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Actor Rani Mukerjee says she is thankful to the audiences for their support for the last 25 years

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As many of 160,000 US active-duty military members are having trouble feeding their families

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Mitchell Marsh's brilliant innings helps Australia win the T20 WC title beating New Zealand by 8 wickets

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ASSEMBLY WINTER SESSION FROM DEC 1

BHUBANESWAR: Winter Session of the Odisha Assembly will begin from December 1 and continue till December 31. This was informed by the Assembly Secretariat in a release on the Provisional Calendar of Sittings. The eighth session of the 16th Assembly will have 26 business days. The First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 2021-22 will be presented in the state Assembly on first day of the Winter Session. Debate on demands of grants will be held on the floor of the House from December 7. The Appropriation Bill on the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year 2021-22 will be tabled in the House on December 10, the release mentioned.



2 WOMEN SCRIBES DETAINED IN ASSAM

AGARTALA: Two women journalists reporting on recent instances of alleged religious vandalism in Tripura were detained by the Assam Police at Nilambazaar in Karimganj district of Assam, close to the Tripura-Assam boundary, Sunday. The journalists had been earlier booked under Sections relating to spreading communal disharmony, committing insult with the intent of provoking breach of peace and criminal conspiracy. The FIR against Samridhi K Sakunia and Swarna Jha, based on a complaint by local Vishva Hindu Parishad activists, has been registered at Fatikroy police station in Unakoti district.

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HAPPINESS ABOUND: Children in a tram wave as they celebrate Children's Day 2021 in Kolkata, Sunday

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Rain plays spoilsport for farmers

Wrecked by frequent unseasonal rain, farmers are now at a loss to maintain their families, let alone repay their debts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Rayagada, Binjharpur, Padampur, Telkoi, Nov 14: Incessant rain for the last three days have almost damaged paddy and non-paddy crops across the state dealing a blow to the farmers, who will now find it difficult to support their families, let alone pay off their loans.

In this crisis, if the state government does not take steps like loan waivers it is apprehended that many farmers may take extreme steps like suicide.

In Rayagada, paddy and cotton crops have been badly affected by the incessant rains with hectares of farmlands still under water. Paddy has been cultivated in 47,000 hectares, while non-paddy crops have been raised on 40,000 hectares in the district.

Several farmers in Rayagada said that they had hurriedly reaped paddy after learning about the rain



forecast. Much of the paddy has been left to rot in the farmlands. They were preparing to carry the paddy to the stockyards, but the rains proved a spoilsport.

In Jajpur, ripe paddy is soaking in rainwater in several hectares. Earlier paddy in several areas under Binjharpur block had been affected by insufficient rainfall.

The farmers had cut the crops in the farmland with a lot of efforts, but the unseasonal rains spoiled their hopes. Many farmers are worried about repaying loans they took for the paddy cultivation this year.

They lamented that all their money and hard labour invested in the paddy farming have been washed away.

In Mayurbhanj, unseasonal rain have also played spoilsport with paddy in several hectares in tribal-dominated Bangiriposi block.

As harvested paddy is already soaking in rainwater and further rains will only worsen their condition, they said.

The situation in most parts of Keonjhar is similar. Farmers had stocked paddy in their yard after harvesting, but the seeds have germinated following incessant rains.

In many places, farmers are showing their damaged paddy to agriculture officials with the hope of receiving compensation. Agriculture official RK Handa said that paddy farming was good this year, but unseasonal rain have spoiled it.

About 80 per cent people in Naugao block of Jagatsinghpur district depend on agriculture. They had cultivated paddy in over 7,000 hectares. In September, as they were preparing to harvest their crops, heavy spells of rain left them in a striated condition. Their ready-to-harvest crops were damaged by unseasonal rain.

Farmers' organisations have demanded immediate steps for assessment of the damage and payment of compensation to the affected farmers.

COP26 compromises on coal

The Glasgow Climate Pact is the first ever UN climate deal to plan to reduce coal, responsible for greenhouse gases with harmful climate impact

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Glasgow, Nov 14: Almost 200 nations accepted a compromise deal Saturday aimed at keeping a key global warming target alive, but it contained a last-minute change that watered down crucial language about coal.

Several countries, including small island states, said they were deeply disappointed by the change promoted by India to "phase down," rather than "phase out" coal power, the single biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

"Our fragile planet is hanging by a thread," United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement. "We are still knocking on the door of climate catastrophe."

Nation after nation had complained earlier on the final day of two weeks of UN Climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland about how the deal did not go far or fast enough, but they said it was better than



Delegates pose for a picture during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, Saturday

REUTERS PHOTO

nothing and provided incremental progress, if not success.

In the end, the summit broke ground by singling out coal, however weakly, by setting the rules for international trading of carbon credits, and by telling big polluters to come back next year with improved pledges for cutting emissions.

But domestic priorities both political and economic again kept nations from committing to the fast, big cuts that scientists say are needed to keep warming below dangerous levels that would produce extreme weather and rising seas capable of erasing some island nations.

Ahead of the Glasgow talks, the United Nations had set three criteria for success, and none of them were achieved.

The UN's criteria included pledges to cut carbon dioxide emissions in half by 2030, \$100 billion in financial aid from rich nations to poor, and ensuring that half of that money went to helping the developing world adapt to the worst effects of climate change.

"We did not achieve these goals at this conference," Guterres said. "But we have some building blocks for progress."

Negotiators from Switzerland and Mexico called the coal language change against the rules because it came so late. However, they said they had no choice but to hold their noses and go along with it.

Many other nations and climate campaigners criticized India for making demands that weakened the

India led demand for last-minute change on coal power
New draft retains call for reduced fossil fuel subsidies
Nations at odds over how to keep 1.5°C goal alive
Poor countries seek funds to tackle climate change

final agreement.

"India's last-minute change to the language to phase down but not phase out coal is quite shocking," said Australian climate scientist Bill Hare, who tracks world emission pledges for the science-based Climate Action Tracker. "India has long been a blocker on climate action, but I have never seen it done so publicly."

Others approached the deal from a more positive perspective. In addition to the revised coal language, the Glasgow Climate Pact included enough financial incentives to almost satisfy poorer nations and solved a long-standing problem to pave the way for carbon trading.

The agreement also says big carbon polluting nations have to come back and submit stronger emission cutting pledges by the end of 2022.

"It's a good deal for the world," US Climate envoy John Kerry said. "It's got a few problems, but it's all in all a very good deal."

5-year extension to CBI, ED chiefs

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 14: The Centre has brought in ordinances to extend the tenures of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) chiefs up to five years.

Currently the tenure of directors of both Central investigation agencies is of two years, and now, as per the ordinances, they can get an extension of maximum three years.

President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the ordinances as Parliament is not in session and he is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action.

The CVC (Amendment) Ordinance and the Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021, has the same provisions in respect of the CBI Director, and it comes into force at once.

of the CBI and the ED ahead of upcoming winter session of the Parliament.

"Provided that the period for which the Director of Enforcement holds the office on his initial appointment may, in public interest, on the recommendation of the Committee under clause (a) and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended up to one year at a time: Provided further that no such extension shall be granted after the completion of a period of five years in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment," the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 said.

The Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021, has the same provisions in respect of the CBI Director, and it comes into force at once.

CBSE board exam in new pattern from Nov 16



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 14: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will be conducting the board examinations in a new pattern in which over 20 lakh students are set to appear.

Examination for the first term of Class XII will begin from November 16, while for Class X it will start November 17.

For assessing the students across the country, the examination will be held in two terms. Second term of the examination is expected to be held in March-April next year.

According to the CBSE, this time, the students will be given 20 minute-reading time instead of 15 minutes. The first term will have Multiple Choice Questions and the duration for solving it is 90 minutes.

Every question will have four options, of which the student has to encircle the correct one. As every answer sheet will be scanned, no question can be left unanswered. Even if the students do not want to answer, then too, they will have to encircle an option provided for it.

Renowned educationist PS Kandpal said many examinations have been conducted on similar pattern. According to the CBSE, for Class X students, internal assessment marks have been divided into two parts - ten-ten each. Similarly for Class XII, it has been divided into 15-15 marks.

This time, the students have been given an option to appear in the examination centre of their choice as due to Covid-19, many of them were displaced. Many students are still at their native places while their schools are at other locations.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



My govt always wanted to honour you but you talk sensibly and have a good IQ.

Odisha among top 5 states in cyber crimes against minors

Over 400 pc rise in cyber crime cases against children in 2020 in comparison to 2019: NCRB

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: More than 400 per cent increase in cyber crime cases committed against children was reported in 2020 in comparison to 2019, with most of them relating to publishing or transmitting of materials depicting children in sexually explicit act, according to the latest NCRB data.

Top five states reporting cyber crimes against children are: Uttar Pradesh (170), Karnataka (144), Maharashtra (137), Kerala (107) and Odisha (71), the National Crimes Record Bureau data stated.

Among the 842 cases of online offences, 738 cases were about pub-

lishing or transmitting materials depicting children in sexually explicit act. As the NCRB 2020 data reveals, there is a sharp rise (over 400 per cent) in cyber crimes (registered under the Information Technology Act) committed against children in comparison to the last year.

In 2019, 164 cases of cyber crimes against children were reported while in 2018, 117 cases of cyber crimes were committed against children and 79 such cases were registered in 2017. Even though the number of cyber crime cases committed against children in 2020 remain small, its rise from 2019 is alarming.

Puja Marwaha, CEO, CRY-Child Rights and You, said while spending more time on Internet for accessing education and other communication purposes, children have also become more vulnerable to multiple risks, particularly in the contexts of online sexual abuse, grooming or sexual solicitation,



sexting, exposure to pornography, production and circulation of child sexual abuse material, cyber-bullying, online harassment and cyber-victimisation, and many other privacy-related risks.

"While there is little evidence to ascertain the scale of the impact of the epidemic containment measures on online abuse and exploitation of children, closure of

schools and children's increased exposure to the online space may have had serious implications on the increased online risks experienced by them," she added.

During the Covid pandemic, measures taken to contain the spread of the pandemic have resulted in closure of schools and movement to virtual learning environments. Children also spent

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
MAX	29.8°C	29.8°C
MIN	22.2°C	21.2°C
Humidity	98%	96%
Rainfall	5.9mm	3.4mm

Forecast: Generally cloudy sky

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GALLAGHER WANTS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANER

Oasis legend Noel Gallagher is eyeing a career-change as a window cleaner as he sees the job as a 'noble' occupation. The rocker was forced to tackle the seven-bedroom country property all by himself after his regular cleaner tested positive for Covid, reports aceshowbiz.com.

RATAJKOWSKI HASN'T EVER 'LOVED' BEING A MODEL

Model-actress Emily Ratajkowski has said that she hasn't ever 'loved' being a model, because the work has left her 'very confused' about her relationship with her own body. "I don't think I ever loved modelling. It made me feel very confused about my relationship with my body," she said.



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ARIES

Today people will actually drag you into altercations, so flash the peace sign if you must. You may face some sort of legal troubles from peace-loving groups. Therefore, Ganesh advises you to meditate, take a walk or just seek out the company of your near and dear ones.

TAURUS

This all matters are likely to revolve around the opposite sex. Women are going to feature prominently and significantly in everything that you do. So says Ganesh. That is good. But you will be inclined to be lazy and laid back and may thus reduce the effect and impact of efforts.

GEMINI

Today, you may decide to get a little more conscious about your health. Filled with positive drive, you may even plan to join a gymnasium or start taking a hard look at your calorie intake. Don't go overboard, though! You don't want to do it only today, and forget it tomorrow - plan and execute in a step-wise manner, so it doesn't get a bit too much.

CANCER

You will spend your day reflecting on your past and thinking what went wrong, predicts Ganesh. But keep in mind that your mistakes won't lead to the end of the world, unless you are a nuclear scientist. So get your act together, and stop brooding over your mistakes.

LEO

You will get good co-operation from your colleagues and subordinates. In your personal life also you will gain the support of your spouse and your friends. Other people will be accommodating of your problems and will try to solve them for you. Your expenses may increase, leading to some financial worries, says Ganesh.

VIRGO

You are quick-witted, sharp and artistic to the core, says Ganesh, so you may go ahead and enrapture people with your special abilities, perhaps at a social gathering. However, Ganesh says it would be better if you could conserve some of that enthusiasm in order to focus your attention on issues of greater importance.

LIBRA

Monotonous is the word to describe the way things have been till now, but no more, says Ganesh. It might be a very good idea for you to take a break from things around you and go on a small trip. Invigorate yourself with a small picnic with family and friends.

SCORPIO

According to Ganesh, it's a good day for long term and real estate investments. It may lead to benefits and profits in long run. Sit back, relax and enjoy the pleasures of life before you miss out on them. Welcome all the opportunities with open arms.

SAGITTARIUS

The wheel of fortune turns towards you today, says Ganesh. Make a wish and it's bound to come true. However don't be over-confident when it comes to decision-making. In case of disappointments, 'this too shall pass' would be the best remedy.

CAPRICORN

You comparatively less experienced than others in the office, but the boss will choose you with a hope to get the company out of the existing troubles. Trusting your intelligence, skills, and potential, you will be assigned some crucial matters. It is a great deal to live up to such high expectations, but you will be able to do so and win the hearts of many, predicts Ganesh.

AQUARIUS

You will be on a spending spree today. But, make sure that your desire to enjoy life doesn't burn a hole in your pocket. Watch your words and steps, as people are observing your every move. You have put all of your eggs in one basket, so make sure that you don't mess up and lose everything that you have, advises Ganesh.

PISCES

You will feel very emotional about those who are close to your heart. Those people who know you will endear you because of this quality of yours. But Ganesh adds a word of caution; take care of those people whom you hold close to your heart because in your sentiments for them you might not notice their bad qualities.



Meet UK-Indian star Ritu Arya

Arya reprises the role of Interpol's Inspector Urvashi Das, forever in hot pursuit of the Dwayne Johnson, Gal Gadot and Ryan Reynolds characters in the Netflix comic-action drama 'Red Notice'.

After the generation of Meera Syal and Parminder Nagra, and the now-famous Archie Panjabi and Simone Ashley aka Kate Sharma of *Bridgerton 2*, Ritu Arya is the newest British Indian actress to get the world's attention.

Arya reprises the role of Interpol's Inspector Urvashi Das in the Netflix comic-action drama *Red Notice*.

She rose to prominence back home with her recurring role as Dr Megan Sharma in the hugely popular British soap opera *Doctors*, which even earned her; back in 2014, a British Soap Awards nomination. The actress starred alongside Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman as a character named Gail in the episode titled *The Sign of Three of Sherlock*, the series that recasts the Sherlock Holmes mysteries and places them in contemporary settings.

It was in 2016 when life changed for the actor, as her work in the Netflix original *The Umbrella Academy* changed her career trajectory. Her performance as Lila Pitts in the series is considered to be her breakthrough role. She thereafter starred in the British mystery thriller *The Stranger*; the comedy drama *Feel Good* and then in *Doctor Who*, which is one of the longest running shows in British television history.



'Tough for actors to keep personal emotions at bay'

Mumbai: Actress Ragini Nandwani of *Mrs Kaushik Ki Paanch Bahuein* believes the job of an actor is not easy.

According to her: An actor hardly gets time for his or her emotional self despite delivering emotional scenes on-screen. "An actor's job is not easy I believe. We work with all possible human emotions as a part of our job, so somewhere we get so neck deep with this that taking out time is a luxury at times. Talking about emotional self, I think as an actor, you leave all personal emotions at home because they can come in play during our work because we emote a particular character on screen," she said.

Actors are generally said to have more relationship issues. "I think any job you do, it's compatibility that makes or breaks a relationship. Yes to an extent, the working hours are odd at times which the other person might have issues with. That can drift relationships at times. But again, it's all about understanding in every relationship, be it with an actor or anyone for that matter," she said.

RANI MUKERJEE CLOCKS 25 YEARS IN B-TOWN

'Was born to play Vimmy'

Rani says she is thankful to the audiences for accepting her despite her distinct voice and short height compared to the standards by which people used to judge Indian actresses

Mumbai: It's been 25 years for Rani Mukerji in the movies. Along the course of her journey, the actress has played many a character; but, for her, Vimmy from the *Bunty Aur Babli* franchise is one who's closest to her heart.

The *Mardaani* actress shared, "It's special that I have completed 25 years in cinema with the character that is probably closest to my heart. I feel I was born to play Vimmy. I remember I was blown away by her when *Bunty Aur Babli* was first narrated to me. Her energy, even from the pages of the script, was very infectious and I'm fortunate that I have her in my filmography."

The actress is reprising Vimmy's character in *Bunty Aur Babli 2*. About her journey in the industry, she said: "I started when I was 16, I was really young then, I didn't think that I would be an actor but it was my mum's insistence that made me one, or rather made me take the plunge in the movie business. Thank God for my mum that she recognised my passion earlier than I did."

On a thankful note, she added: "With changing times, movies change, and audiences accepted someone like me, who had a distinct voice and was short, compared to the standards which people used to judge Indian actresses. I am fortunate that my audiences have kept me going for the last 25 years."

Rani said her 'loyal fans' had kept her relevant even today. "I think their love gives me the energy to keep going back on to the sets and giving my best," she said, signing off.



Hindi film *Namard* to be shot in Cuttack

POST NEWS NETWORK

CUTTACK: At a time when Odia filmmakers are moving out of Odisha to shoot their movies, *Namard*, a Hindi movie, is set to be shot in Cuttack from January. The film's plot has some connections with the Odia film industry, revealed the makers.

Mumbai-based actor Aryan Abbas plays the male lead opposite Ananya Kashyap while N Padhy has been roped in to direct the film

Directed by N Padhy, the movie was recently launched at Choudhury Bazar here.

Mumbai-based actor Aryan Abbas has been signed to play



The cast and crew of the movie during the launching ceremony

the male lead opposite Ananya Kashyap in the film, to be released in Joker Plus channel. Odia actress Sandhyarani Sahoo plays the second lead.

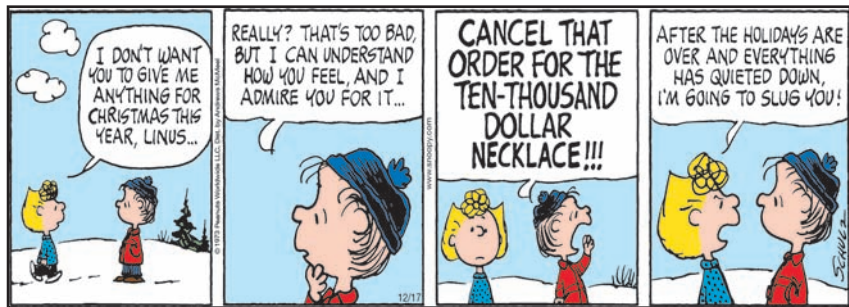
Talking about his role, Abbas said, "The movie revolves around a man who has failed in love. The youths will definitely enjoy its presentation style."

The film also has Adi Irani, Subhra Majumdar, T Apparao, Sonali Mallick and Manoj Dandapat playing important roles.

Based on a story written by Ramesh Singh Gautam, the film is being made under Bishnupriya Productions banner and produced by Dilip Kumar Pushpak. Bibhuti Gadnayak scores the music.

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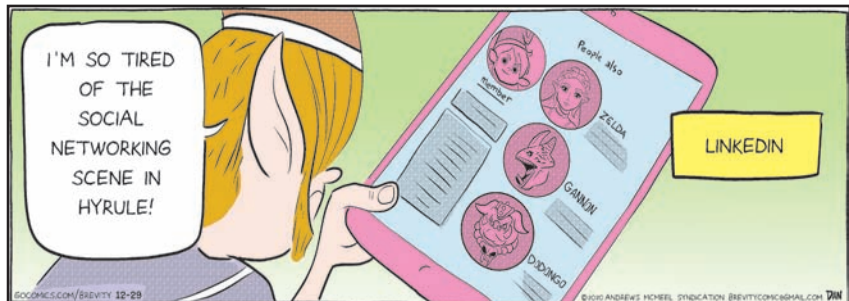
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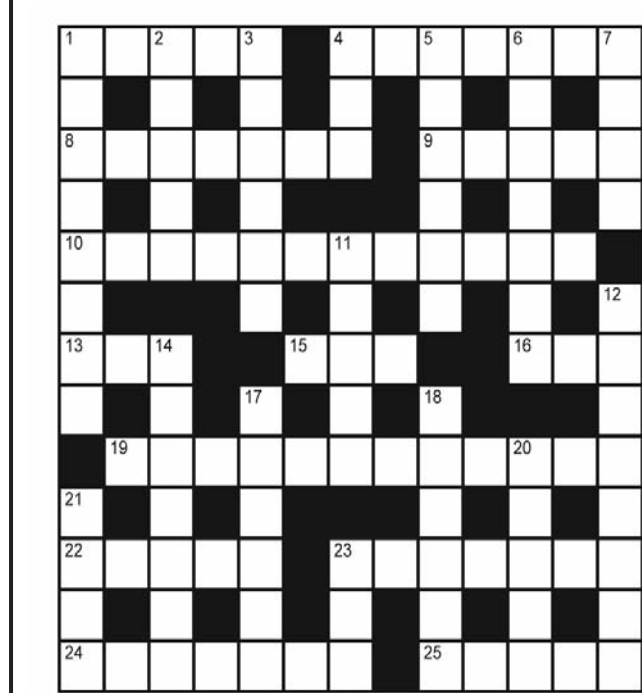
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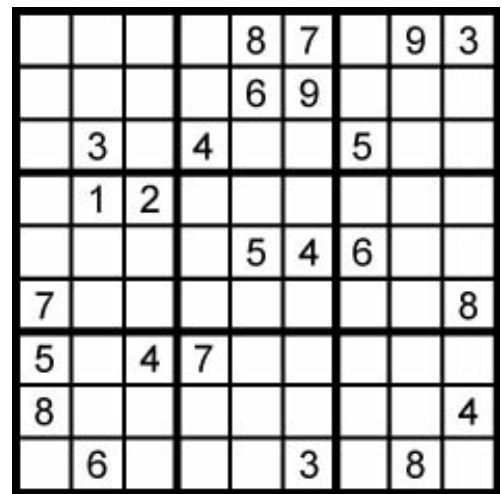
CROSSWORD



- Across
- 1 Alpha's opposite
 - 4 Kind of salesman (4-3)
 - 8 Frog's beginning
 - 9 Like helium
 - 10 Haitian capital (4-2-6)
 - 13 Track
 - 15 Aardvark's tidbit
 - 16 Malaysian export
 - 19 Riddles (5-7)
 - 22 Allegation
 - 23 Stuck to
 - 24 Freedom from vanity
 - 25 Thought over
- Down
- 1 Devilfishes
 - 2 Sea duck
 - 3 Statement of belief
 - 4 Island strings
 - 5 Magical drink
 - 6 Man's hair style (4,3)
 - 7 Merit
 - 11 Burgundy grape
 - 12 Biased (3-5)
 - 14 Laurel wreath
 - 17 Kind of test
 - 18 Havoc
 - 20 Continental money
 - 21 Rip-off
 - 23 "___ questions?"

SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

A NEW ERA FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES ENSURING RESPECT, RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

In the journey of empowerment of tribal communities, a key milestone was the creation of a separate ministry for tribal welfare by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government

Shri Vajpayee's government also extended the timeline of reservations for SC/ST communities through constitutional amendments

Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, landmark decisions of strengthening of legal protections, extension of reservations and more were taken

Now, in line with the same vision, to usher in a new era of tribal empowerment,

India declares the day of Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Jayanti as JANJATIYA GAURAV DIVAS

BIG STRIDES MADE TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES...

- Doubling of budget for scholarships** from ₹978 crore in 2013-14 to ₹2,546 crore in 2021-22
- Five-fold jump in number of Eklavya schools sanctioned** in 2014-2021 (472), compared to 2004-2014 (90)
- Seven-fold increase in number of minor forest produce items covered under MSP** from just 12 in 2014 to 87 in 2021
- Sixty-two-fold jump in value of procurement of minor forest produce** from just ₹30 crore in 2014-15 to ₹1,870 crore in 2020-21
- Strengthening of SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act** ensuring a life of respect and dignity
- For the first time ever**, Development and Welfare Board for De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities constituted
- 10 Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums** being set up across India to acknowledge heroic deeds
- Bamboo taken out of regulatory shackles** by amending Indian Forest Act, boosting bamboo cultivation and sale
- Mission Van Dhan benefiting 9 lakh people** via 52,976 Van Dhan SHGs in 3,110 Vikas Kendra clusters
- Central ST component in budget more than tripled** from ₹21,525 crore in 2013-14 to ₹78,256 crore in 2021-22



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Inauguration by PM of the **Bhagwan Birsa Munda Museum**, Jharkhand: 9:30 AM

PM's address at the **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Maha-Sammelan**, Madhya Pradesh: 1.00 PM



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42 kids among 262 fresh Covid cases

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: At least 42 children were among 262 people who tested positive for Covid-19 in Odisha Sunday, pushing the tally to 10,45,471 while two fresh fatalities pushed the coronavirus death toll to 8,377, a Health department official said.

The rate of infection among children and adolescents in the age group of 0 to 18 years increased to 16.03 per cent from 14.97 per cent the previous day.

Of the state's total 10,45,471 Covid-19 cases reported so far, as many as 90,368 were children and adolescents in the age group of 0 to 18 years, he said.

The second wave of the pandemic has so far claimed the lives of 46 children and adolescents in Odisha. At least 13 of these deaths were reported between August 10 and 31, he said.

The Covid-19 toll in Odisha mounted to 8,377 Sunday with two more deaths due to the infection reported from Dhenkanal and Jagatsinghpur. This apart, 53 other Covid-19 patients have died due to comorbidities, he said.

For the fourth consecutive day Sunday, the state's new Covid-19 cases remained below 300. The state had reported 262 cases Saturday, 263 Friday, 271 Thursday and 387 Wednesday. Khurda district, of which state Capital Bhubaneswar is a part, reported the highest of 132 new cases followed by 21 in Cuttack. Ten other districts did not report any new case in the last 24 hours. The state's daily test positivity rate (TPR) stood at 0.43 per cent as 262 persons tested positive for the infection out of 60,923 samples. The TPR was 0.40 per cent Saturday, 0.39 per cent Friday, 0.43 per cent Thursday and 0.60 per cent Wednesday.

The coastal state currently has 2,741 active Covid-19 cases while 10,34,300 patients have recovered from the highly infectious disease including 309 Saturday.

Odisha has thus far tested over 2.28 crore samples including 60,923 Saturday. The state's cumulative positivity rate now stands at 4.57 per cent.

Tusk seized from Bargarh, 1 held

PNN/AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Police has seized an elephant tusk and arrested a person on charges of indulging in illegal trading of wildlife body parts in Bargarh district, an officer said Sunday.

On the basis of reliable information, the STF team conducted a raid with the help of Padmapur Forest Range officials under Bargarh Forest Division near Kendubhatta, Gaisilat of Bargarh district regarding illegal possession of tusk by wildlife criminals Saturday, the officer said.

During the raid, a person was apprehended, police said, adding that a tusk and other incriminating materials were seized from his possession. As the accused could not produce any valid authority in support of possession of the tusk, he has been handed over to Bargarh forest officials for necessary legal action at their end. Investigation is on, the official added.

Students visit Orissa HC, interact with Chief Justice



Orissa High Court Chief Justice S Muralidhar speaks to the students at Odisha Judicial Academy in Cuttack, Sunday

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: The premises of Orissa High Court in Cuttack were opened for the students on the occasion of Children's Day, Sunday.

At least 25 Class XI and Class XII students of Ravenshaw Higher

Secondary School along with their teachers visited the court premises and took glimpses of the statues of several renowned legal luminaries including BR Ambedkar, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das and Justice BK Ray, the first Chief Justice of Orissa High Court.

The students were enthused to

see the Chief Justice's courts and chambers in the heritage building and the new building of the HC as well as the photo gallery of former chief justices and judges.

Senior lawyers Bibhu Prasad Tripathy, Pami Rath and Saswat Acharya answered the queries

of the students regarding the lives of lawyers and judges and the functioning of the justice delivery system.

The students interacted with the office-bearers of Orissa High Court Bar Association and got information regarding the eminent legal luminaries of

CHIEF JUSTICE S MURALIDHAR TOLD THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE NOBILITY OF LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF LEGAL FRATERNITY IN THE NATION BUILDING

HE ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS TO ASPIRE TO BECOME LAWYERS AND JUDGES

Odisha who have made significant contribution towards the justice delivery system in the country.

The students also visited the newly-inaugurated office of the Odisha State Legal Services Authority and got details regarding the Alternative Dispute Redressal (ADR) mechanism.

They interacted with Chief Justice S Muralidhar and several judicial officers at Odisha Judicial Academy.

The Chief Justice told them about the nobility of legal profession and the contribution of legal fraternity as a whole in the nation building. He encouraged the students to aspire to become lawyers and judges.

No Bali Yatra in Capital this year

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: The Commissionerate Police (CP) Sunday denied permission to organise Bali Yatra fair, keeping in view the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) for the month of November.

Speaking to media here, DCP Umashankar Dash stated that the organisers of Bali yatra in City recently met the Twin City Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarsi requesting for permission to organise the annual fair.

Dash told the media that the senior officials reportedly apprised the organisers of the Commissionerate Police's decision of not allowing the fair this year for the covid-19 situation.

Earlier, the Cuttack Municipal Corporation had cancelled the organisation of Baliyatra in Cuttack.

2 toy guns, sharp weapons recovered from KBN gang

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: The Commissionerate Police Sunday claimed to have seized two toy guns from the possession of the KBN gang members during interrogation.

Several sharp weapons were also seized from their possession. The cops tried to elicit details as to where the accused had procured the weapons and firearms from.

Speaking to media, DCP Umashankar Dash said that efforts are on to arrest the absconding members of the gang including the mastermind, Bubu Jena.

The City police Saturday took five members of the gang, also known as Town Tiger, on a two-day remand to inquire about their modus operandi.

The SDJM court had earlier allowed the cops to take Suman Kumar Parida, Rajesh Kumar Behera alias Chenga, Sanatana Behera alias Sania and Rahul Jena on two-day remand. Police Friday got the court's permission to take another member of the gang Narendra Sahu on two-day remand.

The accused will be produced before the court Monday after the end of their remand period.

BJP, Cong accuse Odisha Police of acting as BJD agent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: Continuing to mount pressure for dismissal of BJD Minister DS Mishra for alleged links with the accused in the Kalahandi woman teacher murder case, the opposition BJP and Congress Sunday accused Odisha Police of trying to clear the Minister of charges.

While the Odisha Police was silent over the allegations, the ruling BJD in a statement rejected the claims stating that police was investigating the case professionally involving scientific and forensic experts.

BJD, however, criticized BJD General Secretary Lekhashree Samantasinghar, who had taken a dig at the DIG Northern Range Deepak Kumar who had claimed that the investigation was on track and there were no irregularities.

"The BJP leader exposes her lack of knowledge about police investigation. Maybe she wanted to become a police officer and failed. She is now trying to fulfil her childhood dream by acting like a police officer in press meets and making wild, baseless statements," BJD spokesman Lenin Mohanty said in a statement.

Earlier at a press conference, Samantasinghar had accused the DIG of "acting" like BJD spokesperson and "shielding" DS Mishra in the case. "DIG Deepak Kumar is trying to give a clean chit to the Minister even when the investigation is still on. He also refuted the meeting which took place between the victim and the accused in presence of the Minister at Raipur," she pointed out.

The BJP leader also alleged

that the DIG is putting pressure on his subordinates by conducting such a press meet, adding that the whole crime scene is being reconstructed to clear the Minister of complicity in the case. She claimed that call records have not been collected and no police team has so far visited Raipur to investigate the allegation.

The BJP leader asked the police to explain how the school teacher was abducted, murdered and the remains of the burnt body were buried in the school campus. She said that the victim's father had clearly stated that a sex racket was being operated and girls were being sexually exploited in Kalahandi by the prime accused. The victim was killed after the teacher threatened to expose the incident, the BJP leader claimed.

The prime accused was president of the managing committee of the school and a college. "He (victim's father) has also disclosed that the victims of the sex racket were rewarded with first-class or 'best 10' ranks in academics," Samantasinghar said.

The Congress too lambasted the senior cop for allegedly attempting to give a clean chit to the minister during a press conference on Saturday.

OPCC spokesman MK Mohapatra demanded immediate arrest and removal of the minister. The Congress also sought a reply from BJD on a photograph of the prime accused with Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

The incident has sparked a statewide furore and triggered a political storm with the BJP and Congress demanding the Minister's dismissal and a CBI probe. Both the parties have staged demonstrations, bands and hartals across the state.

A PRESENT FOR NATION'S FUTURE

CM dedicates 138 transformed schools in four more districts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: On the occasion of Children's day, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Sunday dedicated 138 high schools transformed under the 5T initiative of the state government in Boudh, Bhadrak, Sonepur and Keonjhar districts.

As per the plan, in the first phase of the 5T School Transformation program, a total of 1,075 transformed schools will be inaugurated in 30 districts of the state by November 24.

Of the 138 schools inaugurated Sunday, 10 are from Boudh, 11 from Sonepur, 17 from Bhadrak and 100 from Keonjhar. Earlier, 142 transformed schools were inaugurated in five districts. Thus, a total of

Offline classes for Std VI, VII resume today

The physical classes for students of Classes VI and VII are set to begin Monday. Earlier, the School and Mass Education (S&ME) department had informed that physical classes for students from Classes I to VII would open in a phased manner after Diwali. School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash said that the decision to resume physical classes for VI and VII students has been taken as the daily number of Covid-19 cases has dipped considerably in the state.

330 transformed schools have been made available to students till date. It also includes 50 schools in Hinjili and Sheragarh. Students from the

four districts also interacted with the Chief Minister over the school's transformation programme.

Chief minister Naveen Patnaik said, "Although children make up a third of the population, they are the country's future. And, school is the most important time in a child's life".

Ministers Niranjan Pujari and Premananda Nayak along with MLAs Pradeep Amat and Byomakesh Rai also joined the event and praised the school transformation program highly. They praised the Chief Minister's foresight, saying it would bring about a revolution in the education sector of Odisha.

The event also featured a video about the 5T School Transformation programme.



The winners of Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2020 of the Sahitya Akademi with eminent poet Ramakanta Rath and other dignitaries at Soochana Bhawan in Bhubaneswar, Sunday

NOW, EKAMRA HAAT HAS AN OPEN LIBRARY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: An open library was inaugurated at the Ekamra Haat in the Capital city here on the occasion of Children's Day, Sunday.

The library has been set up by the Bakul Foundation in partnership with the State Institute for Development of Arts and Crafts under the guidance of Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts department.

Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister, R Balakrishnan, inaugurated the library in the presence of Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts department secretary Shubha Sarma, SIDAC member secretary Sisir Kumar Rath and



Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister, R Balakrishnan, and Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts department secretary Shubha Sarma at the inauguration of the open library at Ekamra Haat

founder of Bakul Foundation Sujit Mahapatra among others.

An old refrigerator for beverages with a glass door has been

reused as a cupboard for books at the open library

The library has around 200 books in Odia and English to cater to the needs of different age groups, including children and adults

The Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts department has taken various initiatives to popularise and showcase the crafts heritage of Odisha through regular events at Ekamra Haat

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"Anyone can pick up a book from the cupboard and sit down on the grass or on the seats in the market. Anyone can also donate a book to the open library," said an official.

Bakul Foundation has been running a library movement in the state with public contributions to promote reading habit among people.

It has also set up a library at Biju Patnaik Park in the city here. The Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts department has taken various initiatives to popularise and showcase the crafts heritage of Odisha through regular events at Ekamra Haat.

The market is equipped with an amphitheatre to host cultural events.

BSCCL organises cyclothon to promote NMT in City

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: Braving the inclement weather conditions, cycle enthusiasts participated in a cyclothon from KIIT Square to the top of the Sikharchandi Hills Sunday.

The cyclothon was organised by Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCCL), in association with Pantaloons and Malvar, to promote non-motorised transport (NMT) in a bid to make the City clean and green.

More than 70 people participated in the event, with an objective to make citizens aware of the environmental pollution as the National Capital Region (NCR) is facing the worst pollution ever and three of India's cities are lining up in the list of 10 most polluted cities of the world.

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Four killed in road mishaps

Bargarh: Four persons were killed in two separate road accidents in Bargarh district Sunday. A truck carrying logs was on its way from Sohela locality to Padampur in the district. The driver of the vehicle lost control and rammed it into a pile of bricks lying on the roadside. Both the driver and helper of the vehicle sustained grievous injuries and died on the spot. The deceased have been identified as Gadan Sahu and Kartika Bagh from Talapadar area in Bargarh. Another accident was reported from Sukuda area in the afternoon. Two youths were killed after they hit their bike with a roadside electric pole along Bhatli-Ambabhona road. The deceased were identified as Ayush Agrawal (22) of Nuakhulipada area in Bargarh district and Priyanshu Panda (22) of Kandetora village under Komana police limits in Nuapada district.

60 trees to be felled for road

Chhatrapur: As many as 60 old trees will be felled for the widening of Haridakhadi-Belapada road. As per the information shared by the Rural Works Division-II, the length of the stretch to be expanded is five kilometres. The chief engineer (Road Plan) of Odisha Rural Development department, Bhubaneswar has already approved the road construction work. The work will be executed with the fund provided by NABARD under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-XXVII. For this, 60 trees are to be axed. It is learnt that seeking permission to cut down the trees, the executive engineer of Rural Works Division-II, Berhampur has written a letter (Letter No-7506/08-11-2021) to the divisional forest officer, Berhampur.

Two die as bike rams into tree

Raikia: In a tragic road mishap, two youths were killed and one injured critically after they rammed the bike they were travelling on into a roadside tree near Bakingia Lesudimaha village under Raikia police limits in Kandhamal district Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Kiran Pradhan of Pajamaha area and Abhisekh Nayak of Digi Panganaju area and the injured as Amit Digal, a resident of Tikabali area. On being informed, fire personnel reached the spot and rushed the trio to Raikia government hospital where the doctor pronounced Kiran and Abhisekh received dead. The trio was returning Raikia from G Udayagiri on a motorcycle. Near Bakingia Lesudimaha, the rider lost control, leading to the mishap.

Birthday marked with plantation

Kashipur: Chief of Seva Dal (Congress) of Rayagada unit Anil Jain celebrated his birthday in a different way Sunday. He planted 20 saplings. He was joined by Kashipur sarpanch Paila Majhi, general secretary of Congress' block unit Jayant Baitharu, Mithun Naik and youth leader Amit Nayak. Speaking on the occasion, Jain underscored the need for planting trees to protect environment.

Andhra eyes more bordering villages



POST NEWS NETWORK

Patrapur, Nov 14: After Kotia, Andhra Pradesh is now eyeing more bordering villages under Patrapur block in Ganjam district.

There are some villages in Buratala, Tumba, Ambapur, Gundra, Khambaringa, Barang, Kesharipada, Binuagaon and Gudipadar panchayats under Patrapur block that share borders with Andhra Pradesh.

Gudikhala of Buratala panchayat is one of villages. The moment you reach here, you cannot but feel the presence of the Andhra Pradesh government. Calendars trumpeting the welfare activities taken up by the AP government can be seen pasted on the walls of several houses. The district administration on the other side of the border has carried out some developmental projects in this village.

An investigation reveals that the villagers, mostly tribals, have State-provided ration cards and Voter Identity cards mentioning them as the residents of Gudikhala village, whereas seven cards have been made available to them by the AP government, claiming them to be the residents of Kurudalu village of Budarasingi panchayat under Mandasa mandal in Srikakulam district. Among those

are Voter Identity cards, ration cards, Aadhaar cards, pension cards and health insurance.

Gudikhala is not the only village where the residents have such cards provided by the AP government. There are some tribals residing in Gudikhali village of Gangabada panchayat under Rayagada block in Gajapati district who also have such cards.

It is alleged that despite being in Odisha, the villagers of these two villages of Patrapur and Rayagada blocks in Ganjam and Gajapati districts respectively have been deprived of benefits from the Odisha government. Access to basic amenities like drinking water, electricity and road connectivity had been in the wish list of these villagers.

Cashing in on it, the AP government has won the hearts of the villagers and lured them to its side by providing them electricity, drinking water and education facilities, ration items and ₹2,250 monthly pension to elderly people. In Gudikhala village, some villagers have got housing facility from the Patrapur block administration under Indira Awas Yojana, while some others have houses provided by the AP government. Information leaflets about the AP government facilities are seen hanging on the walls. These information

Cashing in on the alleged negligence of the state govt, the Andhra counterpart has been trying to win hearts of the villagers by making many amenities available to them

sheets highlight all the details like the list of welfare schemes and the amount of money being provided to the beneficiaries.

Listing out the benefits from the AP government, the locals said they receive ₹500 as monthly pension (old age pension) from Buratala panchayat whereas ₹2,250 is provided by the Tarisingi panchayat in Andhra Pradesh.

"We are 27 tribal families in the village. We suffered a lot due to absence of proper road communication facility. The block administration continued to ignore our problems. It is the AP government that constructed a road up to Kalinga Dala reservoir," observed some villagers.

For medical facilities too, they depend on Siripur health centre in AP instead of a nearby hospital of the Odisha government. In case of medical emergency, they spend around ₹300 if they go to the nearest health centre in Odisha. But they receive free healthcare services at Siripur health centre in the neighbouring state.

The villagers have accused the officials of Odisha government of being apathetic towards their plight. "Officers from Andhra Pradesh visit us to know our difficulties. But we have not seen any Odisha officers in our villages, even once," they lamented.



Angul: Lifeline Express to provide healthcare

POST NEWS NETWORK

Angul, Nov 14: Lifeline Express (a hospital in train) has arrived at Angul railway station Sunday morning. This is said to be the first-of-its-kind train that has modern healthcare infrastructure inside.

The train will halt here for the next 15 days and provide free medical consultation, treatment as well as medicines to patients. It is equipped with ultra-modern machines. Besides, specialists available on the train can even conduct surgical operations, if needed, a source said.

The hospital in train has two bogies with operation theatres. Lifeline Express is managed by a charitable organisation named Impact India Foundation and funded by corporate houses from CSR funds.

The non-government organisation provides free healthcare services to people across the country with the support of the Central

HOSPITAL ON WHEELS



and state governments, a spokesperson for the organisation Rohini V Chogulu said.

Three ambulance vehicles have been kept in the train for convenient transportation of patients. "The Lifeline Express is the first-of-its-kind hospital in train in the world," manager Vivek Das informed.

EX-SARPANCH MURDER Five arrested, key conspirator at large

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Nov 14: Berhampur Bada Bazaar police cracked the murder case of ex-sarpanch Pradeep Bisoyi and arrested five accused, informed Berhampur SP Pinak Mishra Saturday.

Informing journalists at a presser, Mishra said a minor has also been detained for his involvement in the crime. As it was suspected, past enmity was the reason behind the murder.

"Three swords, six mobile phones, one bike and a scooter have been seized from their possession," he added. According to the police, the key conspirator is still at large and their efforts are on to nab him.

However, police didn't reveal the identities of the arrested persons and locations from where they were apprehended.

Notably, Pradeep Bisoyi was a three-time sarpanch of Antei village under Digapahandi block in Ganjam district.

'Daman' against Maoists to start in fringe pockets



POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Nov 14: Andhra Pradesh and Odisha governments have started chalking out a special strategy to counter the Reds operating on the fringe areas.

This development has come in the wake of Andhra Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik holding talks about dealing with Left wing extremists operating in Malkangiri and bordering areas in the neighbouring state. The two governments are going to launch 'Daman', a special anti-Maoist operation drive soon. A blueprint on its modalities has been made ready, reports said.

A special police force to be called 'Daman Bahini' will be formed with police personnel of Vishakhapatnam, East

Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh and Bhadradi district of Telangana. Jawans now working in Malkangiri will also be part of the special force. A special intelligence wing will be stationed at Chitrakonda in Malkangiri to provide ground inputs about the activities of the Left wing ultras. In case needs arise, the forces will be allowed to use helicopters of the Air Force, besides the use of the state-of-the-art technology in the anti-Maoist operations.

A special office will be opened for the purpose to coordinate the activities of the Daman Bahini while satellite inputs, cameras and modern weapons will be used. Nearly 2,000 police personnel from the two states will be deployed in the fringe areas. The Daman Bahini will start operation in four areas of Swabhiman

Anchal and two panchayats in Andhra Pradesh.

In the initial phase, police deployment will be made in Swabhiman Anchal in December. This step has been taken in view of the upcoming panchayat elections in Malkangiri. Police deployment will maintain law and order which may be disturbed by the Left wing rebels ahead of the elections.

It may be recalled that panchayat polls could not be held in 18 panchayats of Swabhiman Anchal due to fear of Maoists in 2017. However, the current situation here is quite different from what it was in 2017.

Maoists used to have their hold in Jodamba, Paparmeta and Hantalguda areas. BSF camps have been set up in these areas. Amid these developments, local people have reposed their faith on the forces. Despite this security measures, Maoist outfits like Gumma Anchalika Bahini, Korukunda Maoist Sangathan, Malkangiri, Korapat and Vishakhapatnam Sanghan are making strategies to regain their hold in Swabhiman Anchal. This has become a cause of concern for the government.

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RMC for Green Hub plan in Steel City

POST NEWS NETWORK



Rourkela, Nov 14: Both the Central and State governments have been insisting on promotion of the unconventional energy sources and reducing dependence on thermal and hydro power. The Rourkela Municipal Corporation has decided to promote use of solar energy in the Steel City and to turn it into a Green Energy Hub.

The RMC organised an awareness workshop on use of solar energy. RMC Commissioner Dibyajyoti Parida, deputy commissioner Sudhanshu Bhoi and other officials attended the workshop. 'Solarisation Rourkela' project was launched with an aim of turning the city into a Green Energy Hub. A state-of-the-art sanitation service and the 'Solarisation Rourkela' project are a joint venture of the RMC and Koel Fresh Private Ltd. It was stated that Swachh Sathis and Swachh supervisors will play an important

role in promoting solar energy by undertaking an awareness drive. People will be advised to set up roof-top solar panels to harness solar energy. In the first phase, solar panels will be laid on residential roofs in Koelnagar, Civil Township and Chhend areas. "This is how we are going to achieve the objective of Green Hub in coming days," said RMC Commissioner Dibyajyoti Parida. He added that people will be conscious about the green energy and use it to meet their daily requirement of energy in their houses.

FOCUS INDUSTRY

INTANGIBLE CAPITALISM



The digitised, dematerialised economy is already here, and its spread is unstoppable. The challenge is to manage the transition in a way that benefits the many and not just the few

In a 2014 book, the Nobel laureate economist Joseph E. Stiglitz and Bruce C. Greenwald argued that the most important societal endowment is the ability to learn. Today it is increasingly evident that the 'learning society' has not only been created, but is starting to drive our economies. From the nineteenth century until about 25 years ago, businesses largely invested in physical infrastructure and machinery, from railroads to vehicles. But in the past quarter-century, investment in so-called intangible assets – such as intellectual property, research, software, and managerial and organisational skills – has soared. Recent McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) research found that, by 2019, intangibles accounted for 40% of all investment in the United States and 10 European economies, up 29% from 1995. And intangibles investment appears to have surged again in 2020 as digitalisation accelerated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that this trend strongly hints at the emergence of a new model of capitalism, in which companies' success will be measured more by their people and their capabilities than by their machines, products, or services. Moreover, we think there is no going back. Firms such as Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Microsoft are clearly scaling up dramatically and achieving hypergrowth. Intangibles may well be driving this phenomenon. After all, there is certainly a correlation between investment in intangibles and higher productivity and growth. MGI's research found that companies in the top quartile for growth invest 2.6 times more in intangible assets than the bottom 50% of firms. Similarly, economic sectors that have invested more than 12% of their gross value added (GVA) in intangible assets grew 28% faster than other sectors. Economies in which intangible investment is increasing are also posting growth in total-factor productivity. Notably, the only companies that were able to maintain 2019 rates of growth after the pandemic hit in early 2020 were those that had invested significantly in the full range of intangibles: innovation, data and analytics, and human and brand capital. In a dematerialised, digitised, knowledge-driven world, corporate returns, productivity, and economic growth will increasingly be tied to such assets. But unlocking their true value requires not only investing in them, but also developing the skills and managerial know-how, or human capital, needed to make effective use of them. An MGI survey of more than 860 executives indicates that the major difference between fast-growing and slow-growing firms is that the former not only invest more in intangibles and appreciate their importance for boosting competitive advantage, but also focus on deploying them effectively. The growing salience of intangibles thus makes the imperative of raising skills and capabilities even more acute. This emerging new form of capitalism is potentially marvelous for qualified people with highly portable skills, but somewhat scarier for the less skilled and less digitally savvy. Companies that lack the resources to make necessary investments in intangibles also could fall further behind. The dematerialised economy, if not managed well, thus risks being a recipe for inequality. Previous MGI research found that a key distinguishing feature of 'superstar' companies is their investment in intangibles, including large-scale spending to raise the skills and capabilities of their people. Back in 2019, for example, Amazon announced plans to spend \$700 million over six years to retrain 100,000 employees. Other tech giants, including Google and IBM, have developed similar schemes. But the growing concentration of revenue and profit in a small group of successful firms risks increasing disparities of income and wealth. Intangibles-heavy superstar firms tend to employ fewer, more highly skilled, and better paid people who are generally more productive than employees

in less digitised businesses. If these superstars pull even further ahead, then labour's share of national income – the percentage that goes to worker compensation – could decline even more. This is not to argue that successful intangibles-based firms should be constrained from expanding further or from training their own people. Such firms are important sources of innovation and high-productivity growth, and have formidable incentives to continue investing in intangibles. Rather, companies and governments should do everything they can to spread the skills that will open up opportunities for more individuals and firms in the digital economy. Huge value is at stake. Given the mounting evidence of the correlation between intangibles investment and GVA growth, executives and policymakers should ask themselves what it will take to realise the opportunities intangibles represent. If an additional 10% of companies were to attain the same share of intangibles investment and GVA growth as top growers, this could produce an additional \$1 trillion in GVA, or a 2.7% increase across sectors in OECD economies. Governments can play a key role in reskilling and in ensuring that the right knowledge infrastructure is in place. That means focusing on education, internet and other communications technologies, urban planning, and public science spending. The digitised, dematerialised economy is already here, and its spread is unstoppable. The challenge is to manage the transition in a way that benefits the many and not just the few. Eric Hazan is a managing partner at McKinsey & Company. Jonathan Haskel is Professor of Economics at Imperial College London. Stian Westlake is Executive Director of Policy and Research at Nesta. ©PROJECT SYNDICATE

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Finance must combat climate change – or else

WITH THE PLANET ON FIRE, INSTITUTIONAL FINANCE IS FANNING THE FLAMES

This summer, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its latest report, and the scariest part is just how unsurprising its contents were. Avoiding the worst, the report made clear, is still possible, but only if humanity moves to a carbon-neutral economy as quickly as possible. "This report," said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, "must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet." And yet, with the planet on fire, institutional finance is fanning the flames. Many of the world's most powerful financial actors continue to invest in the fossil-fuel industry, even as its actions predictably lead to massive economic disruption, ecological catastrophe, and social injustice. Until now, they have gotten away with it. But a new trend in the law is forcing institutional investors to decarbonise their portfolios – or be held legally accountable. Harvard University is a case in point. For a decade, Harvard's leaders had ignored calls from students, faculty, and alumni to divest the university's \$53 billion endowment from the fossil-fuel industry. But, recognising scientific and financial reality, in September Harvard finally pledged to divest from companies whose business models, by relying on sustained carbon extraction, are incompatible with a livable future. "Given the need to decarbonise the economy and our responsibility as fiduciaries to make long-term investment decisions that support our teaching and research mission," wrote university President Larry Bacow, "we do not believe such investments are prudent" (emphasis added). Prudence, in the statute governing Harvard's endowment and many other institutional funds, is a fundamental legal concept that establishes the care, skill, and caution with which a fund's investments must be administered. Prudence guides how a fund must be managed in order to serve its beneficiaries' interests, and there are significant penalties for violating it. Harvard's statement acknowledges the impossibility of complying with such a duty while investing in fossil fuels. There are plenty of reasons why this might be the case. For starters, fossil-fuel companies face existential uncertainty. A tide of market shifts, regulations, and litigation poses fundamental risks to the industry's interests, while many of the carbon assets from which it derives its value will be rendered unburnable and stranded to meet international climate goals. In addition, the idea of seeking to profit from businesses whose dependence on carbon dioxide emissions serves to hasten climate change is

repugnant to the notions of public purpose and social duty that responsible investors claim to uphold, and would seem reason enough to seek broad decarbonisation. In other words, the fossil-fuel industry's business model is now so misaligned with scientific and financial reality that betting on these companies is not just misguided. It is negligently wrong as a matter of law. Moreover, the concept of prudence applies in similar form to any investor subject to the fiduciary standard, thus binding essentially every academic endowment, charitable fund, and public and private pension fund. That means trillions of dollars stand to be affected by Harvard's recent divestment precedent. In fact, Harvard's decision is already having ripple effects. In the weeks since the announcement, a number of other influential investors – ranging from the endowments of Boston University, the University of Minnesota, and the MacArthur Foundation to the ABP public pension fund in the Netherlands (Europe's largest) – have likewise acted to align their money with the demands of prudence and climate action. In doing so, they join investors worth over \$39 trillion – many of whom, evidence from markets suggests, are already reaping financial gains from shedding fossil-fuel stocks. By basing Harvard's decision on

prudence, Bacow may well have intended to generate the sweeping impact that the university's divestment from fossil fuels predictably will achieve. Or perhaps it was a timely defensive move. When Bacow announced the decision, the Massachusetts attorney general was weighing whether to act on a legal complaint filed by students and other members of the Harvard community, along with the non-profit Climate Defense Project, asserting that the university's fossil-fuel investments represented a breach of its charitable obligations. Whatever the reason, Harvard has given voice to a doctrine that, befitting the urgency of the climate crisis, should spread swiftly around the world and hasten similar decarbonisation decisions by fiduciaries everywhere. It took a decade of struggle to get Harvard to this point. But now that it is finally taking steps toward living up to its global reputation as a leader, other institutional investors must take notice. In an age of climate crisis, these actors' mandate is to stand with the future, or else risk ending up not just on the wrong side of history, but also on the wrong side of the law. Bevis Longstreth taught financial law at Columbia Law School. Connor Chung is a member of the Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard campaign. ©PROJECT SYNDICATE

To listen to some devout people, one would imagine God never laughs.



SRI AUROBINDO

Colonial Force

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval has urged a fresh batch of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers, at a passing out parade November 12, to wage war against and 'subvert' the civil society in the name of defending the rule of law. This call could be taken as a call for subverting democracy itself. This is an ominous and dangerous signal coming on the heels of almost similar exhortations by the Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat to vigilante groups in Jammu and Kashmir to take law in their hands and finish off alleged terrorists.

When a society and a nation state emerge from the dark days of savagery and desire to create a modern democratic system, the first remarkable difference that can be observed is when law and order are implemented. These two words differentiate a free and modern society from a dark and savage society. Order is imposed by Police and Law is executed by the Judiciary. The problem in India today is that those in power mistakenly consider 'civil society' as being limited to social activists and NGOs and other types of organised groups. If correctly viewed, civil or civilized society comprises not only the activists and organised groups but also educationists, doctors, engineers, lawyers, business persons and, on a wider perspective, any educated and aware citizen of the nation.

Civil society everywhere in the world acts as a watchdog of democracy, opening the eyes of the people to the gross abuse of the rule of law and acts of omission and commission by a government hurting the interests of the people and the nation. A nation is not merely a piece of land. It is the people living on it who create a society that makes that piece of land unique. To try to force this society into submission and neutralise it is an assault on the very nation theory that the police ought to be taught to protect. The rights of freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by the principles of democracy are significant elements that help cement a civilized society.

Suppressing civilized society under the pretext of enforcing rule of law is being projected as if it is in the greater good of the nation. There seems to be no compunction to change the meaning of civil society, damning it indirectly and telling young police officers that the true danger against the nation lies within that civil society. In fact, heinous attacks on civil society by law enforcers have been glorified as a "fourth frontier war."

Fourth-generation warfare (FGW) means a conflict where the state fights non-state actors such as terror groups and insurgents. In defence parlance, the FGW is the fourth stage of evolution in warfare. The first-generation warfare refers to the formal battlefield war, second-generation to artillery fire, and third-generation to speed, surprise and infiltrating an enemy's military.

The attack on civil society, regarded as the conscience-keeper of a democracy, reeks of intolerance and arrogance of a government. The language used by Doval could surprise citizens of any free country. "It is the civil society," he said, "that can be subverted, divided, manipulated to hurt the interest of a nation." What he means is a prescription for the enforcers to make the independent voice fall in line and browbeat it into surrender. It is based on the assumption that civil society is not acting in the interest of the state. The role of civil society, however, is to uphold the interests of the people when the powers that be seek to undermine them.

Then Doval came up with his personal definition of democracy. What he said is in defence of the elected representatives at the expense of the electorate. The quintessence of democracy, he said, did not lie in the ballot box, but "in the laws made by the people who are elected through those ballot boxes" and in the will of the police to enforce them. This is exactly what India is being told currently that an elected government has the mandate to do whatever it thinks best for the nation. But, what has been forgotten is that the people and their civil society have the right to criticise what an elected government does. The right is secured in the provisions of the Constitution of this democratic nation. In order to change the democratic system, the government seems to be systematically maligning the civil society.

Doval further said that laws are not as good as they are made. They are as good as they are implemented and executed. But, what he did not say is that most of the laws, such as the Sedition rules, that the police are now being called upon to enforce every so often are colonial era laws and were not made through a democratic process. Moreover, many of the laws passed by elected lawmakers are poorly or vaguely drafted, giving room for abuse. Most importantly, all laws and all executive decisions are subject to judicial review. This is a point conveniently forgotten by most people in power. In fact, people's confidence in the system of crime and punishment as implemented by the police and the investigating agencies has been alarmingly eroded because of the way the laws are twisted to suit the interests of the government and those who are powerful. The top cops of India, in other words the IPS, need to be exhorted to learn the latest methods of investigation and detection. They desperately need to be sensitised about being pro victim and not the opposite. Invariably, when discussions are held on Police Reforms, they veer towards obtaining new weapons, modern vehicles and better pay and perks of police personnel. While those undoubtedly are very essential and core issues that need to be addressed immediately, in the same breath it must be added that these top cops should be taught that regaining public confidence is essential for successful policing. Without cooperation of the vast majority of citizens, police will remain isolated. Also vital is physical fitness and appearance of police women and men in India.

The police force in India is still carrying its colonial legacy and character. People feel that for namesake only it is called Indian.

WISDOM CORNER

- "If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life." ABRAHAM MASLOW
- "The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." ISAAC ASIMOV
- "Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." STEPHEN HAWKING

WORDSWORTH

Popinjay

This deeply insulting word for a vain or conceited person, one given to pretentious displays, is now rather outmoded or literary. A good example can be found in Joseph Conrad's short story The End of the Tether of 1902: "When he looked around in the club he saw only a lot of conceited popinjays too selfish to think of making a good woman happy." Dictionaries say a popinjay was also at one time the usual name for a parrot, and in that lies the origin of the derogatory term. What could be more gaudily and squawkingly in your face than a parrot? What more perfect term for an empty chatterer, fop or coxcomb? Who's a pretty boy, then? It's an ancient imprecation, already of some age when Shakespeare used it in Henry IV, but the literal parrot sense goes back even further, to the latter part of the fourteenth century. It was also used for a device on a post to shoot at, the archers' equivalent of the quintain, usually it seems because the mark was a figure of a parrot. That explains references such as this one, in Old Mortality, by Sir Walter Scott: "When the musters had been made, and duly reported, the young men, as was usual, were to mix in various sports, of which the chief was to shoot at the popinjay, an ancient game formerly practised with archery, but at this period with fire-arms." The word travelled with the bird from Africa and can be traced back to the Arabic babbaga, through Spanish papagayo and Old French papeiaye.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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We are choked

Sir, The nature of air in our country's major cities has deteriorated over time. The condition in Delhi is so bad that people are compelled to wear masks in their homes. The people are in such a bad condition in Delhi after Diwali that the government of Delhi has taken some drastic measures that include shutdown of schools for a week. Nobody would have ever thought that schools would be closed due to pollution. Pollution is not only an interruption in day-to-day life but it has significant long-term effects on health. The Air Quality Index that Delhi has now is the worst and can cause serious problems for patients with chronic diseases. This may lead to the premature deaths of such sufferers as well. The people recently recovered from COVID-19, children, and the elderly population will be affected seriously due to this hazardous condition. Now it's high time that governments prioritised this issue. We as citizens have to compel political parties to add this subject to their election manifestos. Pollution needs to be checked in Delhi and other major polluted cities of India immediately.

Deba Prasad Nayak, CUTTACK

Haven of Naxals

Sir, At least 26 Naxals were killed in an encounter with the Maharashtra police in Gadchiroli district and it is a big catch after the Shiv Sena led team under MVA took charge. It is high time we formed a workforce just to take these unscrupulous elements to books with regular vigil at active places. The encounter reportedly took place in the early hours of Saturday at the Mandintola forest near Korchi in Gadchiroli district. A C-60 police commando team was conducting the search operation based on inputs when they encountered the Naxals. Over two dozen Maoists were killed in the encounter. The identities of the slain Naxals were yet to be ascertained. Milind Teltumbde, a member of the Maoists' central committee, was suspected to be among those dead, according to some reports. This is a big catch and this will create a stir among the Maoist ranks and they may pounce upon the police forces any time causing even bigger casualties. We are bothered not only by outside forces, the pressure from forces within our country creates more damage. The Congress failed to address the problem since P Chidambaram days and the problem is persisting under the current dispensation as well.

CK Subramaniam, NAVI MUMBAI

of the day quote

Helping people get benefits of welfare schemes along with legal aid will ensure "total justice"



KIREN RIJU | UNION MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

The state will soon have a disaster research centre equipped with facilities that can send early signals in case of natural disasters in the hilly areas, making it easier to take precautionary measures and save lives



PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMA | UTTARAKHAND CM

The BJP will defeat all three key opposition parties SP, BSP and Congress even if they fight the upcoming state assembly elections together



KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA | UP DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Two killed

Patna: Two persons, including an 8-year-old boy, were killed and two others critically injured after a mentally-challenged person stabbed them in Bihar's Bhagalpur district on Sunday afternoon, police said. The accused, Dipak Kumar, also pelted stones on two police vehicles and damaged them. The incident occurred in Motichak village under Sultanganj police station.

Four injured

Patna: Four persons were critically injured after a powerful bomb exploded in Sultanpur locality under Danapur police station in Patna district Sunday afternoon, police said. ASP, Danapur, Sayyad Imran Masood, has visited the spot to investigate the matter. "It is yet to ascertain where the bomb was kept. Due to the explosion, a section of two buildings which are adjoining to each other collapsed. Four persons were critically injured in the incident," Masood said.

One arrested

New Delhi: The Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police has arrested a person in connection with selling a Trust property in the national capital's Chandni Chowk area, an official said Sunday. A police officer said that Mukesh Tulsian, 59, has been arrested for selling the Tulsian Dharmshala Trust in Chandni Chowk area at Rs 35 lakh. However, the market price of the property has been estimated to be approximately Rs 15 crore.

Policeman hurt

Srinagar: A policeman was injured in an exchange of fire between suspected militants and police in Nawa Kadal area of J&K's Srinagar district Sunday, police said. DGP Dilbag Singh said: "It was a police raid on a suspected hideout in Nawa Kadal. Some exchange of fire occurred in which one policeman suffered injury."

Naxals kill four

Gaya (Bihar): Four persons of a family, including two women, were killed by Maoists who blew up their house in a remote village of this district and hung them from a cattle shed in the courtyard, a top police officer said. According to ADG, Law and Order, the incident took place in Dumariya police station area, close to the Bihar-Jharkhand area, where members of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist) attacked the house of Saryu Singh Bhokta late Saturday night.



Mamata Banerjee is welcomed to contest the 2022 Assembly polls in the coastal state, but she should not bring the culture of post-poll violence
PRAMOD SAWANT | GOA CM

CONTAINMENT ZONES FOR ZIKA VIRUS PATIENTS

Containment zones up to 400 metres around the house of a Zika virus patient will be set up in order to check the spread of the virus in Lucknow



Akhilesh hits back at Shah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Nov 14: In a riposte to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's 'JAM' salvo, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav Sunday said the BJP stands for "arrogance, lies and inflation".

Yadav's response came a day after Shah's speech in Azamgarh, in which he termed the Samajwadi Party (SP) as a party that stands for "Jinnah, Azam Khan and Mukhtar (Ansari)", giving it the acronym 'JAM'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has in past used 'JAM' as a shorthand to publicise his vision of getting a 'Jan Dhan Bank account, Aadhaar card and mobile phone' to every person in the country. "For BJP, 'J' stands for 'Jhooth' (lies), 'A' for 'Ahankaar' (arrogance) and 'M' for 'Mahangaai' (inflation)," the SP chief said addressing a press conference in Kushinagar.

He also hit out at the BJP over rising prices of petrol and diesel across the country, adding that the saffron party is pandering to the poor only because election is around the corner in Uttar Pradesh. The state polls are slated for early next year.

"If the BJP stays in power, it (fuel price) will touch Rs 150. They are not increasing the price as election is round the corner," the SP leader claimed. "The poor are being given food grains only till the elections. They (BJP) are saying that it has been extended from Holi to Diwali," he said, adding that if his party comes to power, food will be available round the year.

Hitting back at the BJP dispensation over the 'JAM' salvo, the SP supremo said, "Since they have sent jam, we are sending them butter. The meaning of butter will be told next time. "Without butter nothing happens. The BJP people do not know that jam is not taken if one has diabetes," he said without elaborating further. He, however, said the public need its bread and butter, and jobs.

"When they (BJP) are not able to give it, they deliberately con-



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fuse (the people)," he alleged. Talking about the 'Vijay Rath Yatra' launched by his party, Yadav said the public support to the campaign is assuring that in the coming time, there will be change.

"The people of UP want change, and a new government will be formed. The chief minister has continuously changed the names of organisations and schemes, and now the public has made up its mind to change the chief minister," he said. On allegations about poor law and order in the state under the earlier government led by him, Yadav said according to NCRB statistics, the law and order situation in the state is worst under the BJP.

The war of words between the two mainstream political parties has intensified as the election in the political heartland of the country nears. Addressing a rally in the SP bastion of Azamgarh Saturday, Shah had said while Modi strived to give a "corruption-free" government, SP was inducting in its fold people like Mukhtar Ansari, a don-turned-politician.

Top Maoist among 26 killed

The security forces recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition comprising 5 AK-47 rifles, 5 SLRs, three mm pistols, an INSAS gun, a 12-bore gun, and a .303 rifle, besides other weapons

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai/Gadchiroli, Nov 14: Top CPI-Maoist Central Committee Member Milind Teltumbde was among the 26 Maoists, including 6 women, who were gunned down by security forces in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil said Sunday.

Milind Teltumbde, 57, is the brother of human rights activist and scholar Anand Teltumbde, who is the brother-in-law of Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi President Dr Prakash Ambedkar.

Anand Teltumbde is among the group of so-called "Urban Maoists" who were raided in early and mid-2018 in connection with the Koregaon Bhima-Elgar Parishad cases, and is currently lodged in the Talaja Jail, Raigad.

Among those eliminated in Sunday's gunfight include 6 women Maoists, 3 Commanders of various Dalams and 13 carrying huge collective cash rewards of Rs 1.38 crore on their scalps -- making it one of the most successful security operations in recent years,



Weapons and ammunition recovered from 26 Naxals who were killed in an encounter at Kotgul-Gyarapatti forest near Dhanora in Gadchiroli district

Superintendent of Police Ankit Goyal and other senior officers told media persons in Gadchiroli Sunday evening.

The Commanders who have been "neutralised" are Kishan alias Jaiman of Korchhi Dalam and Sannu alias Kovachi of Kasansur Dalam, and Lokesh alias Mangu Podyam of Company No. 4.

The security forces seized a large cache of arms and ammunition comprising 5 AK-47 rifles,

an AKM-UBGL, 9 SLRs, one three mm pistol, one INSAS rifle, nine 2.2 single bore-guns, 12-bore gun, and three .303 rifles, besides explosives in huge quantities.

The encounter started around dawn on Saturday and continued for nearly 10 hours till late afternoon, making it one of the biggest operations with 16 C-60 commandos and over 500 personnel battling in the treacherous jungles on the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border.

Southern states to witness 'heavy rainfall' till Nov 18

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 14: Kerala, parts of Karnataka, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are set to witness heavy rainfall till November 18, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Sunday.

A fresh low pressure area is likely to form over Arabian Sea off south Maharashtra-Goa coasts around November 17.

As per the IMD bulletin, Kerala, south Coastal Karnataka and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh are likely to witness "very heavy rainfall" from November 15 to 18.

Tamil Nadu, south interior and coastal Karnataka and Kerala are likely to witness heavy rainfall from November 15 to 17. Goa is also likely to receive heavy rainfall on November 15-16.

PM to inaugurate memorial in Birsa Munda's honour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will Monday inaugurate a museum in Ranchi in the memory of revered tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda via video-conferencing.

The Modi government had recently announced that Munda's birth anniversary, which falls on Monday, will be celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement that Modi has always emphasized the invaluable contribution of tribal communities, particularly their sacrifices for the cause of the country's freedom struggle.

In his Independence Day speech in 2016, he emphasized the role played by tribal freedom fighters in the freedom struggle and envisaged building museums, dedicated to the memory of the brave tribal freedom fighters, so that coming generations would be able to know about their sacrifices for the country, it added.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has so far sanctioned the construction of 10 tribal freedom fighter museums. These museums will cherish the memories of tribal freedom fighters from various states and regions.

"Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udhyan Sah Swatantrata Sanghralay" has been built in association with the Jharkhand government at the Old Central Jail in Ranchi, where Munda had sacrificed his life, the PMO said.

It will serve as a tribute to his sacrifice for the nation and the tribal communities. The museum will play an important role in preserving and promoting tribal culture and history.

The PMO said it would also demonstrate the way tribals struggled to protect their forests, land rights, their culture and show their valour and sacrifices, which is vital for nation-building.

Along with Munda, the museum will also highlight other tribal freedom fighters associated with different movements such as Shahid Budhu Bhagat, Sidhu-Kanhu, Nilambar-Pitambar, Diwa-Kisun, Telanga Khadiya, Gaya Munda, Jatra Bhagat, Poto H, Bhagirath Manjhi and Ganga Narayan Singh.

HOLY BATH



People take holy bath in a lake during Pushkar fair in Ajmer, Sunday

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Congress to go solo: Priyanka

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bulandshahr (UP), Nov 14: The Congress will contest all 403 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh polls on its own and emerge victorious in the electoral battle, party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said Sunday.

Ruling out an alliance with any political party, she said the leaders of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) were nowhere to be seen even when the 2017 Unnao rape case and the Hathras gangrape-and-murder case in 2020 rocked the country, adding that only the Congress was fighting for the people.

Addressing the party cadre at the Pratigya Sammelan - Lakshya 2022 in Anoopshahr here, the Congress general secretary stressed on the importance of the Uttar Pradesh polls for the party, calling it a "do-or-die" situation.

Emphasising that the electoral contest can only be won by strengthening the party at the booth level, she called upon the Congress workers to bolster the booth commit-



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during the party's Pratigya Sammelan-Lakshya 2022 in Bulandshahr, Sunday

PTI PHOTO

tees. Priyanka Gandhi asked the Congress workers to be active on social media and post all party activities on various social networking platforms.

Taking a jibe at the ruling BJP, she said the saffron party has no respect for the freedom movement as its leaders did not shed blood and sweat for the country's independence, and added that only leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and BR Ambedkar envisioned freedom for

the country.

Priyanka Gandhi said the Congress has not only brought development but has also promoted brotherhood and harmony. Hitting out at the BJP-led government at the Centre over the rising fuel prices, she said for 70 years, the Congress ensured that the fuel prices did not shoot up above Rs 70 per litre. However, in the last seven years, the BJP government has let the guard down, which has allowed the prices to shoot upwards of Rs 100 per litre.

LAKHIMPUR VIOLENCE

8 witnesses want security removed

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lakhimpur Kheri (Uttar Pradesh), Nov 14: In an interesting development, eight of the 90 key witnesses in the Lakhimpur Kheri case in which Ashish Misra, son of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Misra Teni, is the main accused, want their police security removed.

These witnesses have written to the local administration in this regard. A total of eight people, including four farmers, were killed in the Tikunia area of Lakhimpur Kheri October 3.

Security was provided to each of the 90 key witnesses of the case by the police after recording their statement before a magistrate on the directions of the Supreme Court last month.

Additional Superintendent of

Police (ASP), Arun Kumar Singh, who is also a member of the nine-member special investigation committee probing the incident, said, "Eight key witnesses have submitted applications wanting their security to be withdrawn citing personal reasons. Their applications will be reviewed before removing security."

The local police declined to reveal the identity of the witnesses who want their security removed. It may be recalled that October 3, violence erupted after an SUV mowed down four farmers near the Banbirpur village under Tikunia police circle of Lakhimpur Kheri.

Four other people, including two BJP workers Shubham Mishra and Shyam Sunder, journalist Raman Kashyap and a driver Hari Om Mishra, were also killed.

MP reports highest tiger deaths between 2012 and 2019

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhopal, Nov 14: Madhya Pradesh has reported the highest number of tiger deaths between 2012 and 2019 and in this year alone, 36 of the big cats lost their lives in the state.

The increasing number of tiger deaths in almost all the reserves in Madhya Pradesh is not only putting a risk on the 'tiger state', which it won against Karnataka in 2018, but it has also raised an alarm for forest departments to take more protective measures.

Madhya Pradesh won the 'tiger state' status in the All India Tiger Estimated Report 2018 by a difference of just two big cats - 526 to Karnataka's 524. But the state has

lost over 200 tigers between 2012 and 2019 (36 till November 13, 2021), followed by 141 in Maharashtra and 123 in Karnataka during the same period.

The Kanha Tiger Reserve, which is popularly known as Kanha-Kisli National Park located in peripheries of two districts Mandla and Balaghat, has reported 43 tiger deaths between 2012 and 2019, the highest in the country.

Bandhavgarh National Park, another major tiger reserve located in Umaria district (the border between Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh), has reported 38 tiger deaths in the same period.

Pench National Park or Pench Wildlife Sanctuary, which is lo-



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cated between two Sioni and Chhindwara districts, has lost 17 tigers, while Satpura Tiger Reserve in Hoshangabad district and Sanjay-Dubri in Sidhi district have lost three and four, respectively, ac-

ording to the National Tiger Conservation Authority's report.

However, the officials in the reserves were of the view that the tiger population has continued to grow and it never decreased

despite the deaths.

These dispersing tigers often ended up falling victim to wire traps, poachers and human-animal conflicts. Surprisingly, in the past fortnight, two tigers were reported dead which were fitted with radio-collared mechanism.

"Security system of tigers at each reserve needs to be strengthened with modern mechanism. Death of two radio-collared tigers has created another challenge because the mechanism was considered to be secured in terms of locating movement and other activities of tigers. Increasing population and territorial fights among them are another big concern which needs more attention," said

a senior wildlife official at the Kanha National Park. Meanwhile, wildlife activists said that situation is unlikely to improve until a Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) is formed and deployed in reserves.

In 2000 when the number of tigers were on a decline due to human interferences, increasing incidents of poaching and trafficking, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had recommended states having tiger reserves to set up STPF.

Following the recommendation, Odisha, Karnataka and Maharashtra formed STPFs. However, Madhya Pradesh is yet to set-up such a force.

Manipur attack: Combing on for militants

Security along the Myanmar border through which militants are believed to have slipped in was being tightened

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Imphal, Nov 14: A massive man-hunt is on in the jungles of Churachandrapur in Manipur near the border with Myanmar to search for militants belonging to two shadowy outfits who have claimed responsibility for a deadly ambush which killed personnel and family members of Assam Rifles. Officials said combing operation conducted jointly by Assam Rifles and state police was on in the jungles surrounding the village of Sekhen where the ambush was laid Saturday.

Manipur CM N Biren Singh Sunday said security along the Myanmar border through which militants are believed to have slipped in and ambushed an Assam Rifles Colonel, his wife, son and four other riflemen, was being beefed up. The chief minister, who laid wreaths on their bodies at Imphal airport, also said the home department and para-military forces had been instructed to bring the militants to justice at the earliest. Two militant groups - People's Liberation Army and the Manipur Naga People's Front - had jointly claimed responsibility for the attack. Officials said the two groups one of which had been dormant for several years, while the other is little known of, had chosen their target carefully and were likely trying to make their



Manipur Chief Minister N Biren pays homage to the martyred soldiers.

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way back to base camps in Myanmar. Speaking to media-persons after the wreath laying ceremony, Singh said "the government will not tolerate such terrorist activities in the state" and added that security along the border areas of the state would be increased. Strongly condemning the "horrifying ambush" on the Assam Rifles convoy, he said he has instructed the Home Department and para-military forces to "arrest and punish the

perpetrators" according to the rule of law. The mortal remains of Col Viplav Tripathi, his family and Assam rifles personnel, who lost their lives in the terror attack in Manipur Saturday have been flown out to their respective home towns. Col Tripathi, the Commanding Officer of Khuga Battalion of Assam Rifles, his wife Anuja and son Abeer, besides four personnel of the country's oldest paramilitary force were killed Saturday in a welter of IED

blasts and gunfire in Manipur's Churachandpur. The four Assam Rifles personnel killed in the attack were Rifleman (Rfn) Shyamal Das, Rfn Suman Swargiary, Rfn RP Meena and Rfn Khatmei Konyak. Col Tripathi was a resident of Raigarh in Chattisgarh. Rfn Das was a resident of Murshidabad in West Bengal and Rfn Swargiary belonged to Baksa in Assam. Rfn Konyak was from Mon in Nagaland, while Rfn Meena was a resident of Dausa.

PM transfers housing scheme funds to 1.47 lakh beneficiaries

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Agartala, Nov 14: Anita Kuki Debbarma, a middle-aged tribal peasant woman from remote Kamalchhara hamlet in Dhalai district was visibly delighted after Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred the first instalment of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) to her and some 1.47 lakh other beneficiaries from Tripura via video-conferencing Sunday.

Anita, a widow who received the first instalment for constructing a 'pucca' (brick and mortar) house under the PMAY-G scheme, now lives in a mud house with her two minor school-going children.

"I am a daily wage worker in farmers' fields. It was my dream that one day I will have a 'pucca' house so that my children can live in comfort. Today my dream came true," Anita told PM Modi through video conferencing.

Following Modi's intervention, taking into account the unique geo-climatic condition of Tripura, the definition of 'kucha' house has been changed specifically for the state, which has enabled a large number of beneficiaries living in 'kucha' houses to get assistance to construct a 'pucca' house, the Prime Minister's Office had said Saturday.

The Prime Minister said, his government is committed to disbursement benefit schemes to peo-



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NARENDRA MODI | PM

ple without any discrimination. "This is Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikash, Sabka Awas. We are trying to change the system so that people get benefits directly. The Tripura government led by Biplab

Kumar Deb is working for speedy development of the state," Modi said.

Soma Majumder, another widow from Durlavnarayan village in Siphajjala district, said that getting a 'pucca' house was her dream and with the PMAY-G, it is going to be realised.

Majumder, a daily wage worker who works under the MGNREGA scheme and also works as a handicraft artisan, told the Prime Minister that she will not divert the money for any other purpose.

The PM said, earlier money was transferred to others, but due to direct transfer to their accounts, the beneficiaries will get the entire amount. In this instalment, Rs 709 crore out of Rs 2,800 crore will be transferred to the bank accounts of the recipients.

Punjab BJP leaders urge PM to reopen Kartarpur corridor

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: A delegation of BJP leaders from Punjab met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here Sunday and requested him to reopen the Kartarpur corridor before Gurpurab.

The Kartarpur corridor provides a visa-free border crossing for pilgrims from India visiting the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara in Pakistan. It links the Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, the final resting place of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev, to the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district in India. Pilgrimage to the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara was suspended in March 2020 because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The delegation comprising 11 leaders from Punjab met Modi at his official residence and conveyed the sentiments of Guru Nanak Dev's devotees, BJP Punjab unit president Ashwani Sharma told PTI.

"We have requested Prime Minister Modi to reopen the Kartarpur corridor before Gurpurab which will be celebrated before November 19. And after meeting with him, we are hopeful that it will be opened soon," Sharma said, adding that the prime minister has assured them that he will look into their demand. Gurpurab, which marks the birth

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ASHWANI SHARMA | BJP PUNJAB UNIT PRESIDENT

anniversary of Guru Nanak, will be celebrated November 19 this year. BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, who was also part of the delegation, said the party leaders from Punjab also thanked Modi for taking landmark initiatives for the well-being of both Punjab and the Sikh community.

BJP vice-president Soudan Singh, general secretary and Punjab in-charge Dushyant Gautam, national secretary Nariender Singh, spokesperson RP Singh Khalsa, and youth wing leader Tejinder Bagga were present in the meeting. Besides them, BJP leaders Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Daya Sodhi, Bikramjit Singh Cheema, Harjeet Singh Grewal and Santokh Singh Guntala were present.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Aizawl, Nov 14: The 15,000 men, women and children, who have taken shelter in Mizoram from coup-hit Myanmar, are likely to be treated as 'tourists' not refugees, an MP from the northeastern state said.

The decision of the government is significant as the Union Home Ministry had sent out an advisory earlier to four northeastern states - Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh - which share a 1,640-km unfenced border with Myanmar, saying that the states and Union Territories have no power to grant 'refugee' status to any foreigner, and India is not a signatory to the UN Refugee Convention of 1951 and its 1967 Protocol.

An MP from Mizoram, who closely monitors the refugee issue, told IANS that Union Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Minister G. Kishan Reddy has promised to help the state in dealing with Myanmar migrants. The minister has proposed that they be recorded as "Myanmar tourists not as refugees."

"The Mizoram health department also planned to provide Covid vaccination to the Myanmar nationals sheltered in Mizoram. The inoculation is necessary, other-

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wise the spread of the coronavirus could not be checked both among the Myanmar and Indian citizens in Mizoram," the MP said.

According to district administration and police officials, the refugees from Myanmar, especially from Chin state, are crossing over to Mizoram's southern and eastern border districts.

They said that intermittent

clashes between the Myanmar Army and the civilian groups in that trouble torn country forced the people to cross over through the forested and riverine routes and seek refuge in the Indian state.

"The distraught refugees from Myanmar with the help of local Mizos have been sometime crossing the Tiau river in small country boats to take shelter in the bor-

der villages of Mizoram," a district administration official said.

The river Tiau, which flows along the Champhai district in eastern Mizoram, divides India and Myanmar.

Mizoram's most influential NGO - the Young Mizo Association, various churches including Presbyterian, Baptist and Roman Catholic are providing food, es-

entials, clothing and shelter to the refugees since March.

Various NGOs and local organisations have formed the Myanmar Refugee Relief Committee and the organisation has been collecting donations, relief material, food, clothes and medicines to help the immigrants.

On a number of occasions, Chief Minister Zoramthanga in separate letters has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide humanitarian assistance to Myanmar nationals as his state is witnessing a continuing influx of refugees from the neighbouring country.

Mizoram Planning Board Vice Chairman H. Rammawi, who is closely dealing with the Myanmar refugee affairs, said that the Chief Minister, besides writing letters, has also talked to Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah over phone on a number of occasions, requesting them to extend humanitarian assistance to the Myanmar refugees.

Mizoram's lone Lok Sabha Member C. Lalrosanga, Rajya Sabha member K. Vanlalvena, and Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister, Rosangzuala are regularly in touch with Central ministers and officials to provide financial assistance and other support to the refugees.

In post-poaching era, Bodo wives turn to culinary skills

THEIR DECISION TO TAKE UP THE JOB OF KEEPING THE FAMILY POT BOILING AFTER THEIR HUSBANDS WERE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM IS NOW BEING SHOWCASED AS A MODEL BY OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Manas (Assam), Nov 14: When their husbands decided to forgo their dangerous life as poachers, women living in villages around Manas National Park of Assam had to soup up their traditional culinary skills to earn for their families.

The journey of these women from the indigenous Bodo community has become an example today for others. Their decision to take up the job of keeping the family pot boiling after their husbands were brought back into the mainstream is now being showcased as a model by other community members.

These women in and around Basbari range used their traditional culinary skills by offering Bodo dishes to tourists coming to the famed Manas National Park, known for one-horned rhino and Royal Bengal Tiger, but the endeavour initially floundered due to absence of entrepreneurial skills.

Mitali G Dutta, a culinary entrepreneur, came to know about their attempts and came forward to help these poor women in association with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) by skilling them and help-



ing them market.

"I was already working with the WWF in a similar project at Kaziranga National Park when they approached me for Manas. I started working with them in 2017 and began with giving tips on how to present a dish in front of a customer," Dutta told PTI in an interview here.

The Bodo women know their dishes best and no training is given to cook the items, but lessons are imparted on how much should be served, how the plates should be arranged and most importantly on the pricing to make it a sustain-

able business model, she added.

"The Forest Department helped us by providing us space at the Bansbari Anti-Poaching Camp. There different villagers come and set up small food stalls. Initially in 2018-19, the model failed as there was no financial support and lack of business aptitude among the women," Dutta said.

She said that the women are members of two self-help groups, namely Swankar Mithinga Onsai Afat (SMOA) and Somaina, working in the area of rural culinary tourism. Somaina also organises traditional Bodo dances for visitors.

They are all working hard and are motivated! There is a sense of empowerment within the groups now and this has worked constructively for the preservation of Manas' biodiversity

DEBA KUMAR DUTTA | WWF INDIA

The women from the two groups came together in 2018 and formed 'Gungzema Kitchen' - an enterprise to showcase traditional and authentic Bodo food and cultural performances - during the Manas Spring Festival.

While the Gungzema Kitchen team worked on bettering their skills, Dutta took care of their on-line promotion to the outer world with the help of her own established brand 'FoodSutra by Mitali'.

Dutta said, "Without proper market linkages and effective promotion, this enterprise will hardly catch the attention of travellers. I try to make the best use of social media

to ensure Gungzema Kitchen does not go unnoticed."

Santina Basumatary, a member of Gungzema Kitchen, appreciates Dutta's efforts to teach them both hard and soft skills.

"We never had any idea about running an enterprise like this. We only knew about household works. But Mitali Baideo (sister) has taught us to better our skills and work hard to be consistent and professional," she added.

A traditional Bodo platter served by Gungzema Kitchen contains about 7-8 items and is priced at Rs 500. Customers have often appreciated and acknowledged the culinary skills of the locals and valued their efforts to upscale their household skills into a growing business venture.

Deba Kumar Dutta from WWF India spoke about the visibly noticeable personality development that has occurred in villagers due to this exercise to make them self-sustaining.

"They are all working hard and are motivated! There is a sense of empowerment within the groups now and this has worked constructively for the preservation of Manas' biodiversity," he added.

Sood denies joining politics, sister to contest from Moga

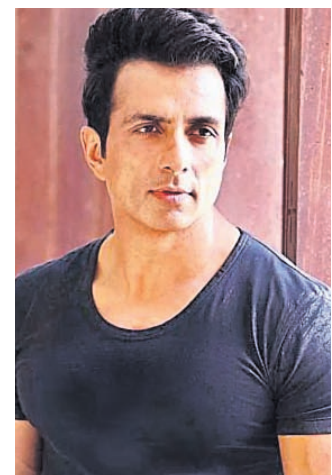
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Nov 14: Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood Sunday said his sister Malvika is joining politics, but added he has no such plans for himself.

Malvika later said she will contest the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls from Moga.

Sood, who is from Moga district, said his sister has done a lot of amazing work in the past.

"We today officially want to say that Malvika will certainly come to serve Punjab," the actor said,



addressing the media at his residence in the district.

Asked about joining any political party, Sood said no decision has yet been taken in this regard. "We have not yet taken a call about the party. Whenever the time comes, we will make sure that we let you know," he said.

When asked whether he would enter politics, Sood said he has not thought about it.

"It is a very big decision in life. I think Malvika is strongly rooted in Moga... For me (joining politics), I have not thought of it," he said.

Asked about his recent meetings with Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal, Sood said both of them are good people.

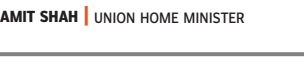
On SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Sood said he would meet him too, adding that Badal has vast experience in politics.

About the ongoing farmers' protest, the actor said it was necessary that the farmers get their rights, asserting that their issues should be resolved so that they can return to their fields.

"What we are eating is because of them. It is important they should be happy," he said.

of the day quote

Anguished over a cowardly attack on Assam Rifles convoy in Manipur, I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. The entire nation stands firmly with our valiant security forces. The sacrifices of our brave soldiers will not go in vain



AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

The issue of the container shortage would be addressed "successfully" as the matter has been taken up with all urgency



SARBANANDA SONOWAL | UNION MINISTER FOR PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

The government will not make public the report of the judicial commission, headed by former judge of Chhattisgarh High Court Justice Prashant Mishra, on the May 2013 Jharam valley Naxal attack, because it is "incomplete"



BHUPESH BAGHEL | CHHATTISGARH CHIEF MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Mild tremors in Visakhapatnam
Visakhapatnam: Several parts of the port city reported mild tremors Sunday morning. The National Centre for Seismology said an earthquake measuring 1.8 on the Richter Scale caused the tremors. Tremors were reported from Peda Waltair, Akkayapalem, Sagar Nagar, MVP Colony, One Town, Kancharapalem, and other localities in and around Visakhapatnam. The tremors began at 7.13 a.m. and lasted for around two minutes, local officials said.

Udit gets big role in Cong

New Delhi: Sonia Gandhi on Sunday appointed former MP Udit Raj as president of the Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress with immediate effect. Prior to the development, she approved the proposal to rename All India Unorganised Workers Congress as Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress (UWEC), party General Secretary K.C. Venugopal said in a statement.

Body found

Hardoi (Uttar Pradesh): The mutilated body of a 12-year-old boy, who had gone missing nine days ago, was recovered from a forested area in Hardoi, less than a kilometer from his home. The body bore multiple injuries and limbs were dismembered. Mahipal Kumar, victim Manjesh's father said that his son was a Class 7 student and had gone missing on November 3. "On the same day, I lodged a missing complaint and began searching for him," he said.

Soldier ends life

Jammu: An army man killed himself with his service rifle on Sunday in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district. Police said a soldier identified as naik Deepak Singh of the para unit posted with the Romeo Force in Rajouri district shot himself with his AK-47 service rifle inside the camp.

Woman killed

Jamshedpur: A 60-year-old woman was killed allegedly by her daughter-in-law following an altercation over some domestic issue in East Singhbhum district, police said Saturday. The incident took place at Sari Tola Mohanpur village within the limits of Patamda police station of the district on Friday, the police said.

Cong fumes as ministers skip Nehru's birth anniv

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: Opposition parties Sunday questioned the "absence" of the Rajya Sabha Chairman, the Lok Sabha Speaker and union ministers at a traditional event marking the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at Parliament's Central Hall.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla was in Jaipur to address a special session for children in the Rajasthan legislative assembly to mark Children's Day, which is celebrated on Nehru's birthday, while Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu attended the 20th-anniversary celebrations of Swarna Bharat Trust in Venkatachalam in SPS Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh, according to official sources.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh termed as "atrocious" the absence of the presiding officers and union ministers at the Central Hall, while Trinamool Congress' Derek O'Brien also hit out at the government.

The opposition parties have frequently accused the government of disregarding parliamentary tra-



Congress president Sonia Gandhi pays tribute to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary, at Parliament in New Delhi

ditions, though the government has dismissed such allegations. Officials pointed out that the Jaipur

event was organised by the Congress-led government in Rajasthan and the state assembly and was also attended by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and state assembly speaker CP Joshi, both from Congress, among others, officials said.

They also said that Birla has always attended such events whenever he is in Delhi, though there is no formal convention for him or for the Rajya Sabha Chairperson to mandatorily attend these functions.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Deputy Leader of Opposition Anand Sharma, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal, along with other party leaders attended the event in the Parliament hall, where the birth anniversaries of personalities whose portraits are on display are traditionally marked by top leaders by offering floral tributes.

"Extraordinary scene today in Parliament at the traditional function to mark the birth anniversary of those whose portraits adorn the Central Hall. Speaker Lok Sabha absent. Chairman Rajya Sabha ab-

sent. Not a single Minister present. Can it get more atrocious than this?!" Ramesh, who is the Congress' chief whip in Rajya Sabha, said on Twitter.

A Lok Sabha press release, however, said that the Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma was among the dignitaries who attended the event. Tagging Ramesh's tweet, TMC leader O'Brien said: "Nothing surprises me anymore. This dispensation is destroying India's great institutions, including #Parliament one day at a time."

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to pay tributes to Nehru. "Tributes to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Ji on his birth anniversary," he tweeted.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi remembered Nehru, saying he greatly valued truth, unity and peace, and posted his quote: "What we need is a generation of peace". Kharge paid tributes to Nehru in a tweet, saying he was a fearless visionary who laid the foundations of a modern nation inspiring many to strive for the idea of India.



The violence in Maharashtra's Amravati and other places is aimed at destabilising the MVA government

SANJAY RAUT | SHIV SENA LEADER

ENSURING ROAD SAFETY

Researchers from India and Japan are working on smartphone-based mapping of road health in both the countries to reduce the accidents caused due to damaged roads



Withdraw Kangana's Padma Shri: DCW chief



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: Delhi Commission For Women (DCW) chief Swati Maliwal wrote to President Ram Nath Kovind Sunday urging him to withdraw the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award, bestowed on actor Kangana Ranaut for her remarks allegedly belittling the country's Independence.

Ranaut Thursday had kicked off a row by saying India attained "real freedom" in 1947 as "bheek" (alms). Maliwal, in her letter, said the actor had "made certain outrageous statements disgracing the great freedom fighters of the country".

The DCW chief also demanded sedition charges against the 'Queen' actor. "These statements reflect her hatred for our great freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh and countless others who laid down their lives for the nation! We all know that our nation got its Independence from British rule through ultimate sacrifices and martyrdom of our great freedom fighters," she wrote.

Highlighting that Ranaut's statements have hurt the sentiments of millions of Indians and are "seditious" in nature, she urged the President to "kindly take cognizance of the matter and withdraw the Padma Shri honour bestowed upon Ms Ranaut".

"I also request you to kindly ensure that an FIR is registered against her on charges of sedition.

The DCW chief also demanded sedition charges against the Queen actor

I hope that you will uphold the sentiments of crores of Indians and do the needful in the matter," Maliwal stressed.

The DCW chief said Ranaut, "through her insensitive and thoughtless lies, had demeaned and belittled "the sacrifices of millions of Indians who participated" in various movements such as the revolt of 1857, the Champaran Satyagrah, the Khilafat Movement, the Quit India Movement, the Dandi March and the Non Cooperation Movement among several others.

"How can we forget the thousands who had assembled at the Jallianwala Bagh to protest against British rule and the massacre that followed? Are these chapters in our history a 'bheek'?" Maliwal sought to know. She also pointed out that it was not a stray incident by the actor and that "Ranaut appears to not be of sound mind".

"She habitually spews venom against people of her own country and has repeatedly used vile language to attack those she does not agree with. Her behaviour is in no way befitting of the recipient of the highest award in the country and is also an insult to the stalwarts who received the award with and before her," Maliwal added. Ranaut was recently awarded the Padma Shri.

ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURE



A worker sprays water on trees to curb air pollution in New Delhi, Sunday

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Law needs to operate humanely: CJI

The Chief Justice was speaking at the valedictory ceremony of the pan-India legal awareness and outreach campaign organised by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 14: The Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana Sunday said primarily the ability of constitutional courts is to function with absolute independence and necessary boldness in the face of adversity -- which defines institution's character -- and emphasized "the law needs to operate humanely", and the state judiciary has to be sensitive to people's problems and their practical difficulties.

The Chief Justice was speaking at the valedictory ceremony of the pan-India legal awareness and outreach campaign organised by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). He said: "The State judiciary, being closely associated with the people, has to be sensitive and aware about their problems and practical difficulties. In particular, it needs to be cognizant



Chief Justice of India & Patron in Chief NALSA, N.V. Ramana being felicitated during the valedictory ceremony of Pan India Legal Awareness & Outreach Campaign at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Sunday

PTI PHOTO

about both victims and as well as accused and must facilitate their emergency needs".

He added, "After all, the law needs to operate humanely. Remember, it is the trial court which is approached first by a woman in distress, a child in need

of care, or an illegal detainee." The Chief Justice emphasized that the court's decisions have a huge social impact, and it should be easily comprehensible and must be written in simple and clear language.

He said it is, primarily, the ability of constitutional courts to func-

tion with absolute independence and necessary boldness in the face of adversity, that defines the character of the institution. "Our ability to uphold the Constitution sustains our impeccable character. There is no other way to live up to the faith of our people. Poverty is a misfortune for which the law cannot take any responsibility at all", he added.

The Chief Justice said the stark divide between haves and have nots is still a reality and no matter how many cherished declarations, "we successfully arrive at it, in the face of poverty, inequity and deprivations, it will all seem pointless".

He said: "Despite our being a part of a welfare state, benefits are not trickling down to the intended beneficiaries at the desired levels. People's aspirations about leading a dignified life are often met with challenges. One of them, primarily, being poverty".

Cheating case lodged against Shilpa, Kundra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 14: A Mumbai-based businessman has lodged a cheating case against Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty, her husband Raj Kundra and some other persons for allegedly duping him of ₹1.51 crore, a police official said Sunday.

The FIR was registered on Saturday at Bandra police station based on a complaint by businessman Nitin Barai. The complainant alleged that in July 2014, Kaashif Khan, the director of SFL Fitness company, along with Shetty, Kundra and others asked him to invest ₹1.51 crore into the enterprise to earn a profit.

The complainant claimed he was assured that the SFL Fitness company will provide him a franchise and open a gym and spa at Hadapsar and Koregaon in neighbouring Pune, but it did not materialise, as per the FIR.

Later, when the complainant sought his money back, he was allegedly threatened, the police official said quoting the complaint.



How Channi won hearts

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi was once dismissed as dummy of PCC Chief Navjot Singh Sidhu. But within weeks, he has come out of his shadow and has become a Common Man's CM. But the real secret of his success is that he has won the hearts of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. He quietly went to Delhi to call on the Gandhis and told them that Punjab elections would be fought under the

leadership of Rahul Gandhi. This was obviously music to the ears of Rahul Gandhi and his mother too. Channi said that Rahul Gandhi is a commoner and represents the common man. He also promised to support the AICC to the hilt which is facing a huge resource crunch.

Priyanka for Raebareli now!

As Sonia Gandhi turns 75 this December, it is whispered in the corridors of the AICC that she may opt out of the Raebareli parliamentary constituency. She may move to Rajya Sabha or prefer a Congress-ruled state if at all she wants to be in the lower house. She can retain her 10 Janpath House even as Congress president under the new rules even if she is not a Member of Parliament. She has not been keeping well either. She prefers to hold Zoom meetings and is rarely seen in public. The Capital is agog with reports that

now it is Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's turn to contest from Raebareli. Now that Priyanka is spending more time in UP and is stationed in Lucknow, winds of change are blowing in Raebareli too.

When Sanjay tasted Rahul medicine

Maharashtra Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam is the latest to join the ranks of those to taste the treatment Rahul Gandhi continues to give to party leaders. The grapevine has it that Sanjay was jubilant and expected his party will be overjoyed with the news that former CAG Vinod Rai has apologised for his wrong attributions in some of the interviews. It was the first time that Vinod Rai was apologising for pooling after losing a prolonged battle in court over a defamation case. Sanjay called up Rahul Gandhi's office to share this exclusive news and wanted the

party to take full advantage of this apology which was to come the next day. But no luck. Rahul remained incommunicado and the day passed without the Congress rising to the occasion. It was Vinod Rai who virtually brought down Manmohan Singh's government through his reports on CWG, 2G and Coalgate during 2012-13.

Centre firm on farm laws

The Centre has sent a clear message to the agitating farmers that it will not buckle under their pressure just because Assembly elections in 5 states are due early next year. It has also conveyed to former Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh that it will do everything possible for the welfare of the farming community in Punjab and elsewhere. But he should not expect that the Centre would amend the three farm laws merely

because he is to enter into a tie-up with the BJP for the ensuing Assembly polls in Punjab. This is a clear sign of a toughening of stance towards the agitating farmers who are protesting on the borders of Delhi for nearly a year. Narendra Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister, confided recently that the Centre had held many rounds of talks with the farmers and was willing to talk to them again. But there is no question of withdrawing the three farm laws.

Pegasus probe may go for a toss

An independent expert committee of the Supreme Court set up to investigate use of Pegasus spyware against journalists, opposition politicians and others is moving at a snail's pace though it was given eight weeks to submit its report. The Supreme Court overruled pleas by the government that national

security concerns required a veil of secrecy be retained regarding surveillance while not specifically denying the allegations of Pegasus spyware usage either. The committee has one key member Alok Joshi who is a former RAW & National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) head and has pushed off to the USA and will be back next week. Interestingly, the spyware was allegedly imported by the NTRO when Alok Joshi headed it until November 2018 after he retired as RAW chief in 2015. But he cannot disclose anything in his personal knowledge to the committee either as it will be a violation of oath of secrecy. Insiders also say Joshi sought informal consent from the government to be part of the Supreme Court committee when he was approached. The committee is looking for an office space in Lutyens' Delhi and is yet to start work. If insiders are to be believed, all these administrative issues alone will consume eight weeks.



The outcome of the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, or COP26, is not enough
ANTONIO GUTERRES | UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

SHOOTINGS ACROSS US CONTINUE TO RISE

People in the US are living with gun violence, as shootings across the country continue to rise, according to the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). In Philadelphia, there were 1,500 people shot through October this year, with nearly 400 people killed, a report said



of the day quote

I encourage all those who have political and economic responsibilities to act immediately against climate change with courage and farsightedness

POPE FRANCIS

Kabul is mediating between the Pakistan government and banned Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) for peace in the country

AMIR KHAN MUTTAQI | AFGHANISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Each economy is facing the same fundamental problems in terms of getting as many people vaccinated as fast as possible, keeping businesses afloat and people in jobs, resuming safe cross-border travelling, accelerating economic recovery, and securing an equitable response

JACINDA ARDERN | NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

4 Indians killed in Nepal road mishap

Kathmandu: Four Indians have died after the vehicle they were travelling in crashed into a pond in southern Nepal's Rautahat district near the border with India, police said Sunday. The driver and other occupants of the vehicle are suspected to have been under the influence of alcohol. The deceased were all natives of Bihar, identified as Dinanath Sah (25), Arun Sah (30), Dilip Mahato (28) and Amit Mahato (27). The driver lost control of the car on the Gaur-Chandrapur Road Section in Jhunkhnuwa village, swerving into a pond late, officials said.

Japan's ex-princess, hubby leave for US

Tokyo: A Japanese princess who gave up her royal status to marry her commoner college sweetheart left for New York Sunday, as the couple pursued happiness as newlyweds and left behind a nation that has criticised their romance. The departure of Mako Komuro, the former Princess Mako, and Kei Komuro, both 30, was carried live by major Japanese broadcasters, showing them boarding a plane amid a flurry of camera flashes at Haneda Airport in Tokyo.

UK: 1 dead in car explosion

London: Counter-terrorism police in Britain were investigating an explosion at a hospital Sunday in the city of Liverpool that killed one person and injured another. Police were called to reports of a blast involving a taxi at Liverpool Women's Hospital Sunday morning. Police said they were "keeping an open mind" about what caused the explosion but counter-terrorism police were leading the investigation as a precaution.

Beijing tightens entry restrictions

Beijing: People travelling to Beijing will be subject to tighter Covid-19 control measures starting from November 17 amid the latest Covid resurgence in the country, the municipal government said.

3 snow leopards die of Covid-19

Lincoln: Three snow leopards have died at the Lincoln Children's Zoo in Nebraska of complications from COVID-19. The zoo made the announcement in a Facebook post Friday, describing the deaths of the three leopards — named Ranney, Everest, and Makalu — as "truly heartbreaking."

What is in the Glasgow UN climate agreement?



AGENCIES

Glasgow, Nov 14: The COP26 UN climate talks in Glasgow have finished and the gavel has come down on the Glasgow Climate Pact agreed by all 197 countries.

HERE ARE THE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEAL: RATCHETING UP AMBITION:

The agreement acknowledges that commitments made by countries so far to cut emissions of planet-heating greenhouse gases are nowhere near enough to prevent planetary warming from exceeding 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial temperatures. To attempt to solve this, it asks governments to strengthen those targets by the end of next year, rather than every five years, as previously required.

Failure to set, and meet, tougher emissions-cutting goals would have huge consequences. Scientists say that to go beyond a rise of 1.5C would unleash extreme sea level rise and catastrophes including crippling droughts, monstrous storms and wildfires far worse than those the world is already suffering.

Targeting Fossil Fuels
The pact for the first time includes language that asks countries to reduce their reliance on coal and roll back fossil fuel subsidies, moves that would target the energy sources that scientists say are the primary drivers of man-made climate change. The wording was contentious, though.

Just before the Glasgow deal was adopted, India requested that the deal call on countries to "phase down", instead of "phase out" unabated coal. That minor word change triggered a lot of angst in the plenary hall, but delegations agreed to the request to save the deal. The deal's wording on "inefficient subsidies", meanwhile, kept the "phase out" phrasing. Questions remain about how to define "unabated" and "inefficient".

PAYMENTS TO POOR AND VULNERABLE NATIONS
The deal made some headway on the demands of poor and vulnerable countries that wealthy countries responsible for most emissions pay up. The deal, for example "urges developed country Parties to at least double their collective provision of climate finance for adaptation to developing country Parties from 2019 levels by 2025."

It also, for the first time, made mention of so-called "loss and damage" in the cover section of the agreement. Loss and damage refers to the costs that some countries are already facing from climate change, and these countries have for years wanted payment to help deal with it.

RULES FOR GLOBAL CARBON MARKETS
Negotiators also closed a deal setting rules for carbon markets, potentially unlocking trillions of dollars for protecting forests, building renewable energy facilities

Paris pact fully functional now

After six years of strenuous negotiations and pending items that prevented the full implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement -- a legally binding international treaty that was adopted by 196 nations -- on carbon markets and transparency have finally been approved. The 26th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP26) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) came to an end Saturday night in this Scottish city, a day after their scheduled conclusion. The wide-ranging set of decisions, resolutions and statements that constitute the outcome of COP26 is the fruit of intense negotiations over the past two weeks, strenuous formal and informal work over many months, and constant engagement both in-person and virtually for nearly two years, says the UNFCCC.

and other projects to combat climate change. Companies as well as countries with vast forest cover had pushed for a robust deal on government-led carbon markets in Glasgow, in the hope of also legitimising the fast-growing global voluntary offset markets. Under the accord, some measures would be implemented to ensure credits are not double-counted under national emissions targets, but bilateral trades between countries would not be taxed to help fund climate adaptation - that had been a core demand for less developed countries.

SIDE DEALS
There were a number of notable side deals too. The United States and the European Union spearheaded a global methane cutting initiative in which around 100 countries have promised to reduce methane emissions by 30% from 2020 levels by 2030.

Son of ex-Libyan leader Gaddafi to run for President

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Cairo, Nov 14: The son and one-time heir apparent of late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi announced Sunday his candidacy for the country's presidential election next month, Libya's election agency said.

Seif al-Islam, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of crimes against humanity related to the 2011 uprising, submitted his candidacy papers in the southern town of Sabha, 650 km (400 miles) south of the capital of Tripoli, the High National Elections Commission said in a statement.

Gadhafi's son was captured by fighters late in 2011, the year when a popular uprising toppled his father after more than 40 years in power. Moammar Gadhafi was later killed amid the ensuing fighting that would turn into a civil war.



Russia starts supplying S-400s to India despite US sanctions risk

REUTERS

Moscow, Nov 14: Russia has started supplying India with S-400 air defense missile systems, Russian news agencies reported Sunday, citing Dmitry Shugayev, the head of the Russian military cooperation agency.

The supplies put India at risk of sanctions from the United States under a 2017 US law aimed at deterring countries from buying Russian military hardware.

"The first supplies have already been started," Interfax cited Shugayev as saying on Sunday at an aerospace trade show in Dubai. He said that the first unit of an S-400 system will arrive in India by the end of this year.

The \$5.5 billion deal for five long-range surface-to-air missile systems, which India says it needs to counter a threat from China, was signed in 2018. India faces a range of financial sanctions from the



US under Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), which names Russia an adversary alongside North Korea and Iran for its actions against Ukraine, interference in the US 2016 elections and help to Syria.

New Delhi said it has strategic partnerships with both the US and Russia while Washington told India it was unlikely to get a waiver from CAATSA.

Thousands of military families struggle with food insecurity

This hidden crisis has existed for years inside one of the most well-funded institutions on the planet and has only worsened during the pandemic

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San Diego, Nov 14: As many of 160,000 active-duty military members are having trouble feeding their families.

That estimate by Feeding America, which coordinates the work of more than 200 food banks around the country, underscores how long-term food insecurity has extended into every aspect of American life, including the military.

The exact scope of the problem is a topic of debate, due to a lack of formal study. But activists say it has existed for years and primarily affects junior-level enlisted service members — ranks E1 to E4 in military parlance — with children. "It's a shocking truth that's known to many food banks across the United States," said



A volunteer loads foods in to a car at a food distribution centre

Vince Hall, Feeding America's government relations officer. "This should be the cause of deep embarrassment." The group estimates that 29% of troops in the most junior enlisted ranks faced food insecurity during the previous year.

In addition to modest pay for junior enlisted ranks, the frequent moves inherent to military life

make it difficult for military spouses to find steady work. Also, the internal military culture of self-sufficiency leaves many reluctant to speak about their difficulties, for fear they will be regarded as irresponsible. The problem is exacerbated by an obscure Agriculture Department rule that prevents thousands of needy military families

from accessing the SNAP government assistance program, commonly known as food stamps.

Meredith Knopp, CEO of a food bank in St. Louis and an Army veteran, said the problem cuts across all branches of the military. She recalls being a young officer in Texas when she was approached by a new private with a baby. Perhaps the best indication of how entrenched the problem has become is that a robust network of military-adjacent charitable organisations such as the Armed Services YMCA and Blue Star Families has developed an infrastructure of food banks near most major domestic bases. San Diego may be one of the epicentres of the phenomenon, with high housing costs and multiple military bases within driving distance. For Brooklyn Pittman, whose husband,

Matthew, is in the Navy, the move to California from West Virginia this year was a financial shock.

The organisation had been hosting events like this for more than 10 years, but when the pandemic struck, expanded operations from six sites to 11 around the country and doubled the frequency of the San Diego-area events.

There's a diversity of opinion as to how much of a stigma the issue carries within military communities.

Families living outside the base grounds receive a Basic Allowance for Housing to help cover most of their costs.

But the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act dictates that the allowance counts as income in calculating eligibility to receive SNAP benefits, and that ends up disqualifying thousands of military families.

MIGRANT CRISIS



Belarusian servicemen set a tent for migrants' gathering at the Belarus-Poland border near Grodno, Belarus

As virus surges in Eastern Europe, leaders slow to act



Members of the medical staff place the body of a Covid-19 victim in a coffin

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Belgrade, Nov 14: At the main hospital in Romania's capital, the morgue ran out of space for the dead in recent days, and doctors in Bulgaria have suspended routine surgeries so they can tend to a surge in Covid-19 patients.

In the Serbian capital, the graveyard now operates an extra day during the week in order to bury all the bodies arriving.

For two months now, a stubborn wave of virus infections has ripped mercilessly through several countries in Central and Eastern Europe, where vaccination rates are much lower than elsewhere on the continent.

"I don't believe in measures. I don't believe in the same measures that existed before the vaccines," Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic said last month as the Balkan nation sustained some of its worst daily death tolls of the pandemic. "Why do we have vaccines then?"

A World Health Organization official declared earlier this month that Europe is again at the epicentre of the coronavirus pandemic. While several Western European countries are seeing spikes in infections, it is nations to the East that are driving fatalities. Romania, Bulgaria and the Balkan states recorded some of the highest per-capita death rates

While medical workers pleaded for tough restrictions or even lockdowns, leaders let the virus rage unimpeded for weeks

in the world in the first week of November, according to the WHO.

Experts say fumbled vaccination campaigns and underfunded and mismanaged health systems set the stage for the latest outbreaks, which gathered pace as leaders dithered. Some are acting now — but many doctors say it took too long and is still not enough.

Many governments in the region are facing elections soon, and that no doubt made them reluctant to force people to get vaccinated or impose unpopular lockdowns even in former Communist nations that once carried out mandatory inoculations without hesitation or where leaders were quick to introduce closures earlier in the pandemic. But politicians' failure to quickly heed the calls of the medical community has likely undermined an already weak trust in institutions in countries where corruption is widespread. Misinformation about vaccines has also found fertile ground amid the broader distrust of authority

Queen misses memorial service due to back pain

AGENCIES

London, Nov 14: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was forced to withdraw from the UK's annual memorial service for fallen soldiers on Sunday due to a sprained back. "Her Majesty is disappointed that she will miss the service," the palace said in a statement.

The ceremony would have been the 95-year-old queen's first in-person public engagement since she was advised to rest following a night in hospital last month.

The news that the queen would not attend the service in central London, an event that she sees as one of the most significant engagements of the year, will increase concerns about her health after she withdrew from public life for the longest time in memory.



A palace source said the queen's back sprain was unrelated to the unspecified ailment that caused her hospital visit and her doctor's advice to rest. The source said it was an incredibly unfortunate coincidence.

The world's oldest and longest-reigning monarch has missed events such as the COP26 climate conference and a festival to remember the nation's war dead on Saturday evening since she went into hospital for "preliminary investigations". The source said the queen hopes to continue as planned with her schedule of light official duties next week.

The royal family joins leading members of the government, military and veterans to commemorate those who lost their lives in conflict by laying wreaths at the Cenotaph in central London.

business

of the day quote

As far as semiconductor-actors are concerned, the government is very seriously thinking of setting up a very strong ecosystem for self-reliance in the area of semiconductors that has affected our automobile industry and other electronics industry and so on

VK SARASWAT | MEMBER, NITI AAYOG

We are glad to exhibit our powerful UAV and operational experience of over 700 deliveries done in India in just five weeks, at the Dubai Airshow. The models that we will be showcasing are characterized by high performance as well as ease of use

SWAPNIK JAKKAMPUDI | CO-FOUNDER, SKYE AIR

In recent times, there has been a steady rise in cases examined by CCI emanating from new-age markets. Given the rapid evolution of digital markets, CCI has been readying its capacities to address challenges arising out of new-age markets

ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA | CHIEF, CCI



Over centuries, many people will be born in space, it will be their first home. They will be born on these colonies, live on these colonies, then they'll visit Earth the way you would visit, you know, Yellowstone National Park

JEFF BEZOS | FOUNDER, BLUE ORIGIN

IPO CRAZE CONTINUES

The current month will continue to be a busy one for the primary market, as two companies --Tarsons Products and Go Fashion Ltd -- are set to float their IPOs next week to collectively raise ₹2,038 crore. The three-day IPO of life sciences firm Tarsons Products will open Nov 15 to Nov 17, while that of Go Fashion will open for public subscription during Nov 17-22



India on a historical high of exports

Inaugurating the India International Trade Fair (IITF), Piyush Goyal said the country witnessed the "highest ever" FDI inflow of \$27 billion in the first four months this fiscal, a 62% jump over the same period last year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: Union Minister Piyush Goyal Sunday said India's economy was witnessing a bounce back in every sphere, and the country is well on track to achieve historical highs in goods and services exports.

Goyal said India is on course to achieve \$400 billion of merchandise exports in the current financial year ending March.

"Also, on the services (exports) side, we are well on track to go up to a \$150 billion. So, collectively we are on track for historic goods and services exports," he said.

Asserting that the world takes India as a trusted global partner in maintaining global supply chains, Goyal said despite the lockdown, India did not default on any service support to the global community.

The Indian industry can soar to new heights on quality, competitiveness and economies of scale. IITF will help realise the goal of 'Local goes Global' and 'Make in India for the World', he said.

He also observed that the India Exhibition and Convention Center



Referring to GST collections for October at ₹1.3 lakh crore, Goyal said this truly shows how quickly the economy is coming back towards normalcy

Merchandise exports in April-October 2021 stood at \$232 billion

The minister said that better infrastructure, demand for good development and diversity in growth will become the pivot of economic resurgence

being developed at Pragati Maidan will be among the best in the world and will attract a lot of attention, and huge trade fairs coming up in the years to come.

Every statistic whether it is registration of employment, EPFO or ESIC are suggestive of rapid economic growth, the minister added.

"Moody's recently upgraded India's sovereign rating from negative to stable again, recognising the good work that has happened," Goyal said. He listed five major sectors of Bharat i.e. economy, exports, infrastructure, demand and diversity.

FTAs to provide more mkt access

New Delhi: Talks for the proposed free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries, including Australia, the UK and the UAE, are moving at a fast pace and these pacts, when implemented, would help provide greater market access to domestic goods, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Sunday. Under a free trade agreement, two trading partners reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. Besides, they liberalise norms to enhance trade in services and boost investments. Goyal said that talks for such pacts are going on with Australia, UAE, GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council), European Union, Israel and the UK. Member countries of GCC are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates (UAE). When these agreements would be finalised, it would provide "greater access to our manufactured goods as there will be less or zero customs duties," the minister said at Vaishya Samaj Sammelan. He also said that Uttar Pradesh plays a key role in promoting the country's exports.

AGAINST AMAZON

Future shares new documents to CCI

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 14: Independent directors at India's Future Retail Limited (FRL) have disclosed new documents in a letter to the country's antitrust watchdog aiming to bolster their case against Amazon.com Inc as they seek to revoke a 2019 deal between the two companies.

A 160-page stock exchange filing Sunday showed the directors reviewed records related to the 2019 deal between a group unit, Future Coupons, and Amazon, and argued that disclosures by the US company before the Competition Commission of India (CCI) when it sought approval of the deal contradicted Amazon's own internal communications at the time.

The two companies' legal dispute, centred around Amazon's deal to invest \$200 million in Future Coupons, has become a high-stakes battle which could determine the dominant player in India's retail market in the years ahead.

According to the Sunday filing, Future's directors told the CCI in a Nov 10 letter that Amazon's intentions were not to invest in Future Coupons because of its "unique



Amazon has successfully used the tie-up to block Future's attempted sale of retail assets to rival Reliance for \$3.4 billion

business model and strong growth potential", as it stated while seeking approvals.

Rather, an internal email from an Amazon India executive to other senior Amazon executives, entitled "Future Retail Limited Investment", said the US firm was using a "twin-entity investment" structure to invest in Future Retail due to Indian law restrictions.

"The CCI has to revoke the approval granted for Amazon's investment," the letter from Future's independent directors stated.

PLI SCHEME

Solar manufacturing to get more funding



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New Delhi, Nov 14: The government will soon enhance the funding under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the domestic solar cells and module manufacturing to ₹24,000 crore from the existing ₹4,500 crore to make India an exporting nation.

"We brought the PLI scheme (for solar cells and modules) worth ₹4,500 crore. We invited bids and we got 54,500 MW manufacturing capacity of solar equipment. We asked the government to sanction ₹19,000 crore more under the PLI, which was approved (in-principle). Now we would have a PLI of ₹24,000 crore. We would be exporting solar equipment," Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh told PTI.

The minister also informed that at present solar module manufacturing capacity in the country is 8,800 MW while the solar cell manufacturing capacity is 2,500 MW. In April this year, the Union Cabinet approved a ₹4,500 crore

production linked incentive (PLI) scheme to boost domestic manufacturing capacity of solar PV modules.

The scheme is aimed at adding 10,000 MW manufacturing capacity of integrated solar PV modules entailing direct investment of ₹17,200 crore at present. With the increase in allocation to ₹24,000 crore, the quantum of investments and domestic manufacturing capacity envisaged under the PLI scheme would further increase.

Under the scheme, solar PV manufacturers will be selected through a transparent competitive bidding process. The PLI will be disbursed for five years post commissioning of solar PV manufacturing plants, on sales of high efficiency solar PV modules.

Manufacturers will be rewarded for higher efficiencies of solar PV modules and also for sourcing their material from the domestic market. The PLI amount will increase with increased module efficiency and increased local value addition.

Economy to see double-digit hike in FY22

The CEA said that he does not expect commodity inflation will taper the V-shaped recovery going forward



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 14: Indian economy is expected to see a double-digit growth in 2021-22 and between 6.5-7 per cent in the next financial year, outgoing chief economic advisor KV Subramanian said Sunday. "I expect India to grow at double digit this year (FY22) and 6.5-7 per cent next year and over seven per

cent and thereafter growth accelerating over seven per cent," Subramanian told PTI in an interview.

India's growth projection had been capped between 8.7 per cent and 9.4 per cent by IMF and other institutions.

Subramanian said people often do not take into account the impact of substantial reforms that were done, even in 1991 reforms were done, 99 per cent people did not understand implications. We have

done seminal reforms actually which will be felt going forward.

He said inflation is 4.5 per cent and global inflation is high due to global policies that have only focused on demand in contrast to India's policies that are clearly focused on enhancing supply.

"When you focus on only enhancing demand without supply measures inflation is what results. Indian policy has shown clear difference with the global financial crisis when India did only demand side measures without supply side interventions that's why we had double digit inflation despite without lockdown and night curfews every month for one and half years," Subramanian said taking a dig at the then government.

Nalco net profit surges 600% to ₹748 crore in Q2

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 14: National Aluminium Company Limited (Nalco) registered a significant rise in net profit for Q2, FY 21-22 at ₹748 crore, posting a jump of 600% over ₹107 crore achieved during corresponding period of last year.

With the Q2 result, the total current net profit of the company stood at ₹1095 crore showing significance growth during Q1 and Q2 of current fiscal. The net profit has soared by 783% to ₹1095 crore, as against ₹124 crore for the corresponding period of previous year.

During the quarter, the total income from operations stood at ₹3592 crore, registering 51% growth over Q2 of FY20-21, which was ₹2375 crore.

On production front, the company registered higher production in 2nd quarter of FY21-22 on all fronts. During the Q2, FY21-22, the company achieved bauxite production of 18.88 lakh tonne, alumina hydrate production of 5.30 lakh tonne and metal production of 1.14 lakh tonne, compared to 17.04 lakh tonne, 4.87 lakh tonne and 1.06 lakh tonne respectively achieved in Q2FY20-21.

During the quarter, the company has clocked strong growth in sales, registering total metal sales of 1.26 lakh metric tonne (MT) of aluminium compared to 0.91 lakh MT in preceding quarter. The total alumina sales during the 2nd quarter registered strong growth of 11% with achievement of 3.18 lakh MT compared to 2.86 lakh MT of corresponding period of last year.

NALCO CMD Sridhar Patra congratulated the team for the achievement.

POLLUTION AGGRAVATES

THIS SEASON, MANUFACTURERS HAVE LINED UP NEW MODELS AND ARE CLAIMING TO GET A REPRIEVE, NOT ONLY FROM POOR AIR QUALITY BUT ALSO FROM THE THREAT OF SARS COV-2 VIRUS BESIDES OTHER SMART FEATURES

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 14: As the pollution level of Delhi and surrounding areas is getting worse and Air Quality Index touching alarming levels, room air purifier makers see a surge in their sales numbers.

Like previous years, makers are looking for a silver lining as sales numbers of this seasonal product spikes after Diwali and has now touched almost ₹500 crore market size, in which the Delhi NCR and the Northern region contributes around three-fourths of the sales.

"We are confident that our innovative range of products will capture a significant market share during 2021. More importantly, it will provide the much-needed relief to thousands of families across the country," Eureka Forbes



Managing Director & CEO Marzin R Shroff told PTI. Without divulging the actual figures, Shroff said Eureka Forbes sales in the segment has grown by 30 per cent over the last year.

KENT RO Founder & Chairman Mahesh Gupta said the company has already seen a spike in sales this

season as compared to the last year and is expecting this momentum to continue till the end of winter.

"We are expecting demand to increase in coming days due to continuous air quality deterioration, growing knowledge of air pu-

rifiers, coupled with rising health consciousness among consumers. At the same time, increasing awareness of the effects of indoor pollution is creating demand in the residential and institutional sectors for air purifiers," said Gupta.

Earlier 70 per cent sales of Kent air purifiers were in Delhi

NCR, however, this year these have seen a surge in demand from other cities also.

"Air purifier segment is not just restricted to the Delhi-NCR region,

but there is a demand from neighbouring states and cities including Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Jalandhar as also from various regions of Haryana," he said.

"Air purifier sales peak only when consumers see pollution rising to a dangerous level," he said, adding that increased media coverage of poor air quality has led to consumer awareness, thereby resulting in more sales.

According to Shroff, now consumers have become increasingly aware of air purifying technology and hence will be making an informed choice in comparing the technical parameters, he added.

"As per internal estimates, the current market for Air Purifiers in India is around ₹450-500 crore annually," he said as the market expands beyond the limits of the developed metro markets.

NEW ARRIVAL

All new Celerio launched in City

Bhubaneswar: Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) launched its much-awaited compact hatchback and stylish all-new Celerio for Odisha market.

The new variant was launched at Narayani Motors showroom. Narayani Motors CEO Pranay Budhraj, Branch Manager kaushik Ojha and ICICI Bank Regional Manager Abinash Mohanty were present.

On the other hand, the all-new Celerio was also unveiled at Sky Automobiles showroom at Bhanpur, Cuttack. The CEO of Sky Automobiles Avinash Singhania, SBI AGM Bhabani Shankar Mohanty

and HDFC Bank Manager Satyashish Mohanty graced the launch ceremony. Sky Automobiles GM Suresh Soni, Sanjay Gupta and Sales Manager Jagannath Prasad Sahu were also present.

Company sources said, Celerio being India's most fuel-efficient petrol car offers a stellar mileage of 26.68 km/l. Powered by next-generation Dual Jet, dual VVT K-Series engine with Idle Start-Stop technology, it offers a spirited drive experience.

The all-new Celerio will be available in an array of 6 colours including two new colours. The starting price of the new variant is ₹5 lakh and goes up to ₹7 lakh (ex-showroom).



Sky Automobiles CEO Avinash Singhania and others at the launch ceremony



Narayani Motors CEO Pranay Budhraj and others at the launch of new Celerio

We have seen that in the past four years, there has been a sudden surge in air purifiers demand during the smog situation in Delhi. The onset of winter only further deteriorates the air quality and acts as a catalyst to push the sales for air purifiers

MAHESH GUPTA | FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, KENT RO

MARSH, WARNER SCRIPT MAIDEN T20 WORLD CUP TRIUMPH FOR AUSTRALIA

WIZARDS OF OZ



AGENCIES

Dubai, Nov 14: A brilliant knock by Mitchell Marsh (77 n o, 50b, 60b, 6x4, 4x6) and an equally superb innings by David Warner (53, 38b, 4x4, 3x6) enabled Australia win their maiden T20 world title with an emphatic eight-wicket victory over New Zealand at the DSC stadium here Sunday. Chasing a victory target of 173, the Aussies romped home with seven balls to spare with Glenn Maxwell (28 n o, 18b, 4x4, 1x6) giving Marsh company at the end. Earlier, after being put in, New Zealand scored a challenging 172 for the loss of four wickets with skipper Kane Williamson hogging the limelight with 'brutally artistic' knock of 85 (48b, 10x4, 3x6). However, their inability to force the

pace in the power play probably cost New Zealand the game. They managed to score only 32 runs in six overs for the loss of the wicket of the in-form Daryl Mitchell. The Aussies on the other hand scored 43 in their power play overs and that probably tilted the game in their favour. The other thing that worked in Australia's favour was the inability of the Kiwi spinners Ish Sodhi and Mitchell Santner either to pick up wickets or restrict runs. Sodhi has been one of the key bowlers for New Zealand leading up to the final. However, he went for 40 in his three overs while Santner conceded 23 in his three. It meant that the spinners had conceded 63 runs in six overs at more than 10 runs per over. Tim Southee (43 off his 3.5 overs) also

Brief scores

New Zealand 172 for 4 (Kane Williamson 85, Josh Hazlewood 3/16) lost to Australia 173 for 2 in 18.5 overs (Mitchell Marsh 77 n o, David Warner 53, Glenn Maxwell 28 n o, Trent Boult 2/18) by eight wickets.

did not pose much of a problem for the Aussie batters and the end result was that Trent Boult's (2/18) went in vain. But finally the injury-ravaged Marsh finally found his night of reckoning and glory. A target of 173 in a global final is never easy but Marsh with his power and reach made it look like a walk in the park. Marsh, a man of immense potential, who has never really done

justice to his enormous talent, lit Dubai's skyline with some ruthless stroke-play and it was one such night when Williamson's touch of class was left in the shadow. In fact Marsh forced Williamson to remain a 'tragic hero' once again. And for all the sceptics, who believe T20 cricket only needs short-format specialist, Australia won their first title with five Test specialists – three pacers Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood – along with Warner and Steve Smith in the side. Warner and Marsh put on 92 runs for the second wicket after the early loss of Finch. Then Maxwell and Marsh put on an unbeaten 66 runs for the third wicket to seal an emphatic Australian triumph. Put into bat, Williamson was

brutal and artistic during his beautifully crafted knock. It was due to his efforts, the Kiwis scored 115 runs in the last 10 overs. Out of those runs, 24 came off one Starc over, when Williamson smashed the pacer for four boundaries and one six.



Mitchell Marsh receives his Man of the Match trophy from a dignitary

Laxman finally relents, agrees to head NCA



AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 14: Former India batter VVS Laxman will be the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA), a senior BCCI official confirmed Sunday. Laxman will take over from his former batting colleague Rahul Dravid, who was recently appointed as chief coach of the Indian team following the end of Ravi Shastri's tenure. "VVS Laxman will be the new head of NCA," the senior BCCI official informed on the condition of anonymity. Laxman has already quit from his role as mentor of IPL team Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and will also not be part of any commentary panel or write columns for newspapers to avoid conflict of interest clause violation. It is understood that Laxman's appointment will come into effect before the BCCI's AGM, scheduled to be held December 4 in Kolkata. Laxman had initially declined the BCCI's offer as he was reluctant to shift base from Hyderabad as the NCA job will require him to stay in Bangalore for a minimum

Initially, Laxman was reluctant to take up the job as it would mean spending a minimum of 200 days in Bangalore. He did not want to spend so much time away from family in Hyderabad

of 200 days. However, sources said that BCCI president Sourav Ganguly persuaded former teammate Laxman to take up the job. "There were some issues and it has been sorted out. The board wanted him to take the responsibility and he is the right man to come in place of Dravid," the source stated. The two stalwarts of Indian cricket – Laxman and Dravid – will now work in tandem as the BCCI wants a smooth co-ordination between the India chief coach and the NCA head. As part of his job, Laxman will also oversee preparations of the India U-19 and A' teams which are pathways to the senior level.

SHORT TAKES

Mandhana shines

Mackay (Australia): Smriti Mandhana slammed a 39-ball 45 to power defending champions Sydney Thunder to a six-wicket win over Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) here Sunday. Mandhana laced her innings with six boundaries and was involved in a match-winning partnership of 53 runs with Corinne Hall (19). Thunder won the match with 28 balls to spare as they chased down the victory target of 95. Earlier Sixers had scored 94 for six in their 20 overs. Shafali Verma (8) who plays for Sixers however, failed with the bat. Compatriot Deepti Sharma remained unbeaten on four and bowled a tidy spell of (4-0-19-0).

Quota increased

New Delhi: In a highly beneficial move for Asian countries, the International Shooting Federation (ISSF) has increased the number of Olympic quota places for the continent from 38 to 48. This is expected to come into effect from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, the qualifications for which will begin from next year. The 2020 Tokyo Games had 38 quota places on offer. "The Asian Shooting Confederation received a letter from ISSF confirming that the Olympic Quota Places for Asia is increased from 38 to 48," the sport's continental body (ASC) said in a statement on Twitter and Facebook.

Soubhagya triumphs

Bhubaneswar: Soubhagya Behera won his maiden title in the Senior State Ranking Snooker Championships which concluded here Sunday. In a nail-biting final that went to the wire, Soubhagya defeated Nishant Biswal 6-5 (best of 11 frames). It was a close contest with neither player being able to win two frames on the trot. If Soubhagya won a frame, Nishant hit back immediately to tie the scores. In the deciding 11th frame however, it was Soubhagya who had better control over his nerves. He played a very calculated frame and built up a good lead. Then he closed out the match easily. Earlier in the semifinals, Soubhagya had beaten Subrat Das 5-3 while Nishant managed to get the better of Ashutosh Padhy 5-4. PNN & AGENCIES

PLAYER VOWS TO COME BACK STRONGER

Ali apologises for missing Wade's catch

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Karachi, Nov 14: Pakistan fast bowler Hasan Ali has apologised for his forgettable outing against Australia in the T20 World Cup semifinal. He said he is more disappointed than anyone else and has pledged to come back stronger from this bad phase of career. In the 19th over of the T20 World Cup semifinal, Ali dropped Matthew Wade off Shaheen Shah Afridi at deep mid-wicket. The error proved to be costly for Pakistan as the Australian stumper then hit three consecutive sixes to take his side into the final by registering a five-wicket win Thursday. This ended Pakistan's fabulous campaign in the tournament. The Babar Azam-led side had entered the semifinal clash with five consecutive victories under their belt. "I know you all are upset because my performance didn't meet your expectations but not more disappointed than me. I promise to come back stronger," Ali said in a tweet. "This patch will make me stronger. Thank you for all the messages, tweets, posts, calls and duas (prayers) – needed them," he added.



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Ali, a star of Pakistan's 2017 Champions Trophy campaign, became a national villain following his dropped catch, with the pacer being subjected to a lot of trolling and negativity on social media. However, since he issued the public apology, the trolling has diminished to a certain extent.

Mitchell replaces injured Conway for Tests in India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Wellington, Nov 14: In-form batter Daryl Mitchell will replace the injured Devon Conway in the New Zealand squad for the upcoming two-Test away series against India. Conway was ruled out of the India tour and Sunday's ICC T20 World Cup final against Trans-Tasman rivals Australia with a broken hand he sustained in the New Zealand's semifinal win Wednesday over England. New Zealand coach Gary Stead said Conway would return home with the T20 squad after their three-game series in India next week. "It's a shame for Devon to miss out on the first series of the new World Test Championship cycle, but it also offers up an opportunity for someone else," Stead said in a statement issued by New Zealand Cricket (NZC). "Daryl's versatility means he can cover a lot of batting positions and he's certainly got plenty of confidence at the moment. He's proven he can perform in Test cricket and I know he's excited to rejoin the Test group," added Stead. New Zealand will reach India Monday for the tour which begins with three T20 Internationals starting November 17 in Jaipur; followed by matches in Ranchi (November 19) and Kolkata (November 21). The Tests will be played in Kanpur and Mumbai.

France, Belgium qualify for Qatar WC

MBAPPE GETS 1ST INTERNATIONAL HAT-TRICK AGAINST KAZAKHSTAN

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Paris, Nov 14: Kylian Mbappe's four goals in an 8-0 rout of Kazakhstan ensured defending champions France qualify for the Qatar World Cup (WC). Qualifying with them, were Belgium who defeated Estonia 3-1. However, the Netherlands were not so fortunate as they conceded two late goals in an away encounter against Montenegro to draw the game 2-2. France were playing away from their usual home venue Stade de France and took the field at Parc des Princes, where Mbappe stars for Paris Saint-Germain (PSG). He became the first France player since Just Fontaine at the 1958 World Cup to score four times in one game. "The most important thing was qualifying, and we have players in our squad who have never played in the World Cup," said Mbappe, who starred in the last one. "It's a dream to play in it for your country," the forward added. The other goals were scored by Karim Benzema (2), Adrien Rabiot and Antoine Griezman. Belgium were less spectacular beating Estonia at home but they have an unassailable five-point lead over second-place Wales, who beat Belarus 5-1 in Cardiff and have a three-point lead over the Czech Republic for a playoff spot. There was no Romelu Lukaku up front for Belgium, so Christian Benteke stepped in and put his



ON A ROLL: Kylian Mbappe celebrates Saturday after scoring one of his four goals against Kazakhstan

side ahead against Estonia after 11 minutes. Then Yannick Carrasco and Thorgan Hazard netted second half goals for Belgium. After missing out on the last World Cup, the Dutch looked set to go through after leading 2-0 at Montenegro with goals from Memphis Depay. Yet Montenegro struck twice in the last eight minutes to make it 2-2. "I don't know what to say. Unbelievable," the Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk told Dutch broadcaster 'NOS'. "It's scandalous how we played in the second half," he added.

The Finns won 3-1 at Bosnia and Herzegovina despite playing more than 50 minutes with a player less to move above Ukraine and into second place. However, they next face the rampaging French side. Aaron Ramsey put Wales up within three minutes after the start against Belarus. Defender Neco Williams doubled the lead in the 20th while Ramsey got a second to make it 3-0 from the spot. The other goals were scored by Ben Davies and Conner Roberts in a game which will be remembered for Gareth Bale's 100th appearance for Wales.

Badosa seals semifinal spot

AGENCIES

Guadalajara (Mexico), Nov 14: Spain's Paula Badosa ground out a 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 victory over Maria Sakkari at the WTA Finals in here Saturday and advanced to the semifinals with two wins from two matches in her group. Her win came after Aryna Sabalenka beat 2020 French Open champion Iga Swiatek. The victory took Badosa's winning streak to eight matches as she battled it out for 124 minutes in the searing heat here. Badosa blasted 10 aces past her Greek opponent and kept her under pressure, converting three of the 12 breakpoints. Sakkari could not consistently find the mark, committing 49 unforced errors compared to just 22 from Badosa. "I suffered but I knew I was going to suffer against a player like Maria, she is an amazing fighter," said Badosa, who will celebrate her 24th birthday Tuesday. I had to stay very aggressive and



Spain's Paula Badosa celebrates after her win over Maria Sakkari in a group match of the WTA Finals at Guadalajara, Saturday

fight a lot and it worked," she added. Sakkari underlined her warrior reputation, clawing her way back from 2-5 down in the first set to force it to a tie-break. But the fourth seed quickly lost momentum when Badosa roared in front 4-0 on her way

to claiming the tie-breaker 7-4. Badosa kept up the pressure in the second set, securing the early break to jump in front 2-1. Sakkari finally got the break she needed to level at 4-4 but Badosa immediately broke back, then

Djokovic eyes Federer feat

Turin: Novak Djokovic, the top seed from Serbia will be chasing another slice of history when the season-fine ATP Finals commences here late Sunday evening. Djokovic, who has already secured a record-breaking seventh year-end No. 1 finish in the ATP Rankings has his sights set on levelling Swiss ace Roger Federer's record of six ATP Finals titles. The Serbian has clinched the season finale title five times – 2008 Shanghai, and 2012-2015 in London. He would certainly be looking to go into the new season on the high of winning a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title.

served out the match, clinching the victory on her third match point with a backhand winner. In the other match played on the day top seed Sabalenka fought back from a set down to beat Swiatek 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.

DHAWAN THANKS ALL AFTER GETTING ARJUNA

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 14: After being presented the Arjuna Award, Indian batsman Shikhar Dhawan took to social media Sunday to thank everyone who supported him in his journey, including his family, friends and the BCCI. The 35-year-old Dhawan was conferred with the Arjuna Award by President Ram Nath Kovind in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport, Saturday. "Arjuna award receive karna mere liye bohot sammaan ki baat hai. Mai unn sabhi logon ka dhanyawad karna chahta hu jo iss safar mein mere saath khade rahe, mere coaches, doctors, support staff, BCCI, teammates, sabhi fans, mere doston aur mera parivar. (It is a great honour for me to receive the Arjuna Award. I would like to thank all the people who stood by me on this journey the coaches, doctors,



support staff, BCCI, teammates, all the fans, my friends and my family)," Dhawan wrote on Twitter. "Aap sabhi ke pyaar aur saath ke bina ye possible nahi ho pata. Ye ek bohot hi unbelievable feeling hoti hai," (This would not have been possible without your love and support. It is such an unbelievable feeling when your hard work gets acknowledged)," Dhawan added. Dhawan has played 34 Tests, 145 ODIs and 68 T20 games for India.