#### **QUAKE JOLTS NORTHEAST, PARTS OF WB**

Guwahati/Kolkata: A 6.1 magnitude earthquake rocked the northeast region, including Assam and Mizoram, in the early hours of Friday, the National Seismology Department said. The tremors were also felt in many parts of West Bengal including Kolkata. However, there has been no report of loss of life or damage to property so far, officials added. The quake was epicentered near the boundary with Myanmar near Mizoram, as per data shared by the department. It was recorded at 5.15am, at a depth of 35 km, the data showed. Several places in Assam, Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura also experienced the jolts.



#### ₹10K cr boost for Paradip port

Paradip: Union Minister Shantanu Thakur said Friday the Centre will invest over ₹10,000 crore to modernise Paradip port. The Minister of State for Ports and Shipping made the announcement during the inspection of infrastructure and the vessel traffic management system here. "Paradip will be the best port in India on the east coast. The central government will invest over ₹10,000 crore to make it a

clean, green and smart port," Thakur said. Thakur was informed about the modernisation and ancillary development work of the port by officials. A special terminal berth will be constructed at ₹700 crore for transportation of LPG, officials said.



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#### **INTL FLIGHTS** FROM INDIA TO **RESUME DEC 15**

NEW DELHI: Scheduled interna tional flights to and from India will be resumed from December 15, the Civil Aviation Ministry said Friday. Due to Covid-19, scheduled international flights have been suspended in the country since March 23 last year. However, special passenger flights have been operating since July last year under air bubble arrangements with 28 countries.

The Civil Aviation Ministry has written a letter to aviation regulator DGCA asking it to take 'further necessary action' for the resumption of scheduled international flights.

"The matter of resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India has been examined. It has been decided that scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India may be resumed from December 15, 2021," the ministry said in a release.

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AISF members burn effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, UP CM Yogi Adityanath and billionaires Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani on the first anniversary of farmers' protests Friday at Master Canteen in Bhubaneswar

## Gruesome post-murder Bolangir video goes viral

■ Coming on the heels of the Mamita Meher case, the Bolangir post-murder clip provides a stark reminder about the law and order situation in the Western Odisha district

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Nov 26: Bolangir police a couple of days ago had solved the death mystery of Biswadev Sahu whose half-burnt body was found behind the PG hostel of Rajendra University in the district November 23. Meanwhile, a video message purportedly capturing the moments following the murder of Biswadev has gone viral on social media.

Witnesses said the two accused – Amit Manhira and Subham Singh - are seen in the video clip burning the body of Biswadev. Both are seen brandishing sharp weapons after committing the gruesome murder and using foul words.

'See, a man is being burnt after murder: I have set him (the deceased) ablaze on the spot and we are leaving the crime spot," Subham, one of the key accused, is heard saying in the video which has gone viral.

Subham continues to threaten someone (not ascertained yet) of dire consequences while brandishing the sword-like weapon.



Police at the spot where Biswadev Sahu's half-burnt body was found op Photo

He says, "I have murdered him (Biswadev) with this weapon and now it is your turn."

It is pertinent to mention, Bolangir Sadar SDPO Tofan Bagh had said Wednesday that both Amit and Biswadev had developed soft feelings for a local girl. It resulted in the two turning intolerant against one another. Sources said that the murder may have resulted from the love triangle.

Meanwhile, Subham's sister went missing and he doubted that Biswadev had a hand in the act. Even though, Subham was trying to act as a mediator between Amit and Biswadev, as he was their com-

mon friend, it did not work out. On the intervening day, Subham had called Amit and Biswadev to the backside of the PG hostel to solve the dispute between the two. However, things turned ugly when Biswadev got into a severe altercation with Amit and Subham. In a fit of rage, Amit and Subham attacked Biswadev with sharp weapons leading to his death on the spot. The duo then set Biswadev's body on fire, the SDPO had then said.

A team of Bolangir police probing into the murder of Biswadev picked up Amit and Subham for interrogation as their involvement was suspected. During the probe, the duo confessed to the crime and admitted that they had killed Biswadev and put his body on fire.

#### SA, HK, Botswana travellers to face screening at BPIA

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: With the surfacing of the new variant of Covid-19-B.1.1.529-in South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana, travellers arriving here from those regions will be screened at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA). This will be done to prevent and curb the possible transmission of the virus, said Directorate of Medical Education and Training (DMET) chief Rama Raman Mohanty here Friday. Incidentally Israel also said that it has registered its first case due to the new variant.

Mohanty stated that as the state capital is the entry point for international travellers in Odisha. proper screening of passengers from these three nations needs to be done stringently. The official also said that the spread of the virus can be prevented if travellers are kept under isolation for 10 days.

The Centre had earlier informed Thursday all the states and Union Territories (UTs) to be cautious about international passengers travelling from or through the above mentioned countries

In view of recently relaxed visa restrictions and opening up of international travel, there is every possibility that the new strain of the virus might sneak through, informed Mohanty, "So we need to be extra cautious to prevent the spread of the virus and need to carry out Covid testing of passengers arriving from these three countries,' Mohanty added.

## **SC JUNKS AP'S PLEA**

■ The Odisha government had filed a plea seeking initiation of contempt of court proceedings against AP for forcibly occupying and renaming villages in Kotia panchayat under Koraput district

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 26: The Supreme Court observed Friday that proceedings in a contempt petition filed by Odisha government against Andhra Pradesh would continue if both states fail to resolve amicably the border dispute related to territorial jurisdiction of 21 villages in Kotia panchayat.

A two-judge bench of the apex court comprising Justices AM Khanwilkar and CT Ravikumar adjourned the matter till the first week of January after senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the Odisha government, apprised the court that the states have agreed to constitute committees for amicable resolution of the dispute.

"Since the state authorities are interacting at the highest level to amicably resolve the matter, we post the matter for hearing in the first week of January," the bench said.

During the hearing, the counel appearing for Andhra Pradesh argued that the contempt proceedings can be closed since the meeting between Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart YS Jagan Mohan Reddy took place in a very cordial atmosphere. He pleaded that the looming spectre of contempt can be avoided with liberty to Odisha to approach again. The bench, however, refused.

"The contempt action has to be taken forward, what is the difficulty. If settlement does not happen, the contempt has to proceed. There status quo. If that is breached, that is the grievance. We have to deal with it if you are not able to resolve,' the bench observed.

Earlier, the apex court had asked both Odisha and Andhra Pradesh governments to look for a political resolution of the border dispute.

Significantly, after the meeting November 9 between Patnaik and Reddy, the Odisha government has constituted a panel headed by Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra to deliberate on various bilateral issues including the Kotia boundary dispute.

It should be stated that Odisha, in the contempt petition filed through advocate Sibashankar Mishra, submitted that Andhra Pradesh wilfully and deliberately violated the Supreme Court order dated December 2, 1968 and the judgment dated March 30, 2006 by transgressing into Odisha's territory. The apex court in its order of 1968 and 2006 judgment had asked both the states to maintain status quo on the boundary dispute with regard to Kotia group of villages.

Odisha contended in the petition that Andhra Pradesh issued notification March 5 last year to conduct local body elections in Vizianagaram district.

"Salur is one of the Mandals where the panchayat election was notified to be conducted on the scheduled date. In the notification, the Andhra Pradesh government deliberately roped in three villages from the 'Kotia Group of Villages' falling under Koraput district of Orissa into Salur Mandal of Vizianagaram district," Odisha stated in the petition.

Odisha also contended that Andhra Pradesh had changed the names of three villages of Kotia panchayat. The names of Ganjaipadar, Phattusenary and Phagusenary were changed to Ganjaibadra, Pattuchennum and



### Fear of cyclone grows

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: A low pressure area is likely to form over south Andaman Sea around November 29 while the forecasted system may intensify into a cyclone over Bay of Bengal around December 4-5, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Friday. The system will be named 'Cyclone Jawad' if it intensifies into a cyclonic storm.

Intensity of the system is predicted to be that of a depression by majority of the weather models by December 3 and further intensification into a severe category cyclone during subsequent 24-48 hours, the weather agency said.

All models indicate west-north-

westward movement for the initial two days, followed by northwestward and then northward and northeastward till December 4 and 5, the IMD stated. It however, did not say whether Odisha will be affected if the low pressure area develops into a cyclone. However, sources indicated many coastal districts may be affected if the system intensifies into a cyclone. However, till now there is large uncertainty with respect to

the likely movement of the system. "It may be concluded that a low pressure area is likely to form over south Andaman Sea and neighbourhood during the latter half of week-1. Accordingly a 'moderate' probability is assigned for cyclogenesis (formation of a depression) over southeast BoB," the IMD said.

■ *In the period from January 16* to June 7, 2021, a total of 488 deaths linked to post-vaccination complications have been reported in India as per government data

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Nov 26: A petitioner has sought prosecution of AstraZeneca, Bill Gates, Adar Poonawalla and other Indian government officials involved in the alleged murder of a 32-year-old woman, who lost his life because of vaccination. The petitioner in his plea said that she took the Covishield vaccine and after taking the second dose, she died due to side effects. Covishield is an



AstraZeneca product and is manufactured in India by Poonawalla's Serum Institute.

In the 'Kiran Yadav Vs State and ors. (others) Criminal Writ Petition (St.) 18017 of 2021' at the Delhi High Court, the petitioner said that the deceased took the Covishield vaccine by believing it is completely safe and also owing to the compliance requirement set by the Railways that only double vaccinated people would be allowed to travel.

The government of India's Adverse Event Following Immunisation (AEFI) committee has recently admitted that the death of Dr Snehal Lunawat happened due to the side effects of the vaccine. The petitioner said that the report proves the falsity of claims made by the manufacturers of Covishield.

As per a report published in a blog

1st vax 'murder' case against Gates, Poonawalla of the 'Indian Bar Association', the petitioner has claimed ₹1,000 crore (USD 134 million) compensation and has asked for interim compensation of ₹100 crore (USD 13.4 million). The petitioner has also sought lie detector and narco analysis tests of Gates and others named in the case.

If the ruling comes in favour of the petitioner, one can be certain that many more cases of similar nature will be filed in various courts of India. Quite a few deaths have allegedly occurred due to the side effects of the two vaccines used in India - Covishield and Covaxin.

It should be stated here that in a case before an American Court regarding the side effects of MR vaccines, the court had accepted the

settlement of compensation of USD 101 million (around ₹752 crore) to the victim.

In India, vaccination under deception or by force/coercion or by putting certain stifling conditions is a civil and criminal wrong, says the report. Keeping various legal positions in mind, the petitioner has asked for registration of an FIR under Sections 52, 115, 302, 409, 120(B), 420, 34, 109 etc of IPC and section 51(b), 55 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against concerned officials who were marketing the vaccines as completely safe. Gates and Poonawalla, the partners in manufacturing the Covishield vaccine have been named in the petition for their involvement in conspiracy.





## leisure



#### **SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE STAR** SIMON BOARDS HEIST FILM

Shakespeare in Love star Simon Callow has joined the cast of indie heist movie called The Pay Day. Callow, who has also appeared in fare as varied as The Witcher, Four Weddings and a Funeral and The Phantom of the Opera, will play an eccentric crime boss in the upcoming film caper.

#### MARIAH CAREY ADAPTING MEMOIR **INTO TELEVISION SERIES**

Singer Mariah Carey is making a television show with Empire showrunner Lee Daniels, who produced her 2009 movie Precious. The All I Want For Christmas is You hitmaker is planning to bring her life story to television through an eight-part series, reports femalefirst.co.uk.



FORTUNE **FORECAST** GaneshaSpeaks.com

You are enthusiastic about mixing with people today, and you will feel like combining business and leisure. You will be encouraged to take part in group activi ties as you have the ability to work and

#### **TAURUS**

Ganesha finds this an excellent day for managers and administrators. If you are one, the results you will achieve by the end of the day will far exceed the efforts you put in. This is mainly because your subordinates will be enthusiastic, compliant and cooperative. You will be focusing on the elements of leadership and team work and will use them resourcefully.

#### GEMINI

Routine work bores you, and today you will go all out to break free from the shackles of boredom. The results, however, may not be as dramatic. You will have to depend on your children, if any, to rescue you from the tyranny of routine

#### CANCER

You wish to display your social prestige and monetary clout in front of your relatives. But you have to pay a heavy price for that. Your past experience will teach you something, which will stand in

Your natural self-confidence and capability will help you attain a position of strength today. As a result, all your tasks will be rewards greater than your expectations

#### **VIRGO**

Ganesha says you realise the importance of family matters today. You have great skills when it comes to negotiations, and you will use them in settling disputes amicably. Ganesha says you have learned the lessons of life on staying level-headed, and that you keenly belie that opposition eventually leads to

It's a full platter today, and you have to manage it all to be full of activities, especially those that involve writing letters and reviving old contacts. Expect a call to appear for an interview for a better job. Also, look forward to being put in charge of organising events at work, says Ganesha.

#### SCORPIO

Try to take a chill pill as you may be worried about petty issues today. Do not let them hinder your happiness and take a toll on your health. However, the day looks promising towards the end. Friends are just a phone call away, call them and set out for a destination unknown to destress and rejuvenate.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Ganesha foresees a day full of promises. People in the creative field, especially artists are going to benefit more. Radio jockey and television anchors can make a note of this day in their diary, as it may serve as a memorable day, says Ganesha.

#### CAPRICORN

You have projected yourself as a confused individual. You may have a tendency to remain in a double mind. But, today you'll come up with a very specific plan that will surprise many of the people around you. Be clear about what you want to do in life, how you want your life to be and make sincere efforts to achieve it, guides Ganesha.

#### AQUARIUS

Today, you're up against those who want to get back at you. But not for nothing are you the king! Ganesha says you needn't worry, as few can match your prowess. Amid all the hullabaloo, your spouse will be a supportive presence.

#### PISCES

Within adversity, lie the lessons of success; avoid having to resort to that philosophy by implementing your plans, if they are well thought out, in a phased manner. This will help you achieve your targets, says



Los Angeles: South star Samantha Ruth Prabhu has boarded the cast of feature film Arrangements of Love.

The film is to be directed by BAFTA-winning Welsh director Philip John, whose credits include Downton Abbey and The Good Karma Hospital, reports variety.com.

The film is produced by Sunitha Tati's Indian outfit Guru Films, whose Oh! Baby, the 2019 Telugu-language adaptation of 2014 Korean film Miss Granny, was a commercial success. Oh! Baby starred Samantha.

Active in both the Telugu and Telugu language industries, Samantha's credits include S.S. Rajamouli's *Eega*, *Super Deluxe*, *Janatha* Garage and Mersala. Samir Sarkar, of Singapore's Magic Hour

Films, has joined the project as executive producer. Sarkar previously produced Rotterdam winner Nasir, Jonaki and Kolkata winner The Arrangements of Love is an adaptation of the

bestselling 2004 novel of the same title by Indian author Timeri N. Murari by John and British Sri Lankan actor Nimmi Harasgama, who played the female lead in Deepa Mehta's Funny Boy and is a series regular on The Good Karma Hospital.

It follows a Welsh-Indian man on his quest to find his

estranged

father with

impromptu visit to his homeland Samantha plays a strong minded and funny force of nature 27-year-old, who runs her own detective agency and becomes

part of the search. She is a progressive bisexual Tamil woman, with ultra-traditional parents, who want her to have an arranged marriage. As much as she wants to please her parents she also wants to be able to make her own life

"A whole new world opens up for me todav as I start my journey with Arrangements of Love which has such an endearing and personal story. said Samantha. The film is expected to commence shooting in August, 2022

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atrina Kaif and Vicky wear a Sabyasachi lehenga for her December wed-Kaushal are set to be ding and that the couple has booked a lavish reman and wife next month sort in Rajasthan for the nuptials. And now, details about Katrina's mehendi have and several details about their royal wedemerged. According to a news portal, a special Sojat ding are pouring in. mehendi order has been placed for Katrina Kaif's Earlier, it was remehendi ceremony and the bride has also approved mehendi samples. The Sojat mehendi is reportedly a vealed Katrina favourite of celebrities and actors and costs around

> With Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's wedding set for December 7-9, the mehendi suppliers have been asked to complete their order by December 1.

Several celebrities from Bollywood are expected to attend the shaadi. Ahead of the wedding, Vicky and Katrina had a low key roka on Diwali day, which was hosted at Filmmaker Kabir Khan's residence in Mumbai.

Vicky and Katrina have been dating since a few years now but have refrained from speaking about their romance. Post the wedding, the couple is planning to move into a plush new apartment in Juhu. Vicky has booked an entire floor in high rise Juhu.

reportedly supervising the interiors of their new home, and they will move into this new address sometime in December.

## Nick Jonas is grateful to have Priyanka in his life

Mumbai: Amid rumours of having troubles in their marital life, Indian actress Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas shared a romantic post stating that they feel grateful to have each and have put an end to all

Priyanka and Nick shared a loved-up picture on the occasion of Thanksgiving.

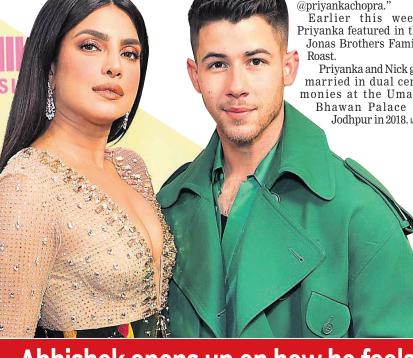
wrapped her arms around Nick in the picture and is lovingly looking at her husband. It seems that she leaned in for a kiss. "So much to be grateful for. Friends, fam-

ily. I love you @nickjonas. Happy thanksgiving to everyone celebrating," Priyanka wrote as the caption.

Nick shared the same picture and wrote: "Happy thanksgiving everyone Grateful for you @priyankachopra.'

Earlier this week, Priyanka featured in the Jonas Brothers Family

Priyanka and Nick got married in dual ceremonies at the Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur in 2018. IANS



#### Abhishek opens up on how he feels about being compared to Big B

Mumbai: Actor Abhishek Bachchan shares how he feels when people compare him with his father Amitabh Bachchan on the singing reality show Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. He also requests contestant Rajshree Bag to sing a track Bahon Mein Chale Aao featuring his mother Jaya Bachchan.

at the performance of

Rajshree, who is often compared with Lata Mangeshkar on the show, that she reminds him of being compared

with his father. "Rajshree, whenever I have got the chance to watch the show, I've seen people compare you to Lata didi. It actually reminded me about how people compare me with my father and ask me

how I feel about it." According to him Amitabh Bachchan is a great actor in the industry and this is what he says to everyone making these comparisons. "My answer to them is that there's no greater actor in this film industry than Amitabh Bachchan and if I'm being compared to him, I am sure I must Abhishek said after looking have done something good.' "Similarly, your voice has a different kind of magic

like Lata ji and that's why people are comparing your voice with her. I feel you should always take this as a compliment, he concluded. Sa Re Ga Ma

Pa airs on Saturday and Sunday on Zee

#### **PEANUTS**



#### **CALVIN AND HOBBES**



#### **BREVITY**



#### FUN POST

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#### **Pradeep Panigrahy's** daughter grilled by ED

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Former BJD leader and Gopalpur MLA, Pradeep Panigrahy's daughter Friday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigating the money trail of the former Odisha cadre Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Abhay Kant Pathak and his son Akash. Panigrahy's daughter, Smruti was to marry Akash in a hotel in Rajasthan last year.

 $Akash, impersonating \, Managing \,$ Director of Tata Motors (Passenger Division), allegedly duped several job aspirants in Ganjam of crores of rupees on the pretext of providing jobs in the automobile company. Panigrahy was arrested by the state Crime Branch for his alleged involvement in the criminal conspiracy along with the prime accused.

The ED sleuths had already grilled Abhay twice at their office in Nayapalli area, while his son Akash was interrogated in the special jail at Jharpada here recently.

The ED officials reportedly asked Smruti regarding the amount of money transferred to her account by Akash. She allegedly told the sleuths that the money was deposited for their marriage purpose.

The Vigilance officials had unearthed deposits of several crores of rupees in Akash's account by his father. Abhay had allegedly amassed properties four times his known sources of income.

#### CM extends financial assistance to student

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday sanctioned Rs 96,500 to a student of Bolangir district to take admission in National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal. Naveen sanctioned the fund in favour of

Taraban Rana of Badapada village in Bolangir to realise his dream of becom ing an engineer. The CM sanctioned the money after he learnt about the financial problem and hardship of Rana in taking admission in the institute. The annual income of Taraban's father, Upasu Rana, is only Rs 45,000. Despite the financial constraint, Taraban was trying his best to fulfill his dream and he has been selected for taking admission in NIT Warangal securing 99.35 marks in the JEE Main for engineering this year.

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## **Fewer women in Odisha** own landed properties

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Barring Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi NCT and Puducherry, all the states/UTs surveyed in the second phase of National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) reported a significant jump in land/house ownership among women over the last five years.

As per the report, 63.5 per cent of the women in the 15-49 year age group individually or jointly owned a house, a piece of land or both in Odisha during the NFHS-4 in the year 2015-16. However, the NFHS -5 revealed that 43.5 per cent of women in the same age group own a 'house and/or land (alone or iointly with others).

Additionally, 35.4 per cent of women in urban areas of the state own land and house, while the per-

centage is 45.5 in rural areas.

On the other hand, 63.5 per cent women in Punjab owned a house or a land (individually or jointly) in 2020-21 as compared to 32.1 per cent during the previous survey NFHS-4 in 2015-16.

Similarly, the survey revealed that the ownership of land or house by women in Uttar Pradesh rose from 34.2 per cent in 2015-16 to 51.9 per cent in 2020-21.

Speaking to Orissa POST, NRMC-Center for Land Governance vice president Pranab Ranjan Choudhury said, "Actually, the percentage of operation holding in Odisha has increased as per the latest agricultural census. The methodology used in the survey needs to be examined to ascertain the reason behind the unexpected

has taken several proactive steps like joint title ownership and less stamp duty for registration of land in the names of women.'

The survey also showed greater active participation of women in decision-making in their respective household matters in the state.

Out of the total married women surveyed in the survey, 90.2 per cent stated that they actively participate in the household decisionmaking process.

In the previous survey the percentage of women taking part in household decisions was 81.8 per

The report revealed that share of women responders in Odisha who have a bank or savings account increased from 56.2 during 2015-16 to 86.5 per cent in

#### **Bodies of missing** students fished out

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Nov 26: The Fire Brigade personnel Friday fished out the bodies of three students who went missing in Mahanadi river while bathing at Bhadimula ghat here, Thursday.

Another student, who was earlier rescued by the Fire Brigade personnel in a critical condition, was declared brought dead by the SCB Medical College and Hospital.

The deceased have been identified as Ajinkya Bahalia (13) of Kaibalya Vihar and Chandan Behera (14) Ashutos Sethi (12) and Omm Prakash Behera (13) of Potapokhari area of the city here. The four went for a bath in Mahanadi Thursday afternoon. However, they did not return till the evening, sources said. Their bicycles were found near Bhadimula ghat during a search by the family. Informed, the Fire Brigade personnel managed to rescue Omm in a critical condition. Although Omm was rushed to SCB, he was declared dead-on-arrival,

#### Drug dealer held with 270 gm brown sugar

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Nov 26: Lalbag police Friday claimed to have arrested an interstate drug dealer from the city here and seized 270 grams of brown sugar from his possession.

The arrested has been identified as Jitendra Bastia, 30, of Tulasipur under Bidanasi police limits.

Bastia has been involved in illegal drug trade for last several days. He was about to enter Cuttack city with brown sugar Thursday evening. On a tip-off, officials of Lalbag police nabbed him from near Gandhi Park and seized the brown sugar from his possession. The market value of the seized brown sugar would be around ₹27 lakh. said DCP Prateek Singh. "Bastia was collecting brown sugar from Balasore and supplying the same to drug peddlers of Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur," Singh added.

#### **Naveen envisions transforming** SCB into 'AIIMS Plus' institute



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday said it was his dream to see the SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH), Cuttack, transforming into an AIIMS Plus institution.

"It is my dream that nobody from Odisha should be forced to go outside for advanced medical treatment. We shall provide the best in the SCBMCH. For the last 75 years, SCBMCH has supported us – now it is our turn to give it back,' Naveen envisioned his dream for SCBMCH Friday at its platinum jubilee celebration.

Joining the celebration through video conferencing as chief guest, Patnaik said that the number of lives saved by this institution and its alumni is unmatched. The service rendered to humanity by the SCBMCH is unparalleled, especially to the people of Odisha.

"Hence it is my dream to see the SCBMCH transforming into an AIIMS Plus institution - to have cutting edge technology in medical services – to provide the best that modern medical science can provide", he stated. The people of Odisha deserve this, he added.

The Chief Minister said that Odisha is today known for many glorious achievements. But, there was a time when Odisha was not so well known. Even in those times - a beacon of excellence – the Bada Daktara Khana (big hospital) stood out-known for its professionalism for quality and affordable healthcare both for all, and for the commitment of the doctors.

Welcoming thousands of former students, who were present to celebrate the hospital's most glorious moments and their college years, Naveen said that the alumni of the SCBMCH have been ambassadors of Odisha in every corner of the world-from Manhattan to Tokyo. Odia doctors from SCBMCH have carried the ethos of selfless service across the country and the world, he added.

Speaking about the recently launched Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojna, he said that the scheme provides health assurance to 96 lakh families across Odisha. "Setting up of eight new government medical colleges and our response to the Covid challenge show my government's firm commitment to transform healthcare in Odisha," he pointed out.

The CM further said that the SCBMCH shall continue to play a key role in this transformation. It shall take its place as one of the top institutions of the country in medical care and health education, he proclaimed.

At the outset, he offered his tributes to Maharaja Sri Rama Chandra Bhanja Deo, who was instrumental in the growth of this institution.

### PMU starts functioning to achieve SDGs on time

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: A dedicated project monitoring unit (PMU) has started functioning in the state Planning and Convergence department for achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The PMU Friday held a consultative workshop with all departments in the Lokseba Bhawan to chalk out a collaborative initiative for realisation of the SDGs

Addressing the workshop, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said the state government is committed to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals - 2030 and several efforts to that end have been initiated over the last few years. While in some indicators the state has done well, other indicators need focused attention, he said.

Mahapatra said the SDG-linked developmental interventions and their outcomes need to be properly analysed, coordinated. and evidenced with ground level database.

"Accomplishment of SDGs requires sustained efforts through evidence-based plan-

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E-mail:zosambalpur@indianbank.co.in Sale of Property/ies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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Description of the Immovable

Movable Properties

All that Land and Building in the name of **Smt Janhabi Pruseth,** W/o: Late Chandrasekhar Pruseth, **Sri Nepa** 

Pruseth, Sri Gopal Pruseth, Sri Juga

Kishore Pruseth situated at Khata No

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Property of Jit Singh, South- Mahaba

Breakdown (Kalu), East- Property of Babulal Agrawal, West-Road

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W/o: Sri Susanta Kumar Dash and **Śri Susant** 

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ning, implementation, monitoring and continuous improvement at all level," he said.

Further, the Chief Secretary directed the departments to nominate one nodal officer and two programme officers for SDG coordination. The nominated officers should be well versed on the departmental plannings, programmes, and activities.

He also directed the PMU to organise a detail training and orientation programme for the nominated officers. Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena said that the team would soon update state SDG indicator framework in collaboration with the departments.

Subsequently, the PMU would prepare the baseline report for pursuance of the SDG attainment. It would also assist in developing the standardized data management system for collection of data, their analysis and presentation in perspectives of the specific SDGs, he said.

Jena asked the secretaries of all departments to extend necessary support to PMU in this collaborative exercise.

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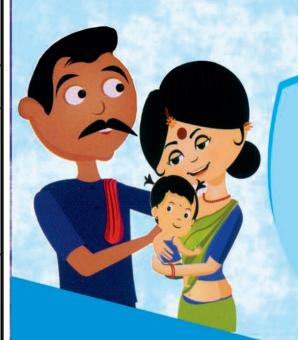
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#### **Australian High** Commissioner visits KIIT, KISS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: A high-level delegation led by Barry O'Farrell AO, Australian High Commissioner to India, visited Kalinga Inistitute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) & Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Friday.

The delegation visited all the campuses of KIIT and all units of KISS. Speaking on the occasion, Barry said, "The Australian government is deepening government to government relation at the federal as well as state levels with like-minded countries. Australia is interested in collaborating on higher education, skill development, and employability. Many Australian higher education institutes are keen to collaborate with Indian institutions because of similar challenges.

"The Australia High Commission office in New Delhi will provide all support to KIIT and KISS for collaboration with Australian higher education and technical institutions for education, research, skill development, student-faculty exchange programmes, and tribal research," added Barry.

Among others, Mathew Johnston, Minister-Counselor (Education and Research); Daniel Sim, Deputy Counsel-General for Australia, Kolkata; Shazia Naqvi, Senior Advisor, Department of Education: HK Mohanty, VC, KIIT Deemed to be University; Deepak Kumar Behera, VC, KISS DU, Sasmitarani Samanta, Pro-VC, KIIT DU; Kanhu Ch. Mahali, Director General, KISS; JR Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT DU and PK Routray, KISS DU, were present on the occasion.

#### **Apollo hosp starts** free ambulance service in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar Friday launched its free ambulance services for emergencies within City limits.

The free ambulance service would ensure that the patient's family or friends do not need to waste time looking for an ambulance in case of any emergency and simply dial 1066 to access Apollo Hospitals' Dedicated Emergency Response System (ERS), a press release said.

Patient's relatives can dial 1066 and be assured of rapid transport to Apollo Hospitals' emergency for definitive care, in most cases within the golden hour. An advanced GPRSenabled ambulance would be immediately dispatched along with trained paramedics equipped with necessary critical care equipment, informed Alok Srivastava, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Medical Services at Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.

During transfer to the hospital, the patient's vitals would be monitored and a two-way communication between the ambulance and hospital would help ensure a thorough update on patient's condition.

This would enable hospital staff to prepare to receive the patient and begin treatment without delay, and simultaneously prepare concerned departments and facilities such as Cath lab, OT and ICUs to give required continuity of care to the patient, Srivastava added.

#### **WASSUP TODAY**

#### **BHUBANESWAR**

Press conference by Utkal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited, trade body's conference hall, N/6, IRC Village, 11.30 am

#### CUTTACK

Book launch event, Sri Rama Chandra Bhawan, 6pm

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### Paytm gets BMC's nod

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Friday, authorised the payment gateway Paytm to launch its cashless transaction drive across all its wards allowing it to make tie-ups with vendors, CRUT, car parking among others.

In a meeting held with the Paytm and other aggregators, the civic authority here decided to grant authorisation to the 'One97 Communication Pvt Ltd (Paytm)' owing to its reach among the people of the state capital. With this, Paytm will now be allowed to enter into partnership with small merchants, street vendors, and shopkeepers for digital transaction.

"One97 Communication Ltd (Paytm) is expected to share data on a dashboard with the BMC regarding merchants on boarding Paytm and the total ward-wise transaction on a daily basis to track the progress," the BMC said in a notification.

Furthermore, the UPI QR integration will also be added to digital payments of MO Cycle apps, BMC's tax payments, mobile ticketing for CRUT Buses on a pilot basis, FasTag in multilevel car parking along with other branding and marketing of digital payment. The civic body will roll out these cashless transaction services in the vending zones within three months.

It may be mentioned that with the Centre giving an extra push to digital transactions post demonetisation, the Naveen Patnaik government has made digital transactions its core policy and the civic authority's drive in vending zones is being seen as the state's initiative to push online

#### **CAPTIVATING AUDIENCE**



Artistes perform Odissi at the 25th Gunjan Dance and Music Festival at Saheed Bhawan in Cuttack, Friday

## STATE'S DAILY TPR DIPS TO 0.37%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Odisha Friday registered 219 new Covid-19 cases, 116 less than the previous day, with the tally rising to 10,48,228, an official said.

The new infections were detected out of 58,715 samples tested in the last 24 hours, bringing down the daily test positivity rate (TPR) to 0.37 per cent. The daily TPR was 0.53 per cent Thursday, with 335 positive cases detected out of 62,619 samples.

The number of students detected with the coronavirus cases at the Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) in Sambalpur, climbed to 56 from 54 the day before.

The hospital authorities suspect

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: In a bid to

enhance recreational facilities in

the state capital, the Bhubaneswar

Municipal Corporation (BMC)

Friday, added nine more small parks

to its list taking the total tally of

parks under its jurisdiction to 71.

order by the BMC Commissioner

stated that all parks having an

area less than half-acre will be

looked after by the civic body.

Meanwhile, parks whose area is

more than half-acre will be man-

aged by Bhubaneswar Development

Colony Park- I, II and III;

Kapilaprasad Park, Bhimtangi

Phase-II Park; K-5 Park at Kalinga

Following this, Nayapalli Brit

Authority (BDA).

According to sources, a recent

ed with the coronavirus infection at VIMSAR in Sambalpur climbed to 56 from 54 the day before

The infected students have been admitted to the Covid unit of the health facility, and all physical classes at the institution have been suspended for 10 days from Tuesday

while 235 more people were cured of the disease in the last 24 hours, taking the

that the students have contracted the disease during its annual function held recently.

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BMC adds 9 more parks

Nagar: Prachi Park-I and II: and

Dumduma Phase-V Park, which

were earlier under the BDA, will

now be maintained by the BMC.

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maintenance and repair of these

nine small parks will be managed

by the BMC. We will try to make

them community-managed parks

and process has already started,"

said Environment Officer, Basanta

the BMC was earlier managing 62

colony parks through Public Private

Partnership approach (PPP mode).

In order to strengthen community

participation for promotion of

greenery and easing city life, com-

munity-driven approach is being

adopted in the BMC area.

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suspended for 10 days from Tuesday. Two more fatalities from Khurda and Jharsuguda raised the coronavirus death toll in the state to 8,403, the Health department bulletin said, adding that 53 other patients have died due to comor-

Responsibilities under the PPP

mode include timely opening and

closing of the parks, cleaning, wa-

tering, mowing, and loosening of

soil among others. However, major

activities like modification and

reconstruction are looked after by

the BMC itself. The parks are man

aged by different 22 Mission Shakti

SHGs and 18 Resident Welfare

Associations (RWAs). The man-

aging agencies receive ₹10,000 per

month per park for maintenance.

Among the 62 parks, 36 were de-

Community-managed park ac

tivities are reviewed in every six

month by a body under the chair-

manship of the respective Zonal

Deputy Commissioners along with

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Thirty-two new patients are below 18 years of age. Khurda, which comprises state Capital Bhubaneswar, registered the highest number of fresh infections at 96.

Ten out of 30 districts of the state did not record any new case. while nine have active cases in single digits, the bulletin said.

The number of active cases declined to 2,385 from 2,403 on the previous day, while 235 more people were cured of the disease in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries to 10,37,387, the bulleting said. Nearly 2.76 crore people have been inoculated with the first dose of Covid-19 vaccines and as many as 1.5 crore beneficiaries have received both the doses.

#### **IIT Bhub observes Constitution Day**

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, joined the celebration of the "Constitution Day", also known as "Samvidhan Divas" organised by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs online from its campus to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India as per the directives of the Union Ministry of Education.

The students, faculty and staff of the institute participated and listened to the addresses by President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Lok Sabha Speaker.

They joined the celebrations via live telecast from the Central Hall of Parliament. RV Raja Kumar, Director, presided over the participation of the event from IIT Bhubaneswar and offered floral tributes to Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution

**Centurion University** 

holds 9th convocation

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Centurion University of Technology and Management Friday held its 9th convocation in the presence of the Governor of Odisha Ganeshi Lal and Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell AO. The programme began with Vice

Chancellor Supriya Patnaik presenting the annual report of the university. She said that the university has made all efforts to effectively implement new educational policy and as an institution it always tries to work for a better tomorrow by striving towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Patnaik further said that apart

from academics, the university has emphasised on research. By establishing 21 research centres. it has promoted research among faculty members and has encouraged them to be associated with national and international agencies.

Faculty members and research scholars of the university have been successful in publishing high number of research papers in journals and books. They have filed 27 patents and seven copyrights, the vice chancellor said.

To promote entrepreneurship, the university has promoted 25 For encouraging research, the university has introduced "Provost Research Award" and prestigious "Vice **Chancellor's Award** for Best Thesis"

startups. For encouraging research, the university has introduced "Provost Research Award" and prestigious "Vice Chancellor's Award for Best Thesis".

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Ganeshi Lal praised the university authorities for their endeavour to promote skill-based education and he appreciated the efforts of university to remain responsible towards society. He praised Centurion's efforts to run effective online teaching and awarding degrees to students on time.

The Governor advised students to be honest and suggested them to dream high. "Create your own identity without caring for success or failure as success and failure are a part of life," he added.

Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell AO in his speech said that India has always remained as a source of knowledge

## Climate change impacts children severely: Monika O Nielsen

#### Arindam Ganguly of Orissa POST about the impact of climate change on children and what the Unicef is doing to overcome it ■ What is your view on Odisha is Dharitri's Youth Conclave? working in How do you think such events

Monika O Nielsen, Chief of Field Office, Unicef,

**Odisha**, was a panelist in the Dharitri Youth Conclave

on climate change: Focus Odisha. She spoke to

■ First of all I must congratulate Dharitri for organising this youth conclave and taking the initiative and approach to engage and work with young people. It is important to give them voice, space and platform to raise the issue. We should not be complacent by organising such conclaves but must actively work to

engage the youth and create

awareness among them. Unicef

may help motivate youngsters

to come forward and work to

preserve the environment?



how it is impacting children. There is evidence that climate change is adversely impacting children in a significant way We have seen trends such as disaster displacement where people are forced to leave their habitual residence as a result of a disaster. This was seen in some areas of the state. Children also suffer due to in-

crease in pollu-

tion level, loss

of livelihood

of their par-

ents due to

floods, cy-

droughts and

other natural

clones,

Children are the least responsible for climate change, yet they will bear the greatest burden of its impact

disasters that sometimes compel Climate children to bechange is one of come child labourers so the greatest threats that they can facing this generation, help their famwith 1 billion children at extremely high risk, said Unicef

■ What is Unicef doing to tackle these issues in Odisha?

Unicef is working towards creating a sustainable environment for children by promotcommunity-led conservation initiatives, working together with state governments, partners and communities. Unicef Odisha is not only working with state government but also with many youth platforms to give them voice. We believe that youth should be in the front to talk about the issues that are important for them. We have started Youth4Water programme with Water Initiatives led by Ranjan Panda, water activist also known as Odisha's water man. It aims to spread awareness on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and climate change. We also work with several youth platforms to engage them in a variety of issues like menstrual hygiene, climate change and children rights. We want the young people to be the agent of change.

- What, in your opinion, should be the role of youths in tackling climate change?
- Climate change is a reality and although children are the least responsible for it, they will bear the greatest burden of its impact. It is our job to take it forward and work together with the youth and share stories and ideas with them, make plans with them and help them to be prepared to lead the movement.
- Policy being a major aspect of change, how do you think the youth can participate in that process?
- This is next level of involvement of youth. Not enough has been done in this regard till now. The involvement of youth in policy-making is important because it also impacts them. We should listen to and consult with them to make the policies youth-centric.

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#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Milk plant for **Boudh soon**

Boudh: Dairy farming received a boost in Boudh district as the state government will set up a milk pasturisation plant with a capacity of 20,000 litre a day. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced about the project Thursday through a video conferencing. He said Boudh district has achieved good progress in milk production. Keeping this in view, a milk pasturisation plant with a capacity of 20,000 litre will be set up in the

#### Vig seizes 3 trucks with minerals

Dharmasala: Vigilance officials along with forest officials conducted raids in Dharmasala area of Jaipur district and seized three trucks which were engaged in illegal transportation of minor minerals from a forest land. The officials have seized 18 cubic metre of black stone. 230 CFT sand from three trucks. The officials seized a truck carrying sand near Deuli. The vehicle had no valid documents. Two trucks were carrying black stones without valid documents at Kantigadia. The seized trucks have been taken to the forest office at Chandikhole

#### Cong protests over 'arrests'

Basta: Police Thursday night picked up several Congress leaders including party's district unit president Sanjib Giri, its student's wing president Goutam Sahu, vice president Jiban Sahu and general secretary of the state Congress Rehmat Ali ahead of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's visit to the district Friday to distribute smart health cards. Peeved over the police action, hundreds of Congress workers from Basta staged protests at the SDPO office Friday. They condemned police action and said the ruling party shows its fear for Congress. They alleged that police detained the district's women wing president Pragyan Paramita Mohanty



Women carrying firewood to a local market in Harbhanga area of Boudh district enveloped by a dense fog

## Tiger census begins with advanced app in Similipal

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, Nov 26: Counting of Royal Bengal Tigers (RBT) at Similipal Biosphere Reserve in Mayurbhanj district started Friday after four years. The census will be conducted in four phases over next ten days. The counting will go on till December 5.

Significantly, M-Stripe Ecological Module and AITE-2022 moblie application will be used for the tiger census, said field director of Similipal Tiger Reserve M Jagjayananda, Friday.

A senior forest official said the first phase of quadrennial tiger census will be conducted in 55 beats under Karanjia forest division and 70 beats of the north wildlife division. The massive enumera-



tion exercise to ascertain the number of big cats in the reserve will be led by Sai Kiran, deputy director of Similipal Tiger Reserve.

"More than 500 camera traps have been installed at specific locations inside the tiger reserve for the census. We are also using advanced technology inside the core and buffer areas," the official stated.

"Similipal and Satkosia Tiger Reserves are well known habitats of Royal Bengal tigers in Odisha. As per the fourth survey of All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) carried out in FY 2018-19, the total number of tigers in Odisha remained unchanged at 28 between 2014 and 2018. The first step taken today was the initiation of AITE-2021 and five kilometre trail sign survey to spot the big cats," informed Falguni Behera, Karanjia Assistant

Conservator of Forests (ACF). The tiger counting is being conducted this time through an ecological app without use of pen and paper, the ACF Behera added. Worthy to note that tiger census is, usually, conducted once every four years. As per the 2018 census, there were a total of 28 tigers in the two tiger reserve projects in Similipal and Satkosia in the state.

## **CM launches health cards in Balasore**

**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WORTH ₹1,552.96 CRORE** 

PNN/AGENCIES

Balasore, Nov 26: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched Biju Swasthva Kalvan Yojana (BSKY) smart health cards in Balasore district amid heavy security in view of the oppositon parties' protests over the Kalahandi teacher's kidnap and murder wherever he attends meetings

Twenty five platoons of police were deployed in and around the venue and roads leading to the meeting were fortified to prevent any breach, two days after eggs were hurled at Patnaik's convoy in Puri. The BJP's local unit had given a call for social boycott of Patnaik. Members of the saffron party held a demonstration waving black flags and shouting slogans but far from the venue. The police detained 32 members of the party and Congress prior to the Chief Minister's visit.

Addressing a public meeting at Balasore town, Patnaik claimed that the scheme in-

troduced by the state government was a "milestone" in providing free and quality healthcare to the people of the state. "BKSY will provide health security to 20lakh people in the district," Patnaik said.

Under BSKY, the state government bears the full cost of all health services to patients in public health facilities. The card also provides annual health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family and an additional amount for the women members in empanelled private hospitals

Patnaik also inaugurated

and laid the foundation of

many development proj-

ects worth ₹1,552.96 crore.

They included projects

linked to water supply,

bridge and road, education

infrastructure and urban

Addressing the function,

he said a large wholesale

fish market will be set up

in 20 acres at Basta at an

expenditure of ₹50 crore.

Fisherfolk of not only

Balasore, but Kendrapara

and Jagatsinghpur dis-

tricts will benefit by it,

development.

Besides, a mega piped water project will be built at an expense of over ₹750 crore for 6.5 lakh people in 660 villages in six blocks of Balasore district, he added. BJP supporters had

hurled eggs at Patnaik's convoy in Puri Wednesday demanding the sacking of minister Dibva Shankar Mishra for his alleged links with the prime accused in the Kalahandi teacher's kidnap and murder.

The 24-year-old woman teacher's half-burnt decomposed body was exhumed October 19 from the playground of the private school in Kalahandi district where she taught.

The prime accused had managed to escape October 17 from a police barrack in Bolangir where he was detained in connection with the alleged abduction. The accused was arrested two days later. Patnaik has faced several protests by the opposition parties in various places

### Stir hits extraction, transport in MCL mines

POST NEWS NETWORK

Talcher, Nov 26: Coal extraction and transportation from mines of MCL came to a halt in Talcher Friday after people of Hiloi village resorted to agitation. Tension prevailed in the area while police were deployed at the site.

According to reports, the MCL authorities with the help of police bulldozed some houses at the village in the wee hours Friday to acquire land for the mines.

The incidents enraged the

locals who staged protests and stopped operation of mines at Hingula, Bharatpur, Balaram, Lingaraj and Bhubaneswari, Coal transportation was completely paralysed even as tension continued to grip the area.

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#### **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. Executive Engineer, Division-IV, BDA, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Bhubaneswar Development Authority invites percentage rate bids in Double Cover system conforming to the Detailed Tender Call Notice (DTCN) from Electrical Contractors having valid H.T. license registered under Government of Odisha, having PAN and valid EPF & ESI registration No., GST Certificate for the item of works as indicated in the table below.

SI. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Rs)	EMD (in Rs)	Cost of Tender Paper	Period of Completion	
(1) (2)		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
1.	Illumination of the pathway of Jungle trail in Budhajayanti Park, Bhubaneswar.	19,16,043.00	Bid Security Declaration	6000.00 + 12% GST	30 (Thirty days)	
2.	Providing Power supply and illumination of the pathway of Laxmisagar Park, Bhubaneswar.	8,68,333.00	Bid Security Declaration	4000.00 + 12% GST	30 (Thirty days)	

2. The Bid documents will be available in the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in from 29.11.2021 at 10.30 Hours. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

3. Bids shall be received only "On line" on or before 10.12.2021 up to 17.00 Hours. The bidder must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III or Class-III.

4. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Ine authority reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason.

6. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation shall only be uploaded in the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in

**Executive Engineer** Division-IV, BDA. BBSR

## Death of girl in SC/ST dept-run school triggers row in Keonjhar

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Nov 26: A controversy has broken out over death of a Class-X girl student of an SC/ST department-run residential school at Kusumita in Keonjhar. It was alleged that the student died of sheer negligence on part of the school authorities.

The parents of the deceased have made a written complaint with Collector Ashish Thakre Friday and intimated the matter to Keonjhar MLA Mohan Majhi, who is the chairperson of the Assembly Standing Committee on SC/ST wel-

The MLA has expressed

IRD effected in

**Nabarangpur to** 

POST NEWS NETWORK

curb road mishaps

Nabarangpur, Nov 26: The

Integrated Road Accident

Database (IRD) was launched in Nabarangpur district to

curb road accidents. Five departments like police, roads and buildings, health, regional road transport and traffic po-

lice were roped in the IRD.

This was revealed at a meet

ing chaired by SPP armar at

the district police headquar-

ters office here. He said nearly

one and a half lakh people die in road accidents in the country every year while 5,000

With the implementation

of the IRD, exact reasons for

road accidents will come to the

fore, he said, pointing out the

various factors-poor driving

training, faulty road designs,

technical issues and poor

lighting. He added that right

people die in the state.

displeasure over such in- went to school October 1. cident. He said that similar incidents have been happening in the state. He has sought a reply from the state government on the incident.

Sarita Majhi, a girl of Dabanka village, was studying in Class-X at Kusumita Government Girls' High school. She fell sick a few weeks ago. It was alleged that the school authorities could not ensure her treatment, leading to her condition turning critical.

Sarita's father Jagannath Majhi was intimated by the school authorities over phone to take away his daughter from the hostel. Her father

The school authorities go a paper signed by her father before letting her go home, it was alleged.

Jagannath provided treatment to his daughter at home, but her condition turned critical. She was shifted to the district headquarters hospital and died November 4.

Majhi accused the school authorities of neglecting her daughter's treatment and demanded an investigation into the matter. He wanted stern action against the school staff for neglect ing her daughter's treatment. However, headmaster of the school Ashok Jena refused to speak on the matter.

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#### निविदा सूचना / TENDER NOTICE

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Sealed tenders are invited for providing catering services The tender forms can be obtained from the Office of KVS ZIET Bhubaneswar from 26.11.2021 or downloaded from the official website. Sealed tenders should reach this office on or before 10.12.2021 before 05 P.M. by Speed Post/Registered Post/by Hand. For more information visit the website https:// zietbhubaneswar.kvs.gov.in.

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When mind is still, then truth gets her chance to be heard in the purity of the silence

**SRI AUROBINDO** 



### **Rethink on Think Tank**

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is reportedly taking a hard look at the NITI Aayog, its premier think tank, and has ordered a detailed review of its performance in the six years of its existence when it was created to replace the Planning Commission. Apparently, there is a growing view that the body may not be performing as per the objectives it was set up for, and therefore needs a rethink.

The government has formed a review committee and it is packed with impeccable talent: besides former Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan and Environment Secretary Rameshwar Gupta, it includes Quality Council of India chairman Adil Zainulbhai, and corporate leaders such as Amit Chandra of Bain Capital, Anjali Bansal of Avaana Capital and Ravi Venkatesan of Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship.

The last time the Aayog was reconstituted was when current Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar was appointed after the abrupt resignation of Arvind Panagariya. His term was extended in 2019 (it is co-terminus with the term of the Modi government). Earlier, the government had extended the tenure of CEO Amitabh Kant until June 2022. Both Kumar and Kant however remain key in the involvement in policy-related matters. Clearly, the proposed rejig is for the newcomers who will be inducted once the review is completed.

Sources say that while Kumar and Kant have a major role in policymaking especially in matters of industrial development, technology and investment, the government now feels that the think tank needs to engage more with states on policy and plan-

ning issues than it has of late. Clearly, the government, as it moves into the latter half of its second term, now envisages a more proactive NITI Aayog, which is open to consultations



with external experts, and builds a knowledge pool that will be useful to the Centre as well states. Even as the expert panel finalises its suggestions, the final decision on any possible rejig is obviously for the PMO.

#### NHAI to get new Chairman, Member (Finance) soon

We've all noticed how the government recently extended the tenures of the directors of the country's premier investigation agencies. That sense of urgency has now got the government focusing on finding a new chairman as well as a Member (Finance) for the National Highway Authority of India

The NHAI is key to the Modi sarkar's calculations - rapid construction of highways could be an achievement that the government can visibly demonstrate to the people. That's lent urgency to the needs of NHAI including the appointment to key positions in the organisation, including its chairman. This post has seen eight persons occupy it all within six years since 2015. The last chairman was SS Sandhu, a 1988-batch IAS officer, who was repatriated in July to his parent cadre in Uttarakhand as its Chief Secretary. Some chairmen's tenure lasted barely a few months. Likewise, the post of Member (Finance) has been vacant for two years.

But now, sources have informed DKB, even though a selection committee is reported to have finalised the process of recommending names for selection the government may simply ignore the process and directly appoint the new Member (Finance) from among officers of the 1990-1993 batch. Similarly, none of the chairmen of NHAI came through the selection committee route. This time too, many expect the next chairman to be appointed directly by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

#### Full steam ahead for disinvestment

The Air India disinvestment is done and dusted, but there is no rest for Disinvestment Secretary Tuhin Kant Pandey. He already has his task cut out, being the key person in charge of ensuring that the privatisation of five stateowned companies, including Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL), is on track and completed in the current fiscal year.

Pandey is confident that the privatisation of BPCL and Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) will be finalised, and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) will be listed on local bourses by March 2022.

The stakes are high. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen to push ahead with the IPO for LIC since it could help the government raise ₹40,000 crore to up to ₹1 trillion – funds it needs to plug the widening budget gap. The listing is crucial, and it is now on Pandey and his cohorts in the Finance Ministry and relevant others to deliver on the disinvestment target that the government has set for FY22. But the experience of the Air India sale has bolstered hopes for faster privatisation of other government assets

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#### WISDOM CORNER

What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?

shackles limiting our vision

Surrealism is destructive, but it destroys only what it considers to be SALVADOR DALI

Success is dangerous. One begins to copy oneself, and to copy oneself is more dangerous than to copy others. It leads to sterility

#### WORDS**WORTH**

#### ■ Precariat

his socio-economic term has become more visible as a result of a book, The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class, by Guy Standing, Professor of Economic Security at the University of Bath. He describes the precariat as a newly emerging social class, in part created by trends towards creating a flexible workforce, which has access only to poorly paid short-term or part-time jobs, with no security of employment, support of a trade union or protection by legislation. Wages are often so little better than social security and marginal tax rates so penal that there's little motivation to look for work. People in this situation see no prospect of change for the better and are becoming dispirited and disaffected. This is leading, he argues, to a group open to exploitation by far-right political parties. The term is a blend of precarious and proletariat. The press attention given to Professor Standing's book may have given the impression that he coined it. Reports in recent years have linked it with the rise of a similar class in Japan and suggested it was invented there. It has in fact been a term of left-wing writers in English at least since its appearance in the January-March 1990 issue of Socialist Review. But it was actually coined in French in the 1980s (as précariat). The abstract noun precarity for the concept is also on record; Noam Chomsky wrote in an article in the June 2011 issue of In These Times that it was coined in the 1990s by Italian labour activists. Part of the precariat, the youthful educated part, is looking for what the book calls a politics of paradise. It is beginning to identify it in the squares of major cities, as the book did predict. Listen to the precariat in Athens, Madrid and in various parts of the Middle East (Financial Times, 25 Jun. 2011). In Britain, as elsewhere, labour market flexibility led to a fall in 'unskilled' wages and a proliferation of temporary and part-time labour. This expanded the ranks of the precariat - the emerging class of people who experience multiple forms of insecurity and see little prospect of escape (Soundings, 1 Apr. 2011).

#### FOCUS GLOBAL ECONOMY

## THE INFLATION CONUNDRUM



Kaushik Basu

IN INDIA, THE WIDE **DIVERGENCE BETWEEN** WHOLESALE **AND RETAIL INFLATION IS EVIDENTLY SQUEEZING SMALL** MANUFACTURERS, **SELF-EMPLOYED,** 

**AND WORKERS** 

ntil a few months ago, talk of inflation was little more than a murmur: dry data from the statistical office, reports tucked away in the newspaper, and an occasional commentary. Now the discussion is urgent and anxious, as news of rising price levels comes in from economies around the world, including Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, India, and, most important, the United States.

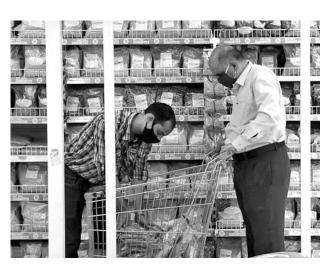
The surge in inflation in the

US, the world's largest economy, is causing the greatest concern because its spillover effects are invariably far-reaching. The trouble is that – in a debate bookended by Paul Krugman and Olivier Blanchard - no one fully understands what is happening. Krugman thinks the current inflationary pressure is a short-term episode triggered by supply-chain disruptions, while Blanchard sees it as the result of the large spending under President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan, and as a prelude to a longer battle.

Unlike Krugman, I believe that rising US inflation, currently at a 30-year high of 6.2 per cent, is caused by this big spending package. But I also believe, contrary to Blanchard, that Biden's policy intervention was right, and that higher inflation is a price worth paying for the benefits the rescue plan has brought, particularly to the most vulnerable Americans.

This relief is reflected in the latest US data. During three months preceding September, the US saw higher wage increases than any time in the last 20 years. Workers have gained a stronger bargaining position, and have even stayed away from the labour market when their wage demands have been

To be sure, US policymakers will have to navigate some difficult terrain ahead, because the COVID-19 crisis has left many open wounds. A recent University of Michigan survey found that onequarter of Americans expect their financial situation to worsen in the near term, a level of pessimism not seen since the Great Recession of 2008-09. All this is cause for global worry, because a US slowdown with elevated inflation will have adverse effects worldwide



From the US and Brazil to Turkey and India, growing price pressures are leaving policymakers facing some difficult decisions. Unlike in many previous global inflationary episodes, what is remarkable this time is how different the cross-country experiences have been

The US Federal Reserve will likely have to raise interest rates more substantially than it is currently indicating (which no doubt reflects a desire to discourage speculative dollar appreciation). But the US has expertise enough to pull out of this inflationary period, and its monetary and fiscal policies are broadly on the right track.

Other important economies such as Turkey and Brazil, face a direr situation. Turkey currently has an alarming annual inflation rate of 19.9 per cent. Making matters worse, President Recep Tayyip Erdo an has strong (and wrong) views about how to control inflation. He believes the right response is to reduce interest rates. This can very occasionally be the right policy, such as when there is a lot of carry trade. But it is not the correct response now. It is thus not surprising that the Turkish lira has been losing value sharply, prompting some to warn of a currency meltdown.

Brazil has recently joined the list of countries with double-digit price growth, with annual retail inflation of 10.7 per cent causing huge hardship for the poor. Moreover, inept policymaking by

President Jair Bolsonaro's government - the Economist recently criticised its 'fiscal incontinence' has stoked fears that the economy is on the verge of a technical re-

Unlike in many previous global inflationary episodes, what is remarkable this time is how different the cross-country experiences have been. The reason is probably that, while the current inflationary trends have a common cause, namely, the rebound from the pandemic-induced slowdown, countries' diverse responses to this novel crisis have led to varied economic performance.

India, for example, faces an especially tricky inflation problem. Retail inflation is elevated but not at the level seen in many other economies. It rose to 4.5 per cent in October, up slightly from 4.4 per cent in September, and has been hovering around this range for several months. But wholesale price inflation, which increased sharply to 12.5 per cent year on year in October, from 10.7 per cent in the previous month, is getting out of hand and has reached its highest levels since the late 1990s.

This poses an unusual policy

challenge. The wide divergence between wholesale and retail inflation is evidently squeezing small manufacturers, the self-employed, and workers. Those who buy from the wholesale market and sell on the retail market are seeing their profits tumble. They are cutting back on production and this, in turn, is adversely affecting workers.

If the government allows this divergence to persist on the grounds that consumers are not being badly hit, growth will likely decline as small businesses, already under strain, reduce output and cut employment – and possibly shut down. On the other hand, if the government tries to narrow the gap by letting retail inflation rise, consumers will be hit hard. Given that India was among the world's worst-affected economies during the pandemic and is only now beginning to recover, this would be a huge setback for many citizens.

The only reasonable way out is for policymakers to tackle wholesale price inflation directly. This will require a combination of fiscal and monetary measures, like reducing the high tax on fuel that helps to fund government expenditures and slashing all non-essential spending (while supporting those hit hardest by the pandemic). It may also be time for the Reserve Bank of India to consider hiking interest rates.

Inflation management is no easy task. We do not fully understand the links between the world of money and liquidity, on one hand, and that of goods and services on the other. Policymakers must therefore rely on a combination of science - based on the regularities observed in the vast amounts of data available to central banks and treasuries - and judgement. But there is one thing we do know: politics must be kept

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#### SPECTRUM NATION

## Education vouchers for economic growth



Bharat Jhunjhunwala

THE GOVERNMENT

**EDUCATION SYSTEM PRODUCES ONLY CERTIFICATES** RATHER THAN **SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE. IT IS NECESSARY TO REFORM IT SINCE IT CATERS FOR A LARGE SECTION OF SOCIETY** 

ur education system is the major bottleneck in securing double digit economic growth which is possible only when our people get employment and are productive. But jobs are shrinking due to the competition from machines and computers. We will have to improve our education system so that man can compete with machines. The government education system, however, produces only certificates rather than skills or knowledge. It is necessary to reform it since it caters for a large section of the society. The teachers of the government

schools have little incentive in teaching since their jobs are secure irrespective of whether they teach or not. The AAP government has reformed the government education system in Delhi majorly. Yet the pass percentage in government high schools was 72 per cent against 93 per cent for private schools. The situation of government schools in other states is much worse. I will discuss the examples of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in this article although the situation is similar across the country.

The UP government was spending ₹25,000 per student on the primary and secondary education in 2016-17. This may be about ₹30,000 in the current year. It is reported that government schools are showing a number of fake admissions to get the free meals, uniforms and other freebies. In one study, 4.3 lakh fake admissions were detected in nine districts of Bihar. Estimates for fake students are not available but let us assume 20 per cent for the present. The government expenditure per real student would be ₹37,000 if the fake students are not counted. This amount is being spent only on the students studying in government schools. About 64 per cent of children were studying in government schools in 2014, according to a survey done by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO).

It is estimated that about 55 per cent may be studying in government schools today because parents want to send their wards to private schools as their incomes rise. Thus, the UP government is spending about ₹20,000 per student counting all studying in private or government schools.

One-half of this amount can be distributed to all students of the state. Each student can be given ₹10,000 per year in form of an education voucher out of the money already being spent by the UP government. This money can be obtained by reducing the salaries of the government teachers.

About 90 per cent of the expenditure in government schools goes to pay salaries of teachers. The teacher of a government primary school often draws a salary of ₹50,000 per month or more against ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 drawn by a teacher in a private school. A 50 per cent reduction can be made in the salaries of the government teachers. They would still be drawing salaries at least double of their counterparts teaching in the private schools. This amount can be used to fund the education vouchers. The students would be able to pay a fee of ₹800 per month in a school of their choice—whether government or private. A survey conducted by the NSSO found that the

average fee in a private primary school was ₹417 per month in 2014. This may be about ₹700 today. This amount can be paid by the voucher. In this system, it will become necessary that government schools attract students in competition with the private schools. The government teachers will be able to recoup their reduced salaries if they are able to attract the students and collect their vouchers. The government schools will be forced to improve their quality of education in order for their teachers to get their present salaries

Private schools will also benefit because they would be able to collect part of the fees from the vouchers, increase the total fees collected and invest the money in providing better education. We must urgently implement an education voucher system to place our economy on a high growth path.

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TO THE EDITOR

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#### No time for complacency

Sir, India has administered over 120 crore doses of the COVID-19 vaccine so far, as per the official data available. For the first time, the number of fully vaccinated individuals has surpassed the partially vaccinated population. Complete vaccine coverage is the current focus of the government since people can be better protected against the virus once they receive a full dose compared to only one dose. The virus situation is still dynamic on a global scale. There is a fear of the third wave hitting us and disrupting our lives in view of a new variant that emerged in South Africa. Experts say that a third wave cannot be ruled out but it can be avoided if COVID appropriate behaviour is strictly followed, at least for the next few months. Many people are seen not wearing masks even in public places and no social distancing norms are being followed in social gatherings. We need to follow health protocol and strictly adhere to COVID appropriate behaviour as a preventive measure against the dreadful coronavirus

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

#### Increase vaccine coverage

Sir, The WHO has warned that Europe remains "in the firm grip" of the COVID-19 pandemic and the continent's death toll could top 2.2 million this winter if current trends continue. The WHO said that another 700, 000 Europeans could die by March 1, in addition to the 1.5 million who have already succumbed to the virus. As infection cases continue to rise in the continent, protests against new restrictions continue. Several factors have contributed to rise in infection cases in Europe. First, it could be the result of delta variant. Second, vaccine hesitancy and decline in immunity. Third, people's reluctance to follow COVID appropriate behaviour. The huge surge in infections in Europe serves as a stark reminder of return of the pandemic to any country. The third wave of the pandemic is yet to affect India. As  $\stackrel{\searrow}{}$ vaccination numbers continue to grow, daily infections have declined. However, India cannot afford to take the surge in cases in Europe lightly. Despite the fact that 80% of the adult population has received one shot of the vaccine, uptake has declined. A substantial number of vaccines remain unused. The government must take measures to solve this. The gap between doses could be reduced. Booster doses can be introduced for those who need it. Children must be included in the vaccination drive.

Venu GS, KOLLAM

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**Countries which give** priority to innovation and technology remain in the forefront RAM NATH KOVIND

#### **DRONES TO DELIVER VACCINES IN JAMMU**

The Centre will launch a pilot project on the use of indigenously manufactured drones for delivering medicines in the undulating landscape of Jammu and surrounding areas from Saturday with a focus on vaccines delivery initially



India has been able to fight COVID-19 under a 'whole of approach where provincial and local governance provided a fillip to the efforts of the Government of India

MANSUKH MANDAVIYA UNION HEALTH MINISTER

When Parliament passes a bill or when assembly adopts certain laws, until or unless it is unconstitutional, why should there be a reason to say that

we don't follow this Act, or we will not follow this law KIREN RIJIJU MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE



recognised international norms. good governance, rule of law,

openness, transparency and equality

S JAISHANKAR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

## 26/11 anniv: India asks Pak to expedite trial

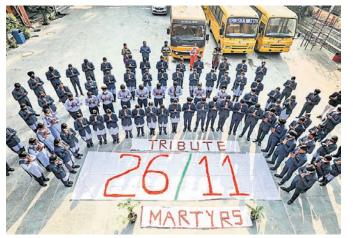
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: India cannot forget the wounds of the Mumbai terror attacks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday on the 13th anniversary of the carnage even as a senior diplomat of the Pakistani High Commission was summoned and told that Islamabad must ensure expeditious trial in the case.

In a short video released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on the 26/11 attacks, Modi also said that today's India is combating terrorism with a "new policy and new ways" as he paid tributes to the victims of the strikes.

The MEA said a note verbale was handed over to the Pakistani diplomat, reiterating New Delhi's demand for an expeditious trial in the Mumbai attacks case and asking that country to abide by its commitment to not allow territories under its control for terrorism against India.

"I pay homage to all those who died in the Mumbai attack. Many brave police personnel were also martyred in the strike. I also pay homage to them," Modi said in Hindi in the video posted by the MEA on Twitter. "India cannot for-



Students pay tribute to the martyrs of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks

get the wounds of the Mumbai attack. Today's India is combating terrorism with a new policy and new ways," he said. In a statement titled Thirteen years of seeking justice for the victims of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the MEA asserted that the terror attack was "planned, executed and launched" from Pakistani territory

"It is a matter of deep anguish that even after 13 years of this heinous terror attack, the families of 166 victims from 15 countries across the globe still await closure. with Pakistan showing little sincerity in bringing the perpetrators to justice." it said in a statement. The MEA said India will continue to make every effort to seek justice for the families of the "victims and the martyrs" of the attacks.

"The former Prime Minister of Pakistan had gone on record and admitted that the terrorists were sent from Pakistan's soil," the MEA said,

in a reference to comments made by former premier Nawaz Sharif. "We once again call on the government of Pakistan to give up double standards and to expeditiously bring the perpetrators of the horrific attack to justice," it said.

The MEA said it is not just a matter of Pakistan's accountability to the families of the innocent victims who fell to terrorists, but also an international obligation."On the 13th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks, the government and people of India somberly remember the victims of this dastardly attack and the valiant security personnel who laid down their lives to protect ours," the MEA said.

'The President, the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister, in separate messages, have expressed their firm solidarity with the families of the victims," it said. November 26, 2008, a group of 10 Pakistani terrorists went into a rampage, carrying out a coordinated attack on a railway station, two luxury hotels and a Jewish centre after they sneaked into India's financial capital using the sea route in the Arabian Sea.

## Cong calls meet of Oppn leaders Nov 29

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: Leaders of various opposition parties will meet here in the morning of November 29 to ensure unity and synergy among themselves during the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament.

The Winter Session of Parliament starts November 29 and will continue till December 23. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to the floor leaders of various political parties in the Lok Sabha and the Raiva Sabha Friday, urging them to participate in the meeting of Opposition leaders for discussing the issues to be taken up during the upcoming Parliament session.

The Winter Session commencing from November 29, 2021 is very crucial for all of us for raising important issues. I am convening a meeting of floor leaders of all opposition parties both in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 9.45 am in my room in Parliament House," Kharge wrote to the leaders of the parties.

He said the meeting will help work



unitedly in raising critical matters of people's concerns in Parliament. Kharge also thanked them for their support and cooperation during the monsoon session, which facilitated opposition unity in raising topical issues. Kharge told reporters that the Congress has drawn up a list of issues to be raised during the upcoming session of Parliament, including price rise and inflation.

He said it is important for opposition parties with different ideologies to fight against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) together. "Various opposition parties will try and come together to fight and defeat the BJP in Parliament," he said.

Kharge said the Congress will fight on the issue of farm laws and all parties are together on many issues to take on the government.

#### **SHORT TAKES**

#### **Covid cases rise**

Dharwad: The Karnataka Health department is on high alert after the number of Covid positive students at the SDM Medical College in Dharwad city, increased to 182 Friday. At least 66 students had tested positive on Thursday morning and 116 more were confirmed to have contracted the disease later in the day. College sources said the students were infected after attending a function in the premises on November 17.

#### Lucky escape

Morena (MP): As many as 72 passengers had a lucky escape when fire broke out in two AC coaches of 20484 Udhampur Express train at Hetampur station between Morena and Dholpur in Madhya Pradesh on Friday, police said. Nobody was injured in the incident as the train was halted and the fire was brought under control in time. they said. The train was on its

#### Eight boys held

Hamirpur (Uttar Pradesh): The Hamirpur crime branch has arrested eight accused -- all minors and high school students -- in connection with the murder of their fellow teenager friend over a month ago. The arrested persons include the main accused, Saniay Tripathi, a local BJP leader and the father of the deceased, Aman Tripathi, and his wife Madhu, who were on a hunger strike for the past two days, called it off after the intervention of the local administration.

#### WILL NOT ROLL BACK **LIQUOR BAN: NITISH**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna Nov 26: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Friday asserted that the liquor ban will continue in the state and there is no question of rolling back prohibition.

Addressing a gathering at the "Nasha Mukti Diwas" programme in Gyan Bhavan here, Nitish Kumar said: "The Liquor Prohibition Law was imposed in Bihar in 2016 on women's demand. We had initially imposed a partial ban only in rural areas but as women of urban areas also demanded the same, we imposed a complete liquor ban. He pointed out that the decision

was taken after an all-party meeting. Hence, those who are pointing fingers at the decision should also remind themselves of that meeting. On the occasion, 3.5 lakh government and private sector employees took an oath not to consume liquor for the rest of their lives. The Chief Minister justified the police action in public places, especially Patna police entering the rooms of brides in marriage halls. "Police will check any place in the state where liquor consumption could be possible," he said.

When I was a school going student, I had an allergy to drunk men. I had already decided that once I got a chance to prevent people from drinking liquor in any stage of my life, I would do it. Liquor is a bad substance. It can take life and people can also contract serious diseases," the JD(U) leader said.

"How liquor can take lives is visible in Bihar. If anyone drinks wrong things like liquor, they would die. Twenty seven per cent of the people dying in accidents are under the influence of liquor. 18% people involved in quarrels and 17% people committing suicide across the world were in a drunken state," he said.

### **Export of Covishield resumes**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine maker, Friday said it has resumed exports of Covishield vaccine to lowand middle-income countries with the first batch of consignment leaving its Pune facility. An unnumbered amount of doses

of the AstraZeneca shot were shipped for export under the Covax initiative, with Serum hoping to increase doses "substantially" into the first quarter of next year and to include Novavax Inc's inoculation at an unspecified time. Serum Institute of India (SII) has

cumulatively produced 1.25 billion doses so far, a company statement said. India had halted COVID vaccine exports in April to cater to domestic demand as infections shot up. It decided to resume exports after the domestic inoculation drive gained momentum and enough doses were available to meet future needs.

"The first batches of its COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccine left the SII manufacturing facility in Pune earlier today,

New Delhi, Nov 26: The CBI has got

the sanction to prosecute retired

Allahabad High Court Judge Justice

S N Shukla in a corruption case for

allegedly favouring a private medical

college in his orders, officials said.

from the Central government to pros-

ecute the retired judge on April 16

this year, in accordance with the

Prevention of Corruption Act, they

said. With the government now giving

The CBI had applied for a go ahead

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



#### **India had halted Covid** vaccine exports in April to cater to domestic demand as infections shot up

for distribution to low- and middleincome countries via the COVAX mechanism," it said. "SII's supply of doses via COVAX is expected to increase substantially into Quarter 1 2022."

The resumption of exports, it said, is linked to the company surpassing its original target to produce 1 billion (100 crore) doses of Covishield by the end of this year."SII has reached this milestone ahead of time via rapid expansion of production capacity at its site in Pune," it said.

Doses to Covax from SII are dedi-

CBI gets sanction to prosecute ex-judge

its nod, the CBI can proceed with a

chargesheet against the retired judge.

Lucknow bench of the Allahabad

High Court, the agency had also

named retired Chhattisgarh High

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The CBI does not need sanction to

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the FIR, they said.

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cated to supplying 92 lower-income countries. Covax is a multilateral initiative that aims to provide access to COVID vaccines to all countries, led by the Global Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

"It's a huge moment to begin exports again," SII Chief Executive Officer Adar Poonawalla said in the statement. "The world has largely depended on the low-cost, high-quality pharmaceuticals and vaccines that India has traditionally exported.'

To bolster its COVID-19 vaccine output even further, SII will bring into production other vaccines under licence. These include Covovax, from US-based Company Novavax, which received its first Emergency Use Authorisations (EUAs) from regulators in Indonesia and the Philippines this month. Further regulatory reviews are pending for Covovax in India and with the WHO. Novavax has also submitted several additional regulatory filings for its vaccine around the world.

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and acting in the capacity of a pri-

vate person. Shukla joined the

Allahabad High Court on October

5, 2005 and retired on July 17, 2020, ac-

cording to the High Court website.

Justice Shukla, who was head-

ing a division bench in the high

court, had allegedly defied the cat-

egorical restraint orders passed by

an apex court bench led by the chief

justice of India to permit private

colleges to admit students for the

2017-18 academic session.

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### Farmers gather at Delhi borders as agitation marks one year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: Farmers from Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh Friday gathered in large numbers at the three Delhi border points of Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri, with protesting unions saying that the day, which marks one year of their agitation against the three farm laws, will be remembered forever in history as one of the greatest moments of people's struggle.

Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that the three controversial farm laws would be withdrawn. Although farmer unions have welcomed the government's move, they said their protest would continue until the laws are totally withdrawn and other demands are met.

"It has been a year of unmatched struggle mixed with happiness and sadness. We are fighting and winning. We will fight and win. MSP law is farmers' right," senior farmer leader Rakesh Tikait tweeted in Hindi.

Thousands of farmers in tractors arrived at the three protest sites on Friday and many of them flaunting colourful turbans, sunshades, long beards and twirling moustaches



danced on the roofs of tractors, distributed sweets and hugged each other to mark the occasion that

seemed like a festival. Samkyukata Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of protesting unions, claimed that lakhs of farmers took part in the assemblies, rallies, marches and chakka jams held in Karnataka,

West Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha among

"This day marked twelve long months of the farmers struggle, with numerous victories which seemed unlikely, and even impossible, with a will and determina-

tion to continue to fight for the unfulfilled demands of the farmers.' the SKM said in a statement. It also said that the farm movement stands as a testimony to the will of the common people to fight against an "unrelenting" government, and for a long time, will be remembered as an example of peaceful "satyagraha" inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and the Indian freedom movement.

As farmers started arriving in large numbers on the city borders, the Delhi Traffic Police asked commuters travelling from Ghaziabad towards the national capital to take alternative routes, anticipating traffic gridlock owing to its security arrangements.

"Traffic coming from Ghaziabad towards Delhi side remains heavy due to barricading by local police at roundabout Gazipur Underpass. Commuters are advised to take alternative Vikash Marg/GT Road to Delhi," the Delhi Traffic Police tweeted.

At Singhu border, one of the largest protest sites on city borders, tractors bedecked with lights and posters rolled through the site and loud Puniabi and Harvanyi celebratory music filled in the air.

Thousands of them flocked to the Singhu border site over the last few days, buoyed by the government announcement to repeal the farms laws, to mark the completion of one year of a dogged protest that saw a long dusty patch of the Delhi-Karnal road between Delhi and Sonepat turned into a makeshift town with bamboo huts and all basic amenities one could think of.

Children and elderly, men and women, carried flags of their farmer unions and raised slogans of victory "Inquilab Zindabad" and "Majdoor Kisan Ekta Zindabad" amid passionate nonstop beating of drums.

The assembly area near the centrestage saw a large gathering like the early days of the protest. The attendees included businessmen, professionals, lawyers, teachers, among others, belonging to families of farmers.

Sarender Singh, 50, from Pataila spent six months at the protest site managing crowd near the centrestage."It is a special day. It is like a festival being celebrated. It is after long that such a large number of people have gathered here. We also have Punjabi singer Babbu Mann among us," he said.

#### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ADDITIONAL SPILLWAY DIVISION, BURLA, SAMBALPUR

eeasdhirakud@gmail.com Government of Odisha

"e" Procurement Notice No. ASD 01/2021-22 Date: 23.11.2021 NATIONAL COMPITATIVE BIDDING

No. A-670: The Superintending Engineer, Additonal Spillway Division, Burla, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha nvites bid in Single Cover System according to the norm of "e Procurement Systems in online mode from the eligible contractors

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Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://

Online bid submission 09.12.2021 at 12.00 P.M closing date in the portal Date of Opening of Bid

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## Air pollution in Delhi worsens Goa NGOs write to Centre;

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: Air pollution levels in Delhi worsened Friday due to unfavourable meteorological conditions such as low temperature and slow wind speed with the air quality index reading 406 which comes under the 'severe' category.

The AQI is expected to improve from November 29 due to high wind speed. Local surface winds are likely to increase slightly for the next two days dispersing pollutants leading to a slight improvement in the air pollution, but the AQI will be in the higher end of very poor' category.

The share of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 pollutants is eight per cent. "Mixing layer height and wind are the dominant factors controlling air quality. From November 29 significant improvement in AQI is expected due to high wind speed," said the Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor SAFAR.

Neighbouring Faridabad (423), Ghaziabad (378), Greater Noida (386), Gurgaon (379) and Noida (394) also saw a dip in air quality Friday evening. The air quality in the national

capital has remained 'very poor' or 'severe' on most of the days in November so far.

Delhi recorded the lowest air

**ALARMING SITUATION** 

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THE DELHI GOVERNMENT WEDNESDAY DECIDED TO RESUME PHYSICAL CLASSES IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND REOPEN GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM NOVEMBER 29

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Keiriwal said the workers affected

by the ban on construction activ-

ities will be provided financial as-

sistance of Rs 5,000 each and his gov-

ernment will also compensate them

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Monday in view of an improve-

ment in the air quality and the in-

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The Delhi government

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pollution levels in terms of the 24-hour average quality index on November 1 (AQI 281) and November 23 (AQI 290).

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

Delhi Friday recorded a maximum temperature of 27.6 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average and a low of 11 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year Humidity levels oscillated between 95 per cent and 48 per cent.

The Delhi government Thursday reimposed the ban on construction and demolition activities following the Supreme Court's order.
The apex court reimposed the ban on construction activities in Delhi-NCR Wednesday until further or-

The ban on the entry of trucks, barring those engaged in essential services, will continue till December 3. However, "CNG and electric trucks will be allowed to enter Delhi from November 27."

November 13, the city government had ordered the closure of all educational institutes, banned construction and demolition activities and asked its employees to work from home to combat air pollution and minimise its health effects.

Four days later, it extended the restrictions, besides banning the entry of trucks carrying non-essential items in Delhi.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panaji, Nov 26: Two days after Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced imminent auctioning of "seven to eight" mining blocks in Goa, several green NGOs have written to the Central government, to blacklist mining companies linked to illegal mining and have violated other central government economic laws from participating in the auction.

"Misappropriation of the shared inheritance of mineral wealth, anyone convicted for illegal mining should be disqualified under a variety of laws, including the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and The Economic Offences (Inapplicability of Limitation) Act, 1974," Goa-based NGOs, namely Goa Foundation, Common Cause, Mineral Inheritors Rights' Association among others, have pleaded in their letter to the Union Minister for Mines Pralhad Joshi and the Comptroller and Auditor General. The letter has also said that companies involved in illegal mining should be blacklisted and not be allowed to participate in any mining related activity.

"With the rise of illegal miners



in the country, there are no adequate mechanisms to hold them accountable and undertake stringent actions such as blacklisting them from any mining activity. Any violation whether it is economic, environmental, or social by the entity must be a good enough reason to disqualify the miners on the basis of questionable integrity and they should be prevented from managing our shared inheritance of mineral wealth," the letter said.

seek action on illegal mining

Wednesday, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had said that national banker State Bank of India had been roped in to facilitate the auction of "six to eight" iron ore mining blocks by December 15.

The decision comes at a time when the Bharatiya Janata Partyled coalition government in the state has been criticised for belated efforts to restart the mining industry ahead of the state assembly polls, which are scheduled to be held in early 2022. Sawant had also said that the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, a Central government concern had been appointed for exploration of the nearly 90 mining leases in the state for mineral prospects. The auctioning of the iron ore mineral blocks will be carried out under the aegis of the newly formed Goa Mineral

Development Corporation.

The Corporation was formed by the Goa government earlier this year, with the CM as the ex-officio chairman and will have top officials including Secretaries in-charge of Finance, Mines and Environment as members. The Corporation will also include a lawyer nominated by the state government, two experienced CAs and a government nominated geologist.

#### Will protect you, your family: Kejriwal on new Covid strain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: The Delhi government has called a meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority Monday to discuss steps that need to be taken in view of threat of a new COVID-19 variant from African countries, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

The Centre Thursday had asked all states and union territories to conduct rigorous screening and testing of all international travellers coming from or transiting through South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana, where a new COVID-19 variant of serious public health implications has been reported.

"In view of the threat from a new COVID-19 variant from African countries, we have requested experts to make a presentation to the DDMA on Monday and suggest what steps we should take. We will take all steps necessary to protect you and your family," Kejriwal tweeted Friday.

The new variant of COVID-19, feared to have a high amount of spike mutations unseen before,



has been detected in South Africa, with authorities there confirming 22 positive cases associated with it Thursday. Dr Tom Peacock, a virologist at the Imperial College London, had posted details of the new variant classed as B.1.1.529 on his Twitter account earlier this week, following which scientists have been weighing in on what is being considered a variant of concern, though it is yet to be formally categorised in the UK.

Scientists the world over will be watching the new variant for signs of gaining momentum or spreading more widely and rapidly.

## BJP in populist mode as AAP, TMC flood Goa with sops After the AAP made a promise to provide free trip to the Ram temple a Ayodhya, Ajmer Sharif and

promise to provide free power to the tune of 300 units to domestic households in the state in August, the BJP-led coalition government in Goa had subsequently announced 16,000 free litres of water in every household, a scheme which has already been

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panaji, Nov 26: Assembly elections dates are yet to be announced in Goa, but the people of the coastal state, already appear to have emerged as winners thus far.

implemented since

With opposition parties like the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Trinamool Congress making a flurry of pre-promises, the BJP-led coalition government in the state appears to be spending the fag-



end of its tenure rushing to hastily implement schemes which mirror populist promises made by the opposition parties.

This competition between the ruling BJP and aspiring opposition parties like AAP, has also led to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Delhi Chief Minister and AAP founder Arvind Kejriwal to refer to each other as 'copycats' and 'duplicates'.

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holds in the state in August, the BJP-led coalition government in Goa had subsequently announced 16,000 free litres of water in every household, a scheme which has already been implemented since.

Earlier this month, Kejriwal announced a free pilgrimage scheme for Goa's senior citizens, soon after which Sawant revived a scheme -- formerly announced in his budget speech -- 'Mukhyamantri Devdarshan Scheme'.

While Kejriwal's pilgrimage scheme assured senior citizens a

free trip to the Ram temple at Ayodhya, Ajmer Sharif and Vellankani, Sawant's pilgrimage scheme provides a fully financed journey to the Sai Baba temple at Shirdi and Vellankani in Tamil Nadu.

The Goa government was also forced to up and hasten its drive for filling up of 10,000 government vacancies after Kejriwal promised to offer one job per family, as well as an unemployment allowance, if the party comes to power in 2022.

Trinamool Congress, led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, which is keen to make a splash in the 2022 Goa polls also made a slew of freebies, especially to those involved in the fisheries sector. Banerjee's key promises include a Rs 4,000 monthly allowance for those working in the sector, increase in the existing fuel subsidy by 2.5 times.

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The Congress has so far steered clear of announcing any freebies in the run up to the 2022 state Assembly polls. "Our party does not believe in pre-poll 'jumlas," Leader of Opposition Digambar Kamat said

#### Scaled down Sunburn fest to be held in Goa

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panaji, Nov 26: Two days after Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant denied permission to host the popular Sunburn electronic dance music festival, organisers of the event, Percept Live, Friday in a statement said that a scaled down



An initial application was made to host Sunburn Festival at Vagator at a similar mega scale as it used to take place earlier. Under advice from government, it was decided to conduct it at Vagator, a beach

## Architect who designed Masonic Lodge in Lutyens' Delhi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: A handsome British-era building with a redbrick exterior bearing a huge interlaced 'Square and Compass' emblem on top, sits in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi, where an exclusive group of 'brothers' linked to a centuries-old esoteric society periodically gather to perform secret rituals of an ancient order.

Known as Freemasons, they belong to Freemasonry, an old fraternity that is said to trace its origin to King Solomon's times. It owes its origin in the late 16th to 17th century in Scotland and England, and came to India through the East India Company in the early 18th century.

The Freemason's Hall also re-

The Freemason's Hall, also referred to as Masonic Lodge or Masonic Temple, in Delhi is located on a sprawling campus on Janpath (earlier Queensway), near the iconic Connaught Place. The nearly 90-year-old property is owned by the Masonic Fraternity of New Delhi, a non-profit organisation.

The foundation of the grand building was laid April 4, 1935 by the then Viceroy of India Lord Willingdon, soon after the new capital was built by legendary architect Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker.

However, the iconic double-storey masonic hall, embedded with arcane symbolism, in the heart of the national capital was built neither by Lutyens or Baker or even Robert Torr Russell, who designed the Connaught Place -- named after the Duke of Connaught, who was also a Mason.

The striking building, whose interior chambers house a grand masonic temple on the first floor,

where members of the fraternity in shining regalia have been gathering since the 1930s to perform elaborate and arcane rituals involving a checkered-board floor and a 'Grand Master', was designed by architect FB Blomfield, who was also a Freemason.

It was opened in February 24, 1936 by the then Maharaja of Patiala, according to a volume 'Freemasonry in India', published in 1991.

Panels representing sun and moon, which stand for enlightenment in the Freemasonry, flank the dominant masonic symbol of Square and Compass on top of its facade.

Blomfield's black and white por-

trait, showing him in masonic regalia is proudly hung in the entrance lobby of the Hall, that also has framed pictures of several other key personalities associated with Freemasonry in Delhi, which included chiefs of many erstwhile princely states.

According to the book 'I Look

According to the book 'I Look Back: An Appreciation of Freemasonry in Delhi' by PM Sundaram, a Mason too, Blomfield was a member of the Lodge Imperial, No 1163 SC (Scottish Constitution), and had "offered to donate half of his fees to the building fund".

He was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Imperial August 23, 1932, it says.

After Independence, the Freemasonry system in India was reorganised.

While some lodges chose to remain with the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), with affiliation via English Constitution (EC), Scottish Constitution or Irish Constitution (IC), other lodges came together to assume a new



identity as the Grand Lodge of India, said Vishal Bakshi, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of India (GLI). "The consecration of GLI took place 60 years ago on November 24, 1961. We have lined up a number of events for the next one year. A coffee table book, charting the history, heritage and masonic activities done so far, has also been put together to mark the diamond jubilee," he told PTI.

Grand Lodge of India (GLI), more formally called 'Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of India', the apex body of Freemasons in the country, and several other lodges of Delhi-NCR are housed in the premises of the Masonic Hall on Janpath.

Chartered Accountant Anish Kumar Sharma, 72, Regional Grand Master of Regional Grand Lodge of North India (RGLNI), who will

be installed as the next Grand Master of GLI on November 27, said, the land for building the Hall was acquired in 1920s on the Queensway (now Janpath), spanning about three acres, and from royals to commoners, many donated funds for the building.

At present, besides the old Freemasons Hall, the campus has General Williams Masonic Polyclinic, Fraternity Club and

### SOCIETY

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■ Made famous by the bestsellers of Dan Brown, like 'The Da Vinci Code', the Freemasons society commands a huge global membership

■ They are one of the world's oldest secretive societies whose members included Motilal Nehru, Swami Vivekananda, JRD Tata, King George VI and George Washington, among others

Masonic temples and lodges are specimens of grand architecture and their arcane rituals have inspired much curiosity and at times, dark intrigue

various administrative offices. GLI headquarters is housed in an annexe building whose foundation

was laid in 1971.

Ajay Mehta, architect by profession and a Mason who holds the position of Assistant Regional Grand Master of the RGLNI, said, "If you notice the foundation stone is placed at the northeast position, and in Freemasonry, these details

version of the festival would now

be held at Vagator, a beach vil-

lage in North Goa.

"Percept Live would like to clarify that an initial application was made to host Sunburn Festival at Vagator at a similar mega scale as it used to take place earlier. Under advice from the government, it was decided to not pursue this mega festival any further due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Hence the Sunburn mega festival is not taking place in Goa this year," the statement issued by Percept

Live said. "However bearing in mind the improving situation and with nightlife & events slowly making a come-back, Percept has tied up with Hilltop, Vagator to produce a smaller limited capacity Sunburn event from December 27-29 at Hilltop, Vagator. This event is being organised with the support of the requisite authorities. The planning for the same is currently underway and Percept looks forward to welcoming fans in Goa very soon," the statement also said.

Wednesday, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had said that his office had denied permission for hosting of the festival. "We have not given permission for Sunburn this year. We will not be having Sunburn. This time we have not given permission to Sunburn. My office has already processed the file," Sawant had told reporters after a Cabinet meeting.

Tourism Minister Manohar Ajgaonkar had maintained that while he was in favour of hosting the event, he added that the Chief Minister may have denied permission due to the possible-re-emergence of the Covid pandemic.

## national



**Every organ** of the state should function within the constitutional mandate for people's welfare without infringing on others' domain OM BIRLA LOK SABHA SPEAKER

#### **TOMATO PRICES MAY SOFTEN FROM DEC: GOVT**

All India average retail tomato price, which has shot up by 63 per cent to ₹67 per kg over the last year is likely to soften from December with the arrival of fresh crop from northern states, the government said Friday





stopped construction activities and following all the suggestions of the Supreme Court, the Delhi government is taking several steps to reduce pollution

ARVIND KEJRIWAL DELHI CM The world is witnessing and grappling with rapid economic technological and security challenges, and the current

multilateral system has fallen short in providing an effective response to these challenges

M VENKAIAH NAIDU VICE PRESIDENT

During the pandemic period, it is the public sector banks which have been giving uninterrupted customer services. We therefore are of the view that privatisation of public sector banks will jeopardise the interests of the common people and backward regions of the country

D RAJA CPI GENERAL SECRETARY

## Dynastic parties matter of concern: PM Quake-like tremors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: In a scathing attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the "biggest threat" to the functioning of a healthy democracy is when a party is run by the same family generation after generation and the entire system of the party is controlled by it.

Without naming anyone, Modi at a Constitution Day event in the Central Hall of Parliament hit out at family-based parties, describing them as "party for the family, party by the family" and added, "I don't think I need to say anything more".

The event was skipped by 15 opposition parties, including the Congress, Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, CPI(M) and CPI, which have been alleging that the government is "undermining parliamentary democracy". The Congress said it did not participate in the Constitution Day event in protest and to remind the country that the Constitution is not being respected and is being undermined instead.

Addressing the gathering, Modi said, "This event was not that of any government, or of any political party, or of any prime minister. The Speaker is the pride of the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gestures as he leaves after attending a function to commemorate 'Samvidhan Divas' at Parliament in New Delhi

House. It is a dignified post. It is a matter of Babasaheb Ambedkar's dignity, the dignity of the Constitution.'

The event was organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and Speaker. In an apparent reference to the Congress and some other Opposition parties, the prime minister said that in the form of family-based parties, from Kashmir to Kanvakumari. India is heading towards a kind of a crisis, which is a matter of concern for the people devoted to the Constitution and

those who believe in democracy. He said that more than one person from a family joining a party on the basis of merit and people's blessings does not make a party dynastic, "but a party run by one family generation after generation and

threat to a healthy democracy". The prime minister said the spirit of the Constitution and every section of it is hurt when political parties lose their democratic character."How can the parties which have lost their democratic char-

the family controlling the entire

system of the party is the biggest

acter protect democracy," he asked. Elaborating on the spirit behind

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said it was during the 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar, "We all felt that what could be a greater auspicious occasion than the gift that Babasaheb Ambedkar had given to this country, we should always remember his contribution in the form of a memory book (Smriti Granth)".

He said it would have been better if along with establishing the tradition of Republic Day on January 26, Constitution Day was also established on November 26 at that time itself. Modi said opposition to marking the day was not just being shown now but when the government had decided to mark Constitution Day, even then it had met with criticism

## felt in Bangalore

People in Rajarajeshwarinagar, Kengeri, Kaggalipura, Hemmigepura and Yeshwanthpur localities in Bangalore experienced light tremors for a few seconds. They also noticed large thuds and sounds

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Nov 26: Light earthquake-like tremors were experienced in Bangalore and surrounding areas on Friday for a few seconds creating fear among the people. However, the official statement from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Center (KSNDMC) clarified that the Seismographs showed no signs of local tremors and earthquake.

People in Rajarajeshwarinagar, Kengeri, Kaggalipura, Hemmigepura and Yeshwanthpur localities in Bangalore experienced light tremors for a few seconds. They also noticed large thuds and sounds.

The reports of tremors associated with mild vibrations were received between 11:50 a.m. and 12:15 pm. Little before this, a loud sound was experienced in neighbouring Mandya and Ramnagar districts

also. Huge sound and mild tremors were experienced near Jigani and Anekal in the outskirts of Bangalore at 12.30 p.m.

Geologist Prakash stated: "Though it is a light and minor incident, we will have to conduct studies. We have to study and can't

take it lightly." He also clarified that there was no connection between the tremor and the incessant rainfall in the state capital. Bangalore last experienced a moderate earthquake in 2011. Earlier, on many occasions, people experienced tremors due to movement of fighter jet flights

which created a sonic effect. However, KSNDMC release stated that, "the data was analysed from our Seismic Observatories for any seismic signatures, possible earthquake signatures during the time period. The Seismographs show no signatures of local tremor or earthquake."

#### SHORT TAKES

#### Terrorist killed

Jammu: The Indian Army has foiled an infiltration bid on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district in which one terrorist was killed. Defence ministry spokesman, Lt. Colonel Devender Anand said, "On night of November 25, 2021, Pakistani terrorist attempted an infiltration bid along LoC in Bhimber Gali sector of J&K. "Alert Indian Army troops successfully foiled the infiltration attempt. "One Pakistani terrorist has been eliminated. The body of the terrorist along with weapon and ammunition has been recovered. "Operation is still in progress.'

#### **Racket busted**

New Delhi: The Delhi Police have busted a gang dealing in illegal weapons and arrested four criminals in this connection, an official said here Friday. Deputy Commissioner of Police Benita Mary Jaiker said the Narcotics Squad staff, South District, kept a strict vigil on the movement of public vehicles and set up checkpoints regularly at strategic locations. On November 18, they received information about a person involved in supplying illegal firearms. "More details about the person were obtained by the police from social media platforms," the official said.

#### Three held

Patna: Three people, including a notorious criminal, have been held from Digha-Ashiana road in Bihar on the charges of supplying liquor in the dry state. "We had specific information about the movement of notorious criminal Bittu. Accordingly, we put up barricades on the roads and started checking vehicles. He was arrested along with two accomplices on Thursday night. We have also recovered expensive bottles of whisky, said Saroj Kumar, SHO of Rajiv Nagar Patna. The information about Bittu was obtained during a raid on a soft drinks agency in Digha locality, a couple of days ago.

#### Four killed

**Hyderabad:** Four persons were killed and one injured in a road accident in Telangana's Karimnagar district on Friday, police said. The accident occurred when the car in which the victims were travelling hit a tree at Manakondur. While the four occupants of the car died on the spot, the fifth was critically injured and admitted to a hospital in Karimnagar town.

#### **Putin to visit India**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit India December 6 to hold annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during which they will review the status of bilateral ties and discuss regional, multilateral and international issues of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Friday.

The MEA also announced that the first '2+2' foreign and defence ministerial dialogue between India and Russia will be held in here on December 6 as well. The Modi-Putin summit is expected to produce specific outcomes in further expanding ties in areas of defence, trade and energy, officials said. It is learnt that the two sides

are going to firm up a number of agreements in the areas of defence, trade and investment, and science and technology at the summit. "President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin will pay an official visit to New Delhi on December 6 for the 21st India-Russia annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi," MEA Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing.

It will be the first in-person meeting between the two leaders after their talks on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Brasilia in November 2019. There have been six telephonic conversations between the two leaders since November 2019, to date apart from virtual meetings for multilateral summits.







Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj Mukund Naravane interacts with troops during the Dakshin Shakti exercise in Jaisalmer

### RED ALERT FOR 5 TN DISTRICTS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Nov 26: The India Meteorological Department has issued a red alert in five districts of Tamil Nadu after heavy rains on Thursday pounded the southern part of the state leading to inundation and waterlogging.

Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Puduokottai, and Nagapattinam districts are facing severe rains with roads and rails being submerged in water. Several residential areas and hamlets are under the water and schools and colleges will remain closed.

On Thursday, Thoothukudi recorded a whopping 25 cm of rains till evening and heavy rains continued to lash the district on Friday morning. Flights were redirected to the neighbouring Tiruchi airport due to poor visibility and bad



facing severe rains with roads and rails being submerged in water weather conditions in Thoothukudi.

Train services were hit as tracks were submerged in water.

Rivers and streams are overflowing and heavy rains with lightning and thundering hitting several southern states, including Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Dindugal, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, and Nagapattinam districts.

According to IMD, heavy to very heavy rains will continue till Monday even though the cyclonic circulation over the southwest Bay of Bengal is unlikely to concentrate into a low-pressure area.

Flash floods were reported near the Courtallam waterfalls. Tirunelveli and Tenkasi districts have also received massive rains. Almost all the residential areas in these districts are waterlogged and in several parts of the districts near the river banks houses are damaged as water is gushing into the low-lying areas.

Meanwhile, the weatherman has issued a Yellow alert for Chennai on Friday and Saturday and is predicting heavy rains till Monday in the state capital. The department has also warned people living in lowlying areas to be cautious.

#### 15 more nations recognise India's **Covid vaccines**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 26: Fifteen more countries have recognised India's Covid-19 vaccination certificate. taking the total number of such nations that have approved India's vaccine certificate to 21, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

"Mutual recognition of Covid-19 vaccination certificates continues! Fifteen more recognitions for India's vaccination certificate," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi in a tweet. "Mutual recognition of Covid-19 vaccination certificates with India: Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Palestine, Philippines, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine, MEA said in a statement.

The Union ministry of health nd family welfare said earlier that nearly 100 countries have agreed to the mutual acceptance of vaccination certificates of India's Covid-19 vaccines and the vaccination process.

The Minister in an event on Thursday said, "Mutual recognition of vaccinations increases ease of travel for tourism and business thereby boosting economic recovery the world so desperately needs,". Highlighting how India helped other countries throughout the Pandemic, he said, "Being the Pharmacy of the World, India has generously supplied HCQ tablets and other medical equipment to 27 countries. Under the Vaccine Maitri initiative, 6.63 crore doses were sent to 95 countries".

Explaining India's strategy of curbing Covid pandemic, he said that six vaccines are approved in India, of which two are indigenously developed.

Near 1.2 billion doses have been administered with 82 per cent Indians receiving at least one dose and 44 per cent being fully vaccinated.

### PROTECT JUDICIARY FROM MOTIVATED ATTACKS: CJI

**EXPRESSED HAPPINESS AT BEING PART OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY,** WHICH HAS GIVEN **SO MUCH TO THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE AND PLAYED SUCH AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN** THE DRAFTING OF

THE CONSTITUTION



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 26: Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana Friday urged lawyers to protect the institution from motivated and targeted

attacks and to not shy away from standing up for what is right, and against what is wrong.

The Chief Justice made the remarks while addressing a Constitution Day celebration organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association. "I want to tell all of you, that you must assist judges and the institution. We are all ultimately part of one large family. Protect the institution from motivated and targeted attacks. Do not shy away from standing up for what is right, and against what is wrong," the CJI said.

Justice Ramana said as people with intimate knowledge of the Constitution and the laws, it is the lawyers' responsibility to educate the rest of the citizenry about the role that they play in society.

"The history, present and the future of this nation lie on your shoulders. This is a heavy, if not the heaviest, burden to bear. This profession is called a noble profession for a reason. It demands expertise, experience, and commitment, like any other profession. But in addition to the above, it also requires integrity, knowledge of social issues, social responsibility, and civic virtue. You must be leaders and mentors in society."

Justice Ramana asked the lawyers to actively take up pro bono cases and be worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the public. He expressed happiness at being part of the legal community, which has given so much to the freedom struggle and played such an integral role in the drafting of the Constitution. "None can forget the contributions of lawyers such as Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Lala Lajpat Rai, Sardar Patel and Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, whose dedication and sacrifices for the cause of the people are legendary. All of us here are successors of that glorious legacy."

He said the Constitution of today, built upon the foundations laid by the framers, is a richer and more complex document than what it was when it was adopted in 1949, and it is a result of the dialogue that took place both inside and outside the court room, resulting in novel and unique interpretations.

"Perhaps, the most important feature of the Indian Constitution is the fact that it provides a framework for debate. It is through such debate and discussion that the nation ultimately progresses, evolves, and achieves higher levels of welfare for the people. The most direct and visible players in this process are of course, the lawyers and judges of this country," the CJI added.

## international



This land was given to you for strategic and defence purposes and yet you have started commercial activities on it. Were wedding halls, cinemas and housing societies built for defence purposes?

**GULZAR AHMED** | CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN

#### **REMEMBERING 26/11**

Indians in Israel commemorated the victims of killings by Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks of 2008, demanding swift justice by punishing the masterminds of the crime





An important part of this process is ensuring that every person in Australia has access to vaccine boosters to help maintain the best possible defence against serious illness or death

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#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### EU eases curbs on vax exports

Brussels: The European Union said Friday that it will ease its restrictions on exporting COVID-19 vaccines. The Commission, the EU's executive arm, said that as of January it will no longer require vaccine producers to request special authorisation to export outside the 27-nation bloc. Earlier this year when vaccines were still in short supply, the EU introduced a mechanism to keep some of the jabs it secured from AstraZeneca, the Anglo-Swedish drug company, from being diverted elsewhere.

#### **Heavy rains lash** Lanka, 14 dead

Colombo: Fourteen people were killed and one person heavy rains accompanied by strong winds have continued to lash Sri Lanka since last week, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said. According to the latest figures from the DMC, over 100,000 families had been affected in the nine districts due to adverse weather conditions while 114 people had been relocated to safe locations.

#### Solomon Islands violence recedes

Canberra: Violence receded Friday in the capital of the Solomon Islands, but the government showed no signs of addressing the underlying grievances that sparked two days of riots, including concerns about the country's increasing links with China, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare sought to deflect attention from domestic issues by blaming outside interference for stirring up the protesters, with a thinly veiled reference to Taiwan and the US.

## World reacts to new 'deadlier' mutant

Medical experts, including the WHO, warned against any overreaction but nations said their concerns were justified

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Brussels, Nov 26: A slew of nations moved to stop air travel from southern Africa Friday, and stocks plunged in Asia and Europe in reaction to news of a new, potentially more transmissible COVID-

Within a few days of the discovery of the new variant, it has already impacted on a jittery society that is sensitive to bad COVID-19 news, with deaths around the globe standing at well over 5 million.

There are fears that the new variant could be even more contagious than the current predominant one and could bypass the effectiveness of the vaccination

Belgium became the first European Union country to announce a case of the variant.

The UK announced that it was banning flights from South Africa and five other southern African countries effective at noon Friday, and that anyone who had recently arrived from those countries would be asked to take a coronavirus test.

Germany said its flight ban could be enacted as soon as Friday night. German Health Minister Jens Spahn said airlines coming back from South Africa will only be able to transport German citizens home, and travelers will need to go into quarantine for 14 days



whether they are vaccinated or not. Germany has seen new record daily case numbers in recent days and passed the mark of 100,000

deaths from COVID-19 Thursday. Italy's health ministry also announced measures to ban entry into Italy of anyone who has been in seven southern African nations South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia and Eswatini — in the past 14 days due to the new variant. The Netherlands is planning similar measures.

The Japanese government announced that From Friday, Japanese nationals traveling from

#### WHO hosts special meeting

**Geneva:** Advisers to the World Health Organisation are holding a special session Friday to flesh out information about a worrying new variant of the coronavirus that has emerged in South Africa, though a top expert says its impact on COVID-19 vaccines may not be known for weeks. The group could decide if it's a "variant of concern" - the most worrying type, like the well-known delta variant - or a "variant of interest," and whether to use a Greek letter to classify it.

It's really important that there are no knee-jerk responses. We've seen in the past, the minute there's any kind of mention of any kind of variation and everyone is closing borders and restricting travel. It's really important that we remain open, and stay focused

DR MICHAEL RYAN I HEAD OF EMERGENCIES, WHO

Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, South Africa and

Lesotho will have to quarantine at government-dedicated accommo-

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#### **Israel on verge** of 'emergency'

Jerusalem: Israel, one of the world's most vaccinated countries, announced Friday that it has detected the country's first case of the new variant in a traveler who returned from Malawi. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Israel is "on the threshold of an emergency situation" Friday. The traveler and two other suspected cases have been placed in isolation. It said all three are vaccinated but that it is currently looking into their exact vaccination status.

dation for 10 days and do a COVID test on Day 3, Day 6 and Day 10. Japan has not yet opened up to foreign nationals.

Singapore will restrict entry of people with recent travel history to seven African countries, the Ministry of Health said Friday. From Saturday, all long-term pass holders and short-term visitors with travel history within the last 14 days to Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe will not be allowed to enter Singapore or transit here.

Currently identified as B.1.1.529, the new variant has also been found in Botswana and Hong Kong in travelers from South Africa

#### **COAL MINE MISHAP**

#### **Death toll raised to** 51, survivor found

Moscow, Nov 26: Russian authorities Friday released the names of 51 people presumed dead after a devastating methane explosion in a coal mine in Siberia, believed to be the deadliest since 2010.

The list with names of 46 miners and five rescuers was published online by the government of the Kemerovo region in southwestern Siberia, where the mine is located. Authorities had initially reported 52 possible fatalities, but search teams Friday found a survivor in what officials described as a "miracle". A total of 285 miners were in the

Listvyazhnaya mine at the time of explosion Thursday morning that quickly filled the mine with toxic smoke. A total 239 people were rescued shortly after the blast, and more than 60 sought medical assistance for an assortment of injuries.

Officials Thursday confirmed 14 fatalities — 11 miners and three rescuers who perished while searching for others trapped in a remote section of the mine. Rescuers were forced to halt several hours into their search because of a buildup of methane and carbon monoxide gas. Rescuer Alexander Zakovryashin

was pulled out of the rubble Friday morning still conscious. He was hospitalised with moderate carbon monoxide poisoning, according to emergency officials.

## France slams Britain's proposal on migrants

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Calais (France), Nov 26: France reacted with fury Friday to Britain's latest proposals for dealing with the deadly flow of migrants between their shores as the war of words between the two countries over the dangerous crossings across the English Channel ramped up further.

In a public letter to French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson laid out a series of proposals of how the two countries can deal with the crisis, following the sinking of a boat on Wednesday that saw 27 people die.

The letter, which was made public on social media, was deemed "unacceptable" by French government spokesman Gabriel Attal.

As a result, he said Britain's Home Secretary Priti Patel was no longer welcome at a European meeting Sunday to discuss the problem

"We are sick of double-speak," Attal said. Among his recommendations, Johnson asked that France take back all migrants who cross illegally from its shores to Britain.

Attal dismissed the idea as "clearly not what we need to solve this problem." He said the letter "doesn't correspond at all" with discussions that Johnson and Macron had Wednesday after the tragedy.'

Johnson also set out proposals for British border officials to begin patrols on the beaches of northern France as early as next week something Paris has long resisted. He also recommended joint or reciprocal maritime patrols in each other's territorial waters and airborne surveillance by manned flights and drones

British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said Johnson had made the proposals in "good faith" and urged the French to reconsider their decision.

The French move marks a sharp deterioration in relations between the two countries which have for weeks become increasingly strained

#### **FISHING ROW**

French fishing crews blocked French ports and ferry traffic across the English Channel Friday to disrupt the flow of goods to the UK, in a dispute over post-Brexit fishing licenses. French fishermen are angry at the British government for not granting more licenses to fish in UK waters - and angry at their own government for not doing more to defend them. The fishing industry is economically tiny but symbolically important for both Britain and France. Friday's blockades are "a warning shot," Olivier Lepretre, president of the regional fishing committee, told reporters in Calais.

by the migrant crisis in the Channel.

More than 23,000 people have already entered the UK on small boats this year, up from 8,500 last year and just 300 in 2018, according to data compiled by Parliament.



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Taipei, Nov 26: Five US lawmakers met with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen Friday in a surprise one-day visit intended to reaffirm the United States' "rock solid" support for the self-governing island.

The bipartisan group of lawmakers from the US House of Representatives arrived in Taiwan Thursday night and planned to meet with senior leaders including Tsai, said the American Institute in Taiwan, the de facto US Embassy. No further details were provided about their itinerary.

The visit comes as tensions between Taiwan and China have risen to their highest level in decades. Taiwan has been selfruled since the two sides split dur-



ing a civil war in 1949, but China considers the island part of its own territory

of the delegation, wrote on Twitter.

Representatives Mark Takano, D-Calif., Colin Allred, D-Texas., Sara Jacobs, D-Calif., and Nancy Mace, R-S.C., are also part of the delegation.

meeting between French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi in Rome, Friday рті рното

"When news of our trip broke yesterday, my office received a blunt message from the Chinese Embassy, telling me to call off the trip," Representative Elissa Slotkin, a Michigan Democrat who is part

#### Brussels, Nov 26: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned Russia Friday that any attempt to invade Ukraine would have costs, as concern mounts about a Russian military buildup near its former Soviet neighbor's borders.

NATO chief warns

Russia of 'costs' if

it attacks Ukraine

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Ukraine says Moscow kept about 90,000 troops near their common border following massive war games in western Russia earlier this year. The Ukrainian Defense Ministry said units of the Russian 41st army remain near Yelnya, about 260 kilometers (160 miles) north of the border.

Moscow denies that it's planning any invasion and refuses to provide details about troop movements on its own territory.

"If Russia uses force against Ukraine that will have costs, that would have consequences, Stoltenberg said, ahead of a meeting of the 30-nation military organization's foreign ministers in Latvia Nov. 30-Dec. 1, where Russia's activities will be high on the agenda He did not say what those costs would be. "This is the second time this year that Russia has amassed a large and unusual concentration of forces in the region." Stoltenberg told reporters. He said it includes tanks, artillery, armored units, drones, and electronic warfare systems, as well as combat-ready troops.

## Black Friday: Climate activists block Amazon warehouses

Members of Extinction Rebellion targeted 13 Amazon fulfilment centers in the United Kingdom with the aim of disrupting 50% of the company's deliveries

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London, Nov 26: Climate activists are blockading Amazon warehouses across the UK Friday in an attempt to pressure the ecommerce giant on one of its busiest days of the year to improve working conditions and end business practices that hurt the

environment Members of Extinction Rebellion targeted 13 Amazon fulfilment centers in the United Kingdom with the aim of disrupting 50% of the company's deliveries on Black Friday, which marks the unofficial start to the holiday

shopping season. Activists blocked the entrance to Amazon's warehouse in Tilbury. just east of London, with an ef-

figy of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos sitting on top of a rocket. At Amazon's distribution center in Dunfermline, Scotland, about 20 Extinction Rebellion members strung banners across the entrance road that said "Make Amazon Pay" and locked themselves together, stopping trucks from entering and some from leaving.

The group is demanding Amazon provide better working conditions,



and for the company to pay its fair share of tax. "The action is inAmazon's exploitative and environmentally destructive business Amazon did not directly address the protests in response to a request for comment, but said the company takes its responsibilities "very seriously"

practices, disregard for workers' rights in the name of company profits, as well as the wastefulness

of Black Friday," the group said. Extinction Rebellion said it was part of a wider international effort

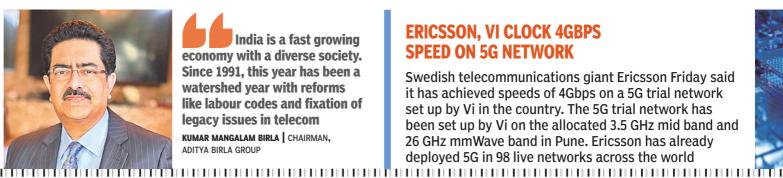
that's also targeting Amazon fulfilment centres in the US, Germany and the Netherlands. Amazon did not directly address

the protests in response to a request for comment, but said the company takes its responsibilities "very seriously.

"That includes our commitment to be net zero carbon by 2040 — 10 years ahead of the Paris Agreement – providing excellent pay and benefits in a safe and modern work environment, and supporting the tens of thousands of British small businesses who sell on our store. the company said.

"This military buildup is unprovoked and unexplained. It raises tensions and it risks miscalculations," Stoltenberg said. He conceded that "there is no certainty about the intentions of Russia" but said that "this is a militarybuildup by a country that has invaded Ukraine before.

## business

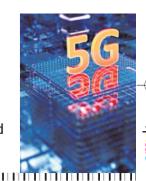


India is a fast growing economy with a diverse society. Since 1991, this year has been a watershed year with reforms like labour codes and fixation of legacy issues in telecom

KUMAR MANGALAM BIRLA | CHAIRMAN.

#### **ERICSSON, VI CLOCK 4GBPS SPEED ON 5G NETWORK**

Swedish telecommunications giant Ericsson Friday said it has achieved speeds of 4Gbps on a 5G trial network set up by Vi in the country. The 5G trial network has been set up by Vi on the allocated 3.5 GHz mid band and 26 GHz mmWave band in Pune. Ericsson has already deployed 5G in 98 live networks across the world





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#### **SHORT TAKES**

#### **Forex kitty rises** to \$640.40 billion

Mumbai: India's forex exchange reserves increased by \$289 million to \$640.401 billion for the week ended November 19, the Reserve Bank said Friday. The overall reserves had declined by \$763 million to \$640.112 billion in the previous reporting week. They had touched a life time high of \$642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, 2021. Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) increased by \$225 million to \$575.712 billion, according to the Reserve Bank of India's weekly data.

#### NTPC signs PPA for 325 MW projects

New Delhi: State-run power giant NTPC Friday said its arm NTPC Renewable Energy has inked power purchase agreement and other project agreements with Indian Railways, Madhya Pradesh **Power Management Company** and Rewa Ultra Mega Solar. "The pact was signed in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Union Power and **New & Renewable Energy** Minister R K Singh on 25th November 2021," an NTPC statement said.

#### VLCC gets Sebi's nod to launch IPO

New Delhi: VLCC Health Care Ltd, one of the largest homegrown beauty and wellness companies in India has received capital markets regulator Sebi's go ahead to float the initial public offering, market sources said Friday. The company may launch the initial public offering (IPO) by December-end, they added. The IPO comprises fresh issuance of equity shares worth ₹300 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 89.22 lakh equity shares by promoter and existing shareholders. according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

#### **Tarsons shares** gain 27% in debut

New Delhi: Shares of life sciences company Tarsons Products Friday settled with a premium of nearly 27 per cent in its debut trade against the issue price of ₹662. The stock listed at ₹700, a gain of 5.74 per cent against the issue price on BSE. It further jumped 26.88 per cent to close at ₹840. On NSE, it listed with a premium of 3.02 per cent at ₹682. It jumped 23.62 per cent to close at ₹818.40. In volume terms, 26.30 lakh shares were traded on BSE and over 1.34 crore on NSE. The initial public offer of **Tarsons Products Limited** received 77.49 times subscription earlier this month.

#### **PROMOTER STAKE HIKED**

## **RBI dodges corporate entry in banks**

Mumbai, Nov 26: India's central bank said Friday it would reform rules on the structure of private sector banks but a source familiar with the matter said the changes would not include allowing industrial groups to own

Under the new rules significant shareholders in a non-state bank, known as bank promoters, must only reduce their stake to

#### **₹1CR PENALTY ON SBI**

Reserve Bank Friday said it has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on State Bank of India (SBI) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. The penalty has been imposed by an order dated November 16, 2021, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement. According to the central bank, Statutory Inspections for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of SBI was conducted with reference to its financial positions as March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019. The examination of the risk assessment reports, inspection report and all-related correspondence pertaining to the same revealed contravention of a provision of Banking Regulation Act "to the extent the bank held shares in borrower companies, as pledgee, of an amount exceeding thirty per cent of paid-up share capital of

those companies".

rather than to the The central current limit of bank said 15% within payments that time banks frame. Bank operpromotate for ers currently least do not include industrial groups ing to bewhose holdings in a bank are small fi-

vear ago an RBI working group recommended that banking regulations be amended to allow large industrial groups to act as bank promoters and own big stakes in a lender. Such a move could transform the country's banking landscape but is something the central bank has strongly resisted in the

capped at 10%. A

Bajaj Group, Piramal Group and Reliance Industries are wellpositioned to expand into banking. an investment banker who did not wish to be named said last year when the working group made its recommendations.

A source familiar with the matter said Friday, however, that the RBI had decided against allowing corporates to own banks.

tions as sufficient to graduate

On the new rule concerning the dilution of promoters' stakes. the central bank said: "This stipulation should be uniform for all types of promoters and would not mean that promoters, who have already diluted their holdings to below 26%, will not be permitted to raise it to 26% of the paid-up vot ing equity share capital of the bank," the RBI said.

Non-promoter share holdings will continue to be capped at 10% for individuals and non-financial institutions but will be allowed up to 15% of the equity share capital of a bank in the case of all categories of financial institutions, supranational institutions, public sector bodies or government, the RBI said.

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nance banks

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the group's recommen-

The issue price for Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021-22, which will open for subscription for five days from November 29, has been fixed at ₹4,791 per gram of gold, the Reserve Bank of India said Friday. The

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021-22 - Series VIII will be open for subscription from November 29 to December 03, 2021. Government of India, in consultation with the RBI, has also decided to offer a discount of ₹50 per gram on

the nominal value to those investors applying online and the payment against the application is made through digital mode. The bonds will be sold through banks (except Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), designated post offices, and recognised stock exchanges viz., National Stock Exchange of India Limited and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.

## new variant emerges



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 26: Equity benchmark Sensex plummeted 1,688 points Friday tracking a massive selloff in global markets as concerns over a new Covid-19 variant spooked investors across the world.

The 30-share index ended 1,687.94 points or 2.87 per cent lower at 57,107.15. Similarly, the NSE Niftv plunged 509.80 points or 2.91 per cent to 17,026.45.

IndusInd Bank was the top loser in the Sensex pack, tanking over 6 per cent, followed by Maruti, Tata Steel, NTPC, Bajaj Finance, HDFC and Titan. On the other hand, Dr Reddy's and Nestle India were among the gainers. "Markets saw sharp correction this week amid renewed concerns pertaining to Covid-19. Sensex and Nifty declined close to 4 per cent this week and are down around 8 per cent from their highs,"

Equities plummet as

**TOP GAINERS TOP LOSERS** 7.23 JSW Steel -7.48 Cipla Dr Reddys 3.45 Tata Motors -6.77 2.92 Hindalco -6.57 Divis Lab Nestle 0.38 Adani Ports -6.22 IndusInd B -6.19

#### Investors' wealth tumbled by over ₹7.35 lakh crore

Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities. "The new variant of Covid-19 is presenting challenges in the form of lockdowns and travel bans. Apart from Covid-related concerns, inflation remains a worry for countries across the globe. FIIs have been net sellers this week. Equity markets in the near term will closely follow the impact of new Covid variant, inflation data, and central bank policies," he added

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo sank as much as 2.67 per cent. Stock exchanges in Europe too plunged up to 3.51 per cent in midsession deals. Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude tanked 5.62 per cent to \$77.60 per

### IMFA celebrates its 60th Foundation Day



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Indian Metals & Ferro Allovs Ltd (IMFA). India's leading fully integrated producer of ferro alloys celebrated its 60th Foundation Day which also coincides with the 90th birth anniversary of its founder Bansidhar Panda. Commemorative events were held at the Corporate Office in Bhubaneswar besides Therubali, Choudwar & Sukinda. The special anniversary logo released on this occasion depicts the transformative journey of six decades and references infinity to signify many more milestones to come.

The company has declared exceptional results in the first half of FY22 and, at a meeting held today, the board approved a 1:1 bonus issue to reward shareholders on this special occasion. The board also reviewed the plan to expand ferro chrome capacity by 100,000 tonne per annum. The project, which has already received ap-

proval from the state government, will come up in Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur district at a cost of ₹550 crores and provide direct employment to 400 people; land allocation is expected shortly.

Commenting on the occasion Mr Subhrakant Panda, Managing Director said: "Today is a momentous occasion and I would like to first pay tribute to our Founders Dr Bansidhar Panda and Mrs Ila Panda. I am also grateful to every member of the IMFA family, past & present, without whose dedication and contribution we would not have been able to reach this milestone. I also express my gratitude to all stakeholders for their support, especially the State Government for backing our expansion plan. India's economic growth on the back of the Central Government's progressive policies will create sustainable demand for ferro chrome; we remain committed to adding value, rewarding shareholders and giving back to society.

## 'Vedanta pushing state's self-sufficient tomorrow'

Vedanta is the largest aluminium producer in the country, and its Jharsuguda plant is Odisha's pride as the only Indian smelter in the prestigious global 'I Million Tonne' club

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, Nov 26: Odisha's journey is a tale of transformation scripted by industries. A mineral-rich state that had only capitalised its surface resources in the form of agriculture and forestry today has the proud distinction of being the 'Aluminium Capital of India' with one of the most vibrant industrial ecosystems

The Indian Aluminium Industry has invested over ₹1.4 lakh crores in Odisha, creating 8 lakh employment opportunities. Vedanta alone invested over ₹50,000 crores in Odisha, creating 4 lakh direct and indirect jobs and supporting thousands of MSMEs. Vedanta's investment triggered exponential GDP growth at the rate of 15% in Jharsuguda, and at 16% for Kalahandi, between 2003 and 2015, putting them on the global map. The company also reduced Odisha's power deficit by 10%, by supplying about 20 billion units of electricity at a time when the country was suffering from acute power shortage

#### **Nurturing nature and the future**

Guided by the principle of 'Zero Harm, Zero Waste and Zero Discharge', Vedanta has implemented world class sustainability standards, leveraged global technology and deployed robust environment monitoring systems to ake its plants amongst the most efficient and sustainable in the world.

first hybrid Electrostatic Precipitators (ESP) in Thermal Power Plant and undertook ESP hybridisation of Captive Power Plant It is Odisha's first company to deploy High Concentration Slurry Disposal (HCSD) system for ash management. It is supporting hundreds of ash brick manufacturing MSMEs, whose beneficiaries are underprivileged villagers who would otherwise depend on cattle rearing, subsistence agriculture or would migrate to other states to work as construction laborers for their livelihood. It is also India's first and the world's third company to deploy the cutting-edge Digital Smelter

Vedanta has installed India's

#### minum smelter in Jharsuguda.

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Leveraging aluminium future There is a revolution waiting to happen in Odisha, by sustainably leveraging its richly laden geology. With 50% of the country's bauxite reserves, Odisha is uniquely positioned to turn its fortune by enabling the domestic aluminium industry. The proposed Aluminium Park at Jharsuguda can create additional value-addition of ₹4,500 crores for the state. It will also attract over 100 SMEs and MSMEs to Odisha, creating additional livelihood opportunities of 1 lakh. It will also create social benefits that can positively impact lives of as many

as 4 lakh people in the region. "With the aluminium industry deemed a 'Champion Sector' by the Government of India, Odisha has a crucial role to play in propelling India's journey towards a \$5 trillion economy. As a testament to Odisha's potential, Vedanta has made its biggest investment anywhere in the country, in this state. We are committed to working in close collaboration with the Government of Odisha to script the next phase of Odisha's growth journey," said Rahul Sharma, CEO – Aluminium Business, Vedanta Ltd.

#### Starlink not a licensee: Govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 26: The government Friday said Starlink Internet Services is not licensed to offer satellite-based internet services in India, and advised the public not to subscribe to services that are being advertised by the Elon Musk-backed company without a requisite licence in the country.

The Department of Telecom (DoT) also asked Starlink to comply with the regulatory framework for offering satellite-based communication services, and refrain from booking/rendering satellite internet services in India "with immediate effect"

DoT made it clear that the company should "get licence before offering Satellite-based services". The department, in a statement, said it has come to notice that Starlink has started pre-selling/booking of the satellite based Starlink Internet Services in India.

The same is also evident from the website of Starlink wherein satellite-based internet services can be booked by users in Indian territory. DoT noted.

The statement by DoT deals a blow to billionaire Elon Muskled SpaceX's satellite broadband arm Starlink, which has been bullish about its India market plans, and had started taking prebookings for satellite broadband services.

The company aims to start broadband service in India from December 2022, with 2 lakh active terminals, subject to permission from the government.

## Tripartite meet for smooth set up of JSW ISP

POST NEWS NETWORK

Paradip, Nov 26: To ensure a collaborative process for rolling out JSW Integrated Steel Plant, tripartite discussions at the district and GP level have been held successfully with massive participation of villagers, district administration and JSW senior officials. The meeting was held at Govindpur today amid discernible pro-industry support among villagers and other stakeholders

Alternative livelihood & employment, health & education intervention, environment & water came across as the topmost concerns among villagers and were addressed by the district administration & the company officials adequately. A roadmap to initiate livelihood engagement for people at the project site was announced by JSW.

**Livelihood Intervention: Company** will shortly deploy a reputed agency to assess skill gap in the area and accordingly plan batch wise skill training in collaboration with the government. Subsequent to skill-gap analysis, household survey to nominate the employable candidates would be taken up.

To mark the beginning there is a plan to engage 500 people from the ISP area across different JSW projects in India depending on suitability & requirement.

**Enterprise Facilitation, Training** & Linkage for SHGs: Currently com-



pany is engaging with SHGs to understand their knowledge, skill & attitude. Based on the findings, JSW has plans to involve 30 groups for livelihood promotion in the first phase. An outlay of ₹57 cr toward vocational & skill training is there.

**Public Health:** The company has initiated the process for deputing one doctor and team from Balitutha PHC to Dhinkia PHC during the second half of the day for 4 days a week to cater to the immediate need. Other small renovation and

saturation of basic equipment at Dhinkia PHC will be taken up on a priority basis. Besides, MMU in project site and multi-specialty hospital in the project site has been proposed. A total of ₹24 cr has been earmarked for the same

**Education:** In collaboration with the administration, JSW would aid in the transformation of Nuagaon and Dhinkia High Schools under Mo-School Abhiyan, We are currently assessing all Anganwadis of the 3 GPs to provide necessary teaching learning materials for children along with other basic amenities such as water and sanitation, said an official.

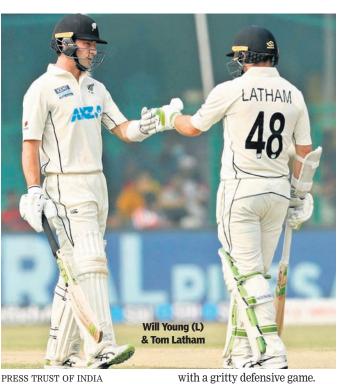
**Drinking water:** A rapid needs assessment of Trilochanpur in-terms of short/medium term drinking water solution would be taken up shortly. ₹20 cr has been earmarked for piped supply to augment government intervention. **Energy Intervention:** Demand

for street lights have been taken into account and we are in the process of providing the same, the official added. For various area development intervention, plantation and Swachh Bharat Mission, ₹77.25 cr outlay is planned.

The district administration team led by Parul Patawari, Collector Jagatsinghpur moderated and mediated the discussion. Minister Water Resouces. I & PR, Raghunandan-Dash, Jagatsinghpur SP Akhileswar Singh were also present.

Southee, openers put New Zealand in command as visitors reach 129 for no loss after restricting India to 345 in the first essay of the opening Test

## KIWIS SPOIL IYER PARTY



The Green Park track became bet-

ter for batting on the second day and

the turn that was on offer was min-

imal. The variable bounce wasn't

also there for the better part of the

Since it was slow turn, the Black

57 overs that they batted.

Kanpur, Nov 26: Tim Southee (5/69) bowled an incisive morning spell to take five wickets which was then brilliantly complemented by openers Will Young (75 batting, 180b, 12x4) and Tom Latham (50 batting, 165b, 4x4) as New Zealand dominated India to reach 129 for no loss on the second day of the opening Test here Friday

The only highlight for India in an otherwise disappointing day was Shreyas Iyer's (105, 171b, 13x4, 2x6) debut hundred. Playing his 80th Test match. Southee took his 13th five-wicket haul on an unre sponsive track to send India packing for 345 after they started the day

Young then held centre-stage in his fourth Test appearance as he looked composed and unperturbed during his unbeaten knock. Latham the seasoned campaigner, survived three on-field decisions (two leg before and one caught behind), negated by DRS, and decided to frustrate the two Indian spinners front-foot and neutralised the turn. And when they played on the back-foot, there was enough time to manoeuvre on both sides of the wicket. Both were able to adjust

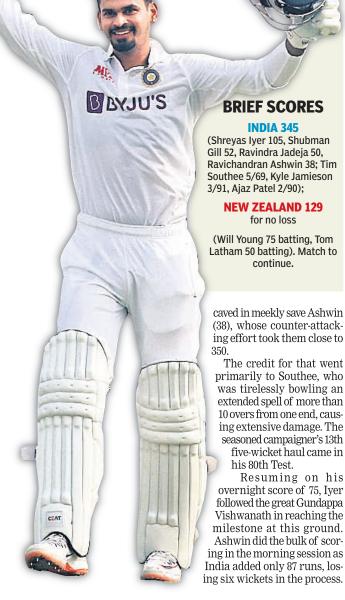
on the back-foot against Rayindra Jadeia (0/28) and Ravichandran Ashwin (0/38) both of whom didn't look threatening on the day.

Also what made it worse for India was that hardly any delivery kept dangerously low, which could have brought the legbefore into the equation

The most disappointing of all was Axar Patel (0/26), whose accuracy on the leg stump line was of little or no value and it was once again proved that without assistance from the track, he is not even half the bowler that he is with some help from surface.

While Indian spinners can come back on the third day if the pitch considerably deteriorates but New Zealand would like to take the game deep by getting somewhere close to India's first innings total and take it from there.

In the morning, Iyer became the 16th Indian cricketer to score a hundred on Test debut but the home side's lower-middle order



LAST MAN TO ACHIEVE THE FEAT

**IN 2018 AGAINST** 

**WEST INDIES** 

**INDIAN CRICKETER TO SCORE A CENTURY** ON TEST DEBUT. PRITHVI SHAW WAS THE

> India, during a nearly sevenweek assignment starting December 17, are scheduled to play three Tests, three ODIs and four T20 Internationals across four venues -Johannesburg, Centurion, Paarl

> The cases are on the rise in the northern part of the country and at least two venues for the Test series -- Johannesburg and Pretoria (near Centurion) -- could become vulnerable to the spread of the new variant.

> "Look, till we get a detailed picture of the ground situation from Cricket South Africa (CSA), we will not be able to tell our next step. As per the current plan, the Indian team is supposed to leave either December 8 or 9

just after the New Zealand series gets over in Mumbai," a senior BCCI offi cial told this agency Friday.

As now, the tour is on but it is understood that the BCCI, in the next few days, will be talking to Cricket South Africa on the detection of the new variant - B.1.1.529. which has set alarm bells ringing across the globe.

Scientists believe that the high number of spike mutations could make the new variant more resistant to vaccines, make it more transmissible and cause an increase in the severity of COVID-19 symptoms.

The BCCI official indicated that even though players will be sent on a charter flight from Mumbai to

### Covid cloud hovers over India's SA tour

**SCHEDULE** 

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kanpur, Nov 26: The new COVID-**MATCH** 19 variant, which threatens to 1st Test Dec 17-21 wreak havoc in South Africa, has Johannesburg led to considerable concerns about 2nd Test Dec 26-30 India's tour of the Rainbow Nation 3rd Test Cape Town next month and there could be changes in the quarantine rules 1st ODI Jan 11 for players in the coming days. 2nd ODI Jan 14 Cape Tow 3rd ODI Jan 16 Cape Towr 1st T20I Jan 19 Cape Towr 2nd T20I Jan 21 Cape Town 3rd T20I Jan 23

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Johannesburg, there is a possibility of putting them through threefour days of hard quarantine upon reaching given the changed circumstances

PTI also got in touch with a member of the administrative staff who is currently in Bloemfontein with the India A team which is in the middle of a 'shadow tour' of two unofficial Tests

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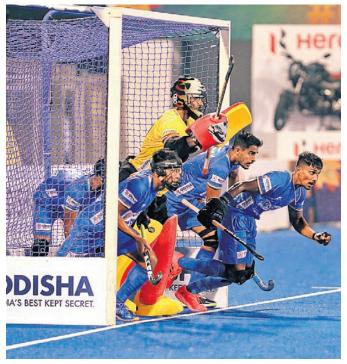
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a meeting with our representatives over here. "We were told that there is nothing to worry since the spike in cases is far away from Bloemfontein where we would be playing our next match too," the official said

over phone He also informed that the team has been told that spike in cases has been registered in the country's northern part. He also informed that as on Friday, the A team hasn't received any instruction from the

#### **JUNIOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP**

## Colts face Poland in must-win game



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Their campaign might be back on track following a massive win over lowly Canada, but defending champions India are still not out of the woods and would need to beat Poland in their final Pool B match to qualify for the quarterfinals of the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup here Saturday.

The Indians, one of the pre-tournament favourites, were given a rude shock in their opener when France stunned them 5-4. The defeat dealt a massive blow to India's campaign and put paid to their hopes of topping their pool.

With one win and a defeat, India are currently placed second in Pool B ahead of Poland on goal difference. France, who have a perfect record till now, are set to top the pool.

This means that in the quarterfinals, India face the prospect of running into European giants and top seed Belgium, who are likely top Pool A. Given the scenario, complacency has no place in the Indian scheme of things if they wish to defend their title.

The Indians were slow to get off the blocks in the tournament and lacked intent and purpose against France, leading to their loss. But against Canada Thursday, the hosts roared back and looked more organised.

From here on, India will need to win every match to reclaim the title, a fact which chief coach Graham Reid is well aware of. The Indian colts will have to be at their best in every match to progress in the tournament.

"It is a learning experience for the boys. Every match is one experience. That's what I have always been telling the senior players as well," said chief coach Graham Reid, who guided the senior Indian team to a historic bronze

medal in the Tokyo Olympics. In other matches Saturday, France will take on Canada, Pakistan will play Egypt in Pool D, while in Pool A, South Africa will take on Malaysia followed by Belgium's tie against Chile.

### Dipsan, Shilanand, Xess named in India squad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26: Odisha youngsters Dipsan Tirkey, Shilanand Lakra and Nilam Sanjeep Xess have been named Friday in the India squad for the upcoming Asian Champions Trophy in

Tim Southee appeals for a

wicket on the second day

Olympic bronze medal-winning captain Manpreet Singh will lead a 20-member team, which doesn't feature veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, at the event, which will be played December 14-22. Star dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh has been named as the Manpreet's deputy for the tournament.

The squad for the tournament, which is India's first outing after the Tokyo Olympics, has plenty of new faces. Talismanic goalkeeper Sreejesh has been rested and Krishan Bahadur Pathak and Suraj Karkera will take the place under

#### ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY and given the COVID situation

begin their campaign on the opening day against Korea. The other teams in the tournament are Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and hosts Bangladesh.

Talking about the composition of the side, chief coach Graham Reid said, "While selecting this team we now must have our eyes on the future. It takes a deep and strong squad to build sustained success so players have to be given opportunities to perform 'We have picked a team that has

a good mix of experience and younger guys who will have their chance to show what they can do. It is a hectic match schedule

for no loss

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FIH and AHF have allowed 18 vers to be chosen each game out of a greater squad of 20.' India will play their opening

match against Korea December 14, followed by games against hosts Bangladesh (Dec 15), arch rivals Pakistan (Dec 17), Malaysia (Dec 18) and Japan (Dec 19).

In the previous edition of the event held in Muscat, Oman, India had jointly lifted the title along with Pakistan as the final was called off due to incessant rains.

#### THE TEAM

Goalkeepers: Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Suraj Karkera.

**Defenders:** Harmanpreet Singh, Gurinder Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Dipsan Sanjeep Xess, Mandeep Mor.

Midfielders: Hardik Singh, Manpreet Singh, Jaskaran Singh, Sumit, Rajkumar Pal, Akashdeep Singh, Shamsher

Forwards: Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Dilpreet Singh, Gursahibjit Singh, Shilanand

#### Sindhu marches into last four at Indonesia Open

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bali, Nov 26: India's two-time Olympic medal-winning shuttler PV Sindhu came back from a game down to beat South Korea's Sim Yujin and entered the semifinals of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 tournament here Friday.

The men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty later beat Malaysia's Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin 21-19, 21-19 in straight games to also make the semifinals of the tournament, making it a great day for the Indian contingent.

Third seed Sindhu, the reigning World Champion, had to toil hard to get the better of Yujin 14-21, 21-19, 21-14 in the quarterfinal that lasted an hour and six minutes.

The Indian will play second seed Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand, who got the better of Japan's Asuka Takahashi 21-17, 21-12 in another women's singles quarterfinal match, in her last four clash of the USD 850,000 event.

It was not smooth sailing from Sindhu against Yujin. The Indian started confidently racing to a 7-1 lead before the Japanese pocketed six straight points to draw the first game level. But once Yujin took a slender 11-10 lead at the break, she didn't look back and won the game comfortably to grab the early momentum.

The Japanese continued in the same vein in the second game and matched Sindhu stroke for stroke till the first seven points before the Indian upped her game.

Sindhu displayed better control and authority over her strokes and engaged her rival in long rallies to surge ahead 14-8 before Yujin fought back. Sindhu used her vast experience and held her nerves to draw the contest level.

In the decider, Sindhu enjoyed the early exchanges to race to a comfortable 11-4 lead but the Japanese secured seven consecutive points to make it 11-11. Sensing trouble, Sindhu took her game to the next level just at the right time to outwit her rival and seal the match in

The combo of Satwik and Chirag took 43 minutes to win their men's doubles quarterfinal against the Malaysians.

#### **MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP IN PICTURES**









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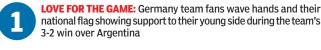
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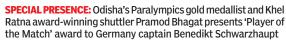
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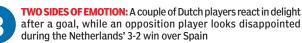
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JOB DONE: South African players rejoice after scoring a goal

during their 5-1 win, while Chile players wear dejected looks as













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