE MEET

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Amid concerns over misleading claims of huge returns on cryptocurrency investment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday chaired a meeting on the way forward on the issue, with government sources asserting that such unregulated markets cannot be allowed to become avenues for money laundering and terror financing.

It was strongly felt in the meeting that attempts to mislead the youth through "over-promising and non-transparent advertising should be stopped, the sources said, signalling that strong regulatory steps are in the offing.

"The government is cognizant of the fact that this is an evolving technology, it will keep a close watch and take proactive steps. There was consensus also that the steps taken in this field by the government will be progressive and forward looking," a source said.

The meeting on the way forward for cryptocurrency and related issues was a very comprehensive



stakeholders, sources added, noting that since the issue cuts across geographic borders, it was felt that it wil also require global partnerships and lective strateg

one. "It was also an outcome of a consultative process as RBI. Finance Ministry. Home Ministry had done an elaborate exercise on it as well as consulted experts from across the country and the world. Global ex-



also looked at," the source said. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Wednesday had reiterated his views against allowing cryptocurrencies saving they are a serious threat to any financial system since they are unregulated by central banks. His comments come ahead of the

RBI's internal panel report on the contentious topic which is expected next month.

The Supreme Court in early March 2020 had nullified the RBI circular banning cryptocurrencies. Following this in February 5, 2021, the central bank had instituted an internal panel to suggest a model of central bank's dig ital currency.

The RBI had announced its intent to come out with an official digital currency, in the face of proliferation of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin about which the central bank has had many concerns.

Private digital currenciesvirtual currencies crypto currencies have gained popularity in the past one decade or so. Here, regulators and governments have been sceptical about these currencies and are apprehensive about the associated risks.

It can be noted that March 4, 2021, the Supreme Court had set aside an RBI circular of April 6, 2018, prohibiting banks and entities regulated by it from providing services in relation to virtual currencies.

RIGHTS ISSUE

RIL makes final call for payment

Reliance had made a Rights Issue of 42.26 crore equity shares at ₹1,257 each. The final

call of 50 per cent of the amount - ₹628.50 per share - has now become due

Coal crunch, power blackouts ease on seasonal decline

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 13: The country's coal shortage and electricity blackouts have eased in recent weeks as the seasonal decline in power demand has enabled generators to rebuild depleted coal stocks and the grid to operate with greater stability.

The grid's ability to meet power demand was stretched to breaking point last month by a combination of strong underlying growth in demand, the seasonal peak, and fuel shortages, which forced many

generators offline. But the seasonal decline in power demand as temperatures have cooled since then has allowed generators to rebuild stocks and helped improve the grid's margin of spare capacity. Coal stocks at power stations have climbed to 13.7 million tonne, up from just 8.1 million at the end of September, though still far below the level two years ago of 21.2 million. Power generators' stocks are now sufficient for around 8 days of cur-



Power generators stocks are now sufficient for around 8 days of current consumption

rent consumption, up from just 4 days at the end of September, according to the Central Electricity Authority. Stocks are still rated critically low at 63 out of a total of 135 plants, but the number is down from 116 in mid-October, and those plants account for 75 Gigawatts of capacity, down from 142 GW last month.

As temperatures have fallen, air conditioning loads have declined. reducing the extreme strain on the generation and transmission system, which resulted in rolling blackouts in some areas.

Power distribution network enhanced

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: In a bid to strengthen its power distribution network in Kendrapada area, TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture between Tata Power and Government of Odisha, has recently undertaken a slew of initiatives to upgrade the existing infrastructure. The company has installed over 1800 poles, straightened tilted poles and replaced small heighted, old and faulty poles among others to ensure continuous and reliable power supply in the area.

The company also took up strengthening of mass scale power network in 49 nos. of 11KV Feeders and 35 Double Pole Structures to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the area. Abouat 87 small heighted poles were replaced along with cantilever arrangement under Kendrapada Municipality area to increase horizontal clearance in residential zones and ensure public safety. These initiatives will serve more than 2.26 lakh consumers with reliable power supply. Under the ODSSP scheme two 33/11 KV substations at Ayatan and Rajkanika has been commissioned to cater to the growing demand of the residential and agriculture consumers in the area.

BIZ BUZZ Indian Bank gets new FGM

Bhubaneswar: General Manager Manoj Kumar Das has taken over the charge of FGMO, Bhubaneswar, Prior to this, Das was working as GM (CLO) in Chennai Corporate office. He had joined bank in the year 1993 as a Probationary Officer and gained vast experience in various capacities in different places of Medinipur, Vijayawada, West Bengal, Jaipur and Lucknow, Noted that, this Bhubaneswar FGM Office is working for 3 states - Odisha, Chhattishgarh and Madhya

Pradesh. The office has 7 zones Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Raipur, Jabalpur, Satna and Bhopal with 501 branches. The office garners a total business mix of ₹53.520 crore. Das is an expert banker and professionally qualified and will make Banking facility easier and will give more focus in MSME and Retail sector.

Bhubaneswar: The NTPC Darlipali has been declared as the winner of Grow Care India Occupation health and safety Awards-2021 AK Samaiyar, CGM (NTPC Darlipali). congratulated the employees and encouraged to maintain the similar standard of safety. NTPC Darlipali has recorded zero accidents in recent past and is committed to further elevate and enhance the s etv standards ΔII GN HoDs, senior officials of NTPC Darlipali were present during the ceremony. The purpose of Grow Care India awards is to promote improvements in workplace safety and encourages implementation of strategies for improvement in operational standards. The award is generally conferred to companies that demonstrate highest level of commitment and concern in safety management and are willing to enhance and improve it further.



NTPC Darlipali bags gold award



In a regulatory filing, the company said a notice for payment of Second and Final Call on 42.26.26.894 partly paid-up equity shares of the face value of ₹10 each issued and allotted on rights basis May 15, 2020, has been issued.

Reliance's rights issue at a total size of ₹53,125 crore was the largest ever rights issue in India. This was the world's largest rights issue by a non-financial company in the ast 10 years. The existing share-



Second and Final Call.

On payment of the Second and Final Call amount, the partly paid-up shares will transition into fully paid-up shares of Reliance Industries, which are traded under symbol RELIANCE on both NSE and BSE.

The AI-enabled easy-to-use Chatbot is developed by Jio's group ASBA, 3-in-1 account, R-WAP facility (enabled for Net-banking, UPI, NEFT and RTGS payments) and payments through chequedemand draft.

Payment of the Second and Final Call can be made from November 15 to November 29, 2021 (both days

inclusive). The credit of the fully paid-up

amples and best practices were

at the ongoing Dubai Expo has witnessed three lakh footfalls in 43 days November 12, emerging as one of the mostvisited pavilions. Cheering the "huge buzz" about India at the Expo, Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal tweeted that it "reflects global curiosity to explore the tremendous potential of New India". Aman Puri, Consul General of India in Dubai and Deputy Commissioner General of India at EXPO2020, said the huge interest of visitors in India pavilion is a sign of confidence on India's resilience and opportunities, besides the vibrant culture of the country, which is in full display in different state weeks being held in the pavilion.

SpiceJet's Q2FY22 net loss at ₹561.7cr

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Mumbai: Airline major SpiceJet's Q2FY22 standalone net loss narrowed to ₹561.7 crore on a sequential basis. The airline had reported a net loss of ₹729 crore in the first quarter of FY22. However, on a year-on-year basis the net loss widened. The airline had reported a net loss of ₹112.59 crore during the second quarter of FY21. "We have made excellent progress in our recovery and I expect this trend to continue forward in the coming quarters. With the nationwide vaccination drive growing at an unprecedented pace across geographies, there is a significant jump in travel demand and we are very excited about the demand recovery," said Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet. According to Singh, the return of the 737 MAX comes at a time when passenger traffic is pickingup and the government has allowed airlines to operate at full capacity.

holders of the company were offered new shares of the company in a 115

> ratio. November 10, 2021, was the record date to decide holders of the Reliance Partly Paid-up shares, who need to pay the

company Haptik and was previously used at the time of Rights Issue in May 2020, and the First call in May 2021.

Reliance in the notice said the Second and Final Call can be paid through online ASBA, Physical equity shares on payment of the Second and Final Call is expected to take place within two weeks from the last date for payment mentioned in the Final Call Notice i.e. within two weeks from November 29, 2021.

Covid vax Astra to start making profits

Metaverse warns FB of 'existential threat'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

San Francisco, Nov 13: Meta (formerly Facebook) is aware that virtual reality can be a toxic environment especially for women and minorities, and Metaverse would be an existential threat to Facebook if it turned off mainstream customers from the medium entirely,

the media reported. According to a report in Financial Times citing an inter-



nal memo by Meta CTO Andrew Bosworth, Facebook aims its virtual worlds to have almost Disney levels of safety.

However, Bosworth acknowl-

Harassment in digital spaces is nothing new, and it's something we and others in the industry have been working to address for years. That work is ongoing and will likely never be finished. It's continually evolving, though its importance remains constant. It's an incredibly daunting task

ANDREW BOSWORTH CTO, META

edged that moderating how users speak and behave "at any meaningful scale is practically impossible," the FT report said Friday. Bosworth later posted a blog post,

saving that technology that opens up new possibilities can also be used to cause harm, and we must be mindful of that as "we design, iterate, and bring products to market."

Meta has pledged \$50 million for research into practical and ethical issues around its metaverse.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

London. Nov 13: UK vaccine maker AstraZeneca has said that it will cease to provide its Covid vaccine, co-developed with Oxford University, on a not-for-profit basis to countries that can afford it, the media reported.

The drugs giant has signed a series of for-profit agreements for next year, and expects to make a modest income from the vaccine, the BBC reported. Previously, the company had said it would only start to make money from the vaccine when Covid-19 was no longer a pandemic as its top priority was to protect global health. "But now the disease is becoming endemic," Pascal Soriot, chief executive was quoted as saying. However, the jab will continue to be supplied on a not-for-profit basis to poorer countries.

The virus is becoming endemic which means we have to learn to live with it said Soriot.

SUPPLY **CHALLENGES**

Smartphone shipment to decline in Q4: IDC

THE SMARTPHONE MARKET REGISTERED A YEAR-ON-YEAR DECLINE OF 12 PER CENT IN THE SEPTEMBER 2021 OUARTER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Smartphone shipment in India is expected to see a decline in the December quarter due to supply challenges, resulting in annual shipments below 160 million in 2021, according to research firm IDC

Smartphone shipment registered a year-on-year decline of 12 per cent in the September 2021 quarter, shipping 48 million units after four consecutive quarters of growth, IDC said.

"The first nine months of the

year (January-September 2021) al-

ready shipped 120 million units,

with H1 2021 clocking 42 per cent

y-o-y growth. Due to supply chal-

lenges, Q4 2021 is expected to see a

decline, resulting in annual ship-

ments below 160 million in 2021," IDC India Research Director (Client Devices and IPDS) Navkendar

Singh said. The first half of 2022 will remain challenging, with some easing out expected in the latter half of 2022, he added.

"Vendors channels will keep an eye on the over-stocking situation in case demand stays limited due to the price hikes by the suppliers and vendors," Singh said.

IDC said much of this can be attributed to component shortages as well as an unusually high third quarter 2020 comparison base (whereas this year's post-lockdown demand was addressed by July). Compared to the third quarter of 2019, September 2021 quarter grew by 3 per cent as



channels stocked up for the Diwali quarter amid the supply shortages, it added.

India was the third-largest 5G smartphone market globally with 7 per cent of worldwide 5G shipments, shipping 10 million units at an ASP (average selling price) of USD 401 in the September 2021 quarter. From January-September 2021, 17 million 5G smartphones were shipped to India and are ex-

iaomi led the smartphone tally with 23.4 per cent, followed by Samsung (16.9 per cent), Vivo (16.4 per cent), Realme (15.7 per cent) and Oppo (10.7 per cent) in the September 2021 quarter_____

The OnePlus Nord CE, iPhone 12, and Galaxy A22 were the most popular 5G models in the quarter under review

Online channels clocked a precord high 52 per cent share, although with a 5 per cent YOY shipment volume decline, it said adding that offline channels registered an 18 per cent YOY istered an 18 per cent YON pment decline

pected to be under 30 million for 2021, IDC added.

Overall ASPs peaked at USD 196, driven by price hikes and a greater 5G contribution, IDC said. The sub-USD 200 segment dropped by 24 per cent, while USD 200-plus smartphones grew by 56 per cent, signaling a shift to higher price buckets, driven primarily by supply, it added.

"IDC believes that a growing dependency on smartphones triggered by remote work and learning, as well as a subsequent requirement for better quality hardware is pushing consumers to spend more. With continued chip shortages and logistics costs, brands are also compelled to expand upwards in terms of price points across channels," IDC India-Research Manager, Client Devices Upasana Joshi said.









Trans-Tasman rivals Australia and New Zealand lock horns in battle of contrasting styles in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup final

FIRST

No. of time these two sides have face each other in T20Is with Australia winning 9 times compared to the Kiwis' 4, while one match ended in a tie where NZ won via Super Over

The teams have met only once in T20 World Cups with NZ winning the encounter (2016 edition) by 8 runs

No. of World Cup final appearances (World T20 final in 2010 & 2021; ODI World Cup final in 1975, 1987, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2015) for Australia, most by any team and they are followed by England & Sri Lanka (6 each)

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Nov 13: The fiestiness of Australia will clash with the tactical shrewdness of a perennially understated New Zealand when the Trans-Tasman rivals battle for their maiden T20 World Cup trophy here Sunday.

Considering how both Australia and New Zealand won their respective semifinals against fancied opponents, one can expect another dramatic finish at the 'Ring of Fire'

245/5 The highest team total by Australia against New Zealand at Auckland in 2018, while NZ's highest being 243/6 ir

It's great that we're playing our neighbour

prospect for both teams. It's another match and another opportunity for us as a team to go. We focus on our cricket and try our best

n the other side of the world and in a

World Cup final, and a really exciting

-KANE WILLIAMSON

Anytime you play NZ you know how great a contest it's gonna be. They seem to just hang around for long enough in any kind of contest and wear you down. That's what we've learned over the years about them. They fight and scrap in every situation -AARON FINCH

> Both the teams have lost only once in this edition of T20 World Cup as the Aussies lost to England, while the Black Caps went down to Pakistan. Interestingly, Aussies beat Pakistan and NZ defeated England in the emifinals

from both the finalists in this edition while Daryll Mitchell (197 runs) lead the chart for the Kiwis Wickets taken by Adam Zampa (AUS), most among the players from both the finalists in this edition,

chart for NZ

PITCH & CONDITION

while Trent Boult (11) lead the

Runs scored by David

Warner (AUS), most

among the players

The match should get a fresh pitch, which should be good for batting. Even though there wasn't much dew during the semifinal in Dubai, chasing remains the preferred option.

PLAYERS TO WATCH OUT FOR NEW ZEALAND

Martin Guptill, Daryll Mitchell, Kane Williamson, Jimmy Neesham, Trent Boult & Ish Sodh

AUSTRALIA David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Wade, Mitchell Starc & Adam Zampa

to fire in the all important final. More is expected from Glenn

Indian sporting bests honoured



Neeraj Chopra recieves Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award from President Ram Nath Kovind, Saturday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, veteran woman cricketer Mithali Raj and history-making Paralympic stars, including para shuttler Pramod Bhagat, shared the spotlight as an unprecedented 12 sportspersons were presented with India's highest sporting honour the Major Dhyan Chand Khel
 Ratna – by President Ram Nath Kovind here Saturday.

In a glittering function organised at the Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhawan here, the President also bestowed 35 sportspersons with the Arjuna award. The event became an in-person affair this time after going online the previous

year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The star attraction of the evening was Chopra, who received his Khel Ratna award amid thunderous applause from the select dignitaries present on the specially organised function.

Chopra, who became India's first Olympic medallist in athletics and the first gold-medallist in 13 years, was the first among the Khel Ratna awardees to receive the honour.

Besides the 23-year-old star, other recipients of the Khel Ratna recognition, were Olympic bronze-win-

THE AWARDEES **Major Dhyan Chand**

Khel Ratna Award

Neeraj Chopra (Athletics), Ravi Kumar(Wrestling), Lovlina Borgohain (Boxing), PR Sreejesh (Hockey), Avani Lekhara (Para Shooting), Sumit Antil (Para Athletics), Pramod Bhagat (Para Badminton), Krishna Nagar (Para Badminton), Manish Narwal (Para Shooting), Mithali Raj (Cricket), Sunil Chhetri (Football), Manpreet Singh (Hockey).

Arjuna Awards

Singh (Hockey), Lalit Kumar

Upadhyay (Hockey), Varun Kumar

(Hockey), Simranjeet Singh (Hockey),

Kane hat-trick props England

boxer Lovlina Borgohain and Mithali, who became the first woman cricketer to get the award. Sunil Chhetri became the first footballer to be bestowed the award, a well-deserved recognition for keeping pace with the likes of Lionel Messi in scoring international goals.

ning Indian men's hockey team

captain Manpreet Singh, veteran

goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, Olympic

silver-medallist wrestler Ravi

Dahiya, Olympic bronze-winning

Paralympic gold-winners Avani Lekhara (Shooting), Sumit Antil (Athletics), Bhagat (Badminton), Krishna Nagar (Badminton), Manish Narwal (Shooting) were also given the Khel Ratna.

Along with 12 Khel Ratnas, India this year honoured 35 Arjuna awardees, including cricketer Dhawan, Olympic bronze-winning men's hockey team and other medal winners from Paralympic Games.

The event is traditionally held August 29 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

The Khel Ratna award carries a cash prize purse of Rs 25 lakh, a medal a scroll of honour. The Arjuna award carries a prize money of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue and a scroll of honour.

Yogesh Kathuniya (Para Athletics) Nishad Kumar (Para Athletics), Praveen Kumar(Para Athletics), Suhash Yathiraj (Para Badminton) Singhraj Adhana (Para Shooting), Bhavina Patel (Para Table Tennis), Harvinder Singh (Para Archery) and Sharad Kumar (Para Athletics)

Dronacharya awards

(Lifetime achievement category) TP Ouseph (Athletics), Sarkar Talwar (Cricket), Sarpal Singh (Hockey), Ashan Kumar (Kabaddi) and Tapan Kumar Panigrahi (Swimming); (Regular category) Radhakrishnan Nair P (Athletics) Sandhya Gurung (Boxing), Pritam Siwach (Hockey), Jai Prakash Nautiyal (Para Shooting) and Subramanian Raman (Table Tennis)



JAFFER'S POST GOES VIRAL

DUBAI: A meme posted by former India cricketer and current Odisha men's team head coach Wasim Jaffer on social media, showing New Zealand captain Kane Williamson seeking former India T20 skipper Virat Kohli's advice on the toss has gone viral ahead of the Black Caps' ICC T20 World





Australia, who have won a record five World Cup titles in 50-over cricket, have surprisingly not got their hands on the T20 showpiece.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have always been consistent in ICC events but now seem to have the selfbelief of going all way under Kane Williamson's astute leadership.

It will be their first T20 World Cup final and if they do end up winning it, it will be a remarkable achievement for a country of five million which keeps churning out worldclass players.

Australia hold the upper-hand over the reigning world Test champions in overall T20 meetings but the Black Caps won their only meeting in the World Cup back in the 2016 edition in India.

Cup final against Australia Sunday. The meme shows Williamson in discussion with Kohli, with the former India T20 skipper wishing the New Zealand captain 'Good luck for the final'. Williamson then 'asks' Kohli

for tips to call right. 'Thanks, any tips for the toss?' Jaffer captioned the meme. The next image shows the two skippers having a hearty laugh. Kohli's poor luck with the coin is being attributed to India's dismal showing at the World Cup in the UAE, with the former India skipper losing the toss against Pakistan as well as New Zealand, the two bigticket games which decided India's fate.

Their last meeting in a World Cup final, in the 50-over format in 2015, was bossed by the Aussies, who have not won an ICC event since then.

Fans of both the teams will have to work against their body clock to

watch the game from their TV sets with the final starting well past midnight in both the countries. New Zealand, who have been the best bowling side of the group

stage, showed their batting class in the semifinals against pre-tour-

and ended up breaking his right hand. Tim Seifert is set to replace him. The seasoned pace duo of Tim

casion Sunday.

Southee and Trent Boult will be expected to keep Australian openers Aaron Finch and David Warner quiet in the powerplay.

record against Australia in T20s and

his opening partner Daryl Mitchell

goes into the final having played the innings of his life. Skipper Kane

Williamson is due for a big score

and expect him to rise to the oc-

Jimmy Neesham proved his

value in the middle-order against

England but New Zealand will miss

the services of Devon Conway who

punched his bat in frustration after

getting dismissed in the semifinal

Adam Milne has also done a decent job as the third pacer and legspinner Ish Sodhi has been impressive in the middle overs.

Finch, who could do little with fast inswingers of Shaheen Shah Afridi the other night, will be looking to add to his 251 runs against New Zealand, the most by an Aussie batter against the Kiwis.

In his last two innings, Warner has shown class is permanent and form is temporary and trust him

Argentina close

Maxwell and Steve Smith who are yet to make a big impact in the tournament.

Marcus Stoinis and Matthew Wade pulling off a remarkable chase against Pakistan makes the Australians better prepared for another close finish.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa, who was taken 12 wickets at 10.91 average in the tournament, will be expected to deliver in the middle overs once again while Maxwell can also chip in with his off spin.

The envious pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood will be playing their first T20 against New Zealand. Hazlewood had an off night against Pakistan and will be itching to hounce back

Arpinder Singh (Athletics), Simranjit Kaur (Boxing), Shikhar Dhawan (Cricket), CA Bhavani Devi (Fencing), Monika (Hockey), Vandana Katariya (Hockey), Sandeep Narwal (Kabaddi), Himani Uttam Parab (Mallakhamb), Abhishek Verma (Shooting), Ankita Raina (Tennis), Deepak Punia (Wrestling), Dilpreet Singh (Hockey), Harman Preet Singh (Hockey), Rupinder Pal Singh (Hockey), Surender Kumar (Hockey), Amit Rohidas (Hockey), Birendra Lakra (Hockey), Sumit (Hockey), Nilakanta Sharma (Hockey), Hardik Singh (Hockey), Vivek Sagar Prasad (Hockey), Gurjant Singh (Hockey), Mandeep Singh (Hockey), Shamsher

Dhvan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement

Sajjan Singh (Wrestling), Lekha KC (Boxing), Abhijeet Kunte (Chess), Davinder Singh Garcha (Hockey) and Vikas Kumar (Kabaddi)

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

Manav Rachna Educational Institution and Indian Oil Corporation Limited for encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy

Paniab University, Chandigarh

Kontaveit, Muguruza seal wins

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guadalajara (Mexico), Nov 13: Anett Kontaveit stretched her winning streak to 12 matches by beating Karolina Pliskova 6-4, 6-0 to secure a spot in the semifinals at the WTA Finals.

The 25-year-old Estonian now has won 28 of her last 30 matches, including her title run at Ostrava. Prior to that stretch she had a 19-13 record for the year.

Kontaveit, who soared from No.30 in the rankings into the top 10 since she started working with Dimitry Tursunov at the Cincinnati Masters, clinched a spot in the tournament's final four.

In the late match Friday, Garbine Muguruza rallied to beat Barbora Krejcikova 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, to remain in contention for the title. To qualify for the semifinals for the second time in her career, the Spaniard (1-1) needs a win on Sunday against Kontaveit (2-0) and a Krejcikova victory over Pliskova (1-1).

Krejcikova (0-2), the French Open champion, is not eliminated, but



needs to beat Pliskova in two sets and a Muguruza loss.

In doubles, the second-seeded team of Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibihara defeated Nicole Melichar-Martinez and Demi Schuurs 6-4, 7-6(7-5). The Japanese pair will qualify for the semifinals if No.7 seeds Darija Jurak



and Andreja Klepac beat Sam Stosur and Zhang Shuai.

The tournament was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The WTA Finals are being played in Guadalajara for this year only, with the event scheduled to return to Shenzhen, China in 2022.

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Sao Paulo, Nov 13: Argentina closed in on a direct World Cup spot with a 1-0 win at Uruguay, despite the absence of Lionel Messi for most of the match as he recovers from a left knee injury.

Veteran winger Angel di Maria scored the only goal in the seventh minute Friday with a powerful left foot shot from the right corner of the penalty box. Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera didn't get close to stopping the ball.

Second-place Argentina now have 28 points in 12 matches. The top four teams in South America earn direct entry to the World Cup. The fifth-place team goes into an intercontinental playoff for a spot in Qatar next year.

Messi only came on in the middle of the second half but did not make an impact. The absence of midfielder Leandro Paredes also affected the Copa America champions. This week's round made Brazil, with 34 points, the first South American team to qualify for Qatar.



PERFECT OUTING: Harry Kane goes for scissor kick to complete his hat-trick

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London, Nov 13: Just when he is doubted, Harry Kane finds new ways to conjure the spectacular. A right-footed scissor kick from the England captain did more than just complete a perfect hat trick against Albania after a header and leftfooted strike. It completed a 5-0 victory on Friday that all but secured England's place at the World Cup. All that's required to be sure of

going to Qatar next November is a draw in the final qualifier Monday away against San Marino - the world's lowest-ranked team.

The 28-year-old Kane took his England tally to 44 goals, nine from catching Wayne Rooney's national record. The striker is now the record scorer in competitive matches for England, with 39 goals overtaking the retired Rooney. England scored five first-half

goals against an Albania side that

had conceded only seven in the eight qualifiers before Friday.

It took Gareth Southgate's side only nine minutes to take the lead, with Harry Maguire heading in a free-kick from Reece James. Another header, the first of Kane's goals, extended the lead in the 18th.

Henderson then got his first England goal at Wembley, with an assist from Kane. Raheem Sterling was the provider for Kane's second in the 33rd. And it was Phil Foden's corner that Kane met in first-half stoppage time with the scissor kick to wrap up the win.

Poland is now set for the World Cup playoffs with second place in Group I secured after Robert Lewandowski scored twice in a 4-1 victory over Andorra.

Another missed penalty from Ballon d'Or candidate Jorginho means European champion Italy still has some work to do in order to qualify for the World Cup. A 1-1 draw with visiting Switzerland Friday kept Italy atop Group Centering the final round of qualifiers -(but only on goal difference.

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