

## Nushrratt on cloud nine






## ■LEO






Gully Boy rapper MC Tod Fod passes away at 24 Mumbai: Rapper Dharmesh Parmar, known ay his stage name e he oud ent his vassed away song India 91 from the Zoya Akhtar direc torial Gully Boy which starred Ranveer Singh in the eponymous role.
The artiste was associated wit multilingual hip-hop group Swadesi The cause of death seems to be a result of a pre-existing heart ailment, said Azadi Records coofounder. Uday Kapur. "He was play ing football with his Swadesi crew member at a place near Nashik when he collapsed
Right now, his friends and family are completely shell-shocked," said Kapur. Zoya Akhtar took to her Instagram to offer her con"You have gone way too soon. I can only be grateful our paths crossed. Rest in peace Bantai \#mctodfod," she wrote. Gully Boy actors Ranveer Singh and utes to the departed soul. Ranveer took to his Instagram story and shared a picture of the rapper with a broken heart emoticon. Siddhant shared a screenshot of his ea rapper in which the two are appreciating each other for their music and performance. He wrote, "RIP bhai," along with a bro-ken-heart emoticon.

Mujib biopic an interesting task: Benegal
Mumbai: Veteran film-
maker Shyam Benegal,
who has directed the bi-
orgaphical bengali film
Mujib based on the life of
Sheikh Muibibur Rahman

- the founding father of
Bangladesh, says it was
quite an interesting task
for him as a filmmaker
to encapsulate the mul-
tiple layers of Mujib's
life into a film.
The film Mujib: The
Making of a a Nation is
produced by the
Bangladesh Film
Development Corporation
and India's National Film
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Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. Wher I was asked if I Benegal said: "It was on Bangabandhu, I

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Dhauli-Kalinga Mahotsav gets off to a colourful start

Scintillating presentations of Manipuri, Odissi and Contemporary Martial Arts hold audience spellbound
 BHUBANESWAR- The three day 18th Dhauli-KalingaMahotsav
jointly organised by Department jointly organised by Department evening was Odissi Dance by the of Tourism, Government of Bhubaneswar led by GuruPravat
Odishates $\begin{array}{llll}\text { jof Tourism, Government of } & \text { Bhtubaneswar led by Guru Pravat } & \text { USA for their accomplishment } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Odisha and Orissa Dance } & \text { Swain. They presented } & \text { in the field of dance and music. } \\ \text { Accademy in association with Art } & \text { Bakulabharana Pallavi set to } & \text { The event was aired live in DD }\end{array}$ Vision took off on a colourful $\quad$ Raaga-Bakulavarana and Tala- Bharat and streamed on Odisha $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{lll}\text { note hereat Shanti Vihar, Foothills } \\ \text { of Dhauli, Tuesday. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Ektatala followed by Sadaripu orsix } \\ \text { internal enemies. The dance was }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tourism Faceebook, Twitter and } \\ \text { PNT }\end{array} \\ \text { Youtube page. }\end{array}$ The festival opened with a
Manipuri dance recital by Manipuri dance recital by
Bimbabati Devi and group from Manipuri Nartanalaya, Kolkata.
Their first presentation was
Bhoomi based on Bhoomi Suktom which is a hymn of 63 mantras in the 12th section of Atharva Veda,
choreographed by Devi It was fol choreographed by Devi. It was fol
lowed by Purna Purushottam, a celebration of Vishnu in the form


A scene from the play Phulanola staged Tuesday, on the third evening of a national multilingual theatre festival organised by Satabdira Kalakar, at Rabindra Mandap, Shubaneswar. Written by Gourahari Das on the backdrop
of 1999's Supercyclone that ravaged the coastal Odisha, the play was dramtised of
and presented by City-based theatre troupe Interface.
choreographed by Guru Pravat Swain and rhythm by Guru The evens's. Contemporary Martial Arts by the students of Sadhya - a unit of performing arts, New Delhi
led by Santosh Nair. The production drew from the dance vo cabulary of Mayurbhanj Chhau
with strong grounded ments \& contemporary interpretation. This year Guru
Gangadhar Pradhan Smruti Samman Award 2022 was pre-
sented to Guru Durga Charan Ranvir, Odissi dance exponent, musician Laxmikanta Palit, Sanskrit scholar and poet Pt. Nityananda Misra and Somdutt

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suggestions was that of
Development Corporation

## PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBES

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## SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a
manner that every row, column and $3 \times 3$ box contains

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## SOLUTIONS




WISHING GOOD LUCK
Women offer puja to Goddess Mangala in Unit-III area of

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$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { India } & 4,30,10,971 & 4,24,70,515 & 5,16,543\end{array}$ | Odisha | $12,87,225$ | $12,77,580$ | 9,116 |
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## Our aim is to open a medical college: Rath

| He has won laurels for successful completion of several flagship projects. He has a special interest for providing quality technical education to students and good healthcare to people. He has carved a niche for himself in hospitality industry as well. In a freewheeling conversation with Orissa POST, <br> Pramod Chandra Rath, chairman of Sri Durga Condev Pvt Ltd, DRIEMS Group of Institutions, Pramod Hotel Group and Padmini Care Hospital speaks about his journey, future plans and impact of Covid-19 pandemic on various sectors. Excerpts: |  |  |
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| ■ How has been the journey as entrepreneur? <br> During my schooldays, I alw <br> had a dream to do something of <br> My father was worried about <br> future. At the crossroads of my <br> reer, I had taken a decision <br> had started some construct <br> work with assistance from Id <br> Durga Condev Private Limit <br> and got opportunities to do struction work under vario <br> state government and centr <br> agencies in <br> cluding <br> and <br> Indian | Railways. We won the confidence of the Centre and the state gov in our construction work and completing projects on time. <br> $\square$ What prompted you to set up an engineering college? <br> My sturner had always though that students from our localitie nical education if there was an en gineering college nearby. He my father's dreams, we had set up Dhaneswar Rath Institute of Engineering and Managemen Studies (DRIEMS) in Studies (DRIEMS) in his name in 1999. DRIEMS has got the au tonomous institute status. We have introduced many courses in our institute. We have an aim to open a medical college too. <br> - Why did you enter the hote industry? <br> We did not have any experi <br> the hotel business in 1997 by set ting up hotel Padma at Pur days, we did not give much attention to the son Durgaprasad showed interes in hotel and automobile business after completing his engineering degree. Now, we have Pramod Convention and Club Resorts in up a hotel at Gopalpur in cooperation with OTDC. There are also proposals to set up a 5 star hotel in Bhubaneswar in collab group and another hotel at Bhitarkanika to boosteco-tourism. <br> - How did you tackle the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic to hotel industry? <br> The pandemic has severely af- fected our life and livelihood. However, it has taught us severa new things. We had introduced a few initiatives under our hotel business during the pandemic and also reaped success. We adopted a new approach to reach | our customers during the pan demic-indu shutdowns. <br> - Would you elaborate on the new approach? <br> - The people were forced to stay indoors due to the pandemic-in duced restrictions and they did not have any scope to eat foods at ho tels and restaurants. Taking the situation as a challenge, we introduced the 'Fresh Box' system for home delivery of food. This was the first and unique initiative by started home delivery of various cakes during Rath Yatra, Rajo and other festivals. Now, there is a significant improvement in the Covid-19 situation. The hotel busi ness is inching towards normalcy There is a rise in the number of domestic tourists. But, we are yet to receive overseas tourists. What was the necessity to open a hospital? <br> help to figistration soughtou help to fight the pandemic. A DRIEMS. We got a first-hand ex perience in providing healthcar to people. This has inspired us to modern hospital. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated this <br> - How do you manage things in your busy life? <br> Work is life for me. Nevertheless <br> we should spend some time with our family and friends. I truly love to play cards and enjoy food with my childhood friends. I also love to go on a trip to abroad with <br> my family once in a year. <br> - What are the secrets of your success? <br> Thave reached this stage of my life due to the blessings of the Almighty. I always have interest in religious and spiritual pro grammes. My parents were the liv ing deities for me. My wife Padmini is my inspiration. If you have ade sire to do something good, then suc- cess will come to you automatically. |

## NAVEEN HAILS MANIPURCM FOR SECOND TERM

Bhubaneswar: March 22: Chie
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 BJP had won 32 seats in the 60
Bember Manipur member Manipur Assembly in the re
cently held elections.

## HC flags off e-libraries for dist bar associations

Bhubaneswar, March 22: In a historic move, the Orissa High Court
(HC) dedicated e-Libraries for the bar 2 associations of the 30 districts and Rourkela in an event organised
through virtual mode Tresday HC Chief Justice S Muralidhar tended the event along with HC
Judges, district Judges, judicial of
ficers and office bearers of the bar $\quad$ the HC historic and said that thou
associations of all the 30 districts.
sands of lawyers in the state would All India Reporter (AIR) online, Manupatra and CD ROM version of made available in these e-Libraries. The infrastructure for the e-Library and the subscription for the journals
have been provided by the HC President of the Federation of All Orissa Bar Associations Nirmal Kishore Rath called the initiative of
be benefited by the e-Libraries
Justice Arindam Sinha, Judge and Chairman of the Library Committee of HC, highlighted in the legal profession. He exof e-Libraries would help the
young lawyers stay updated with the developments in the field.
delivering the keynote address, dis cussed the challenges faced by the
budding lawyers in keeping them budding lawyers in keeping them
selves abreast with the latest jud cial pronouncements of the Supreme Court and High Courts. He said that the objective of dedicating e-
Libraries to the bar associations Libraries to the bar associations
was to help the young aspirants ac complish their ambition of becom-
ing good lawyers. ing good lawyers.

## State got 7817 cr for 7 new med colleges <br> leen approved for each of the

 | medical colleges at Balasore, |
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| Baripada, |
| Olananii, Koraput tand | Puri, while ez550 crore has been pproved for the medical col he medical college in Kalahandi district.

Further, the ministry has ap roved ₹258 crore for five med cal colleges in Odisha for rais An amount of ₹120 crore has
been approved for each of VSS Medical College at Burla and MKCG Medical College in
Berhampur. The Centre has already released its share ₹72 crore for the two institutions.
The Centre has approved $₹ 5.40$ The Centre has approved ₹5.40
crore, ₹8 crore and ₹6.30 crore for
VSS Medical College at Burla, MKCG Medical College in
Berhampur and SCB Medical College in Cuttack respectively Centre has released its share of $₹ 3.59$ crore, $₹ 5.76$ crore and $₹ 4.38$
crore for the medical colleges crore for the medical colleges
at Burla, Berhampur and Cuttack respectively, Pawar said.
Further release of funds unde he scheme will depend upon the pace of expenditure and receipt of demand from the st
government, she added.

BJD raises Puri Int'l Airport issue in LS

New Delhi, March 22: The Biju Janata Dal New Delhi, March 22: The Biju Janata Dal to expedite the process of setting up of Shr Jagannath International Airport at Puri.
Taking part in a discussion on the de Taking part in a discussion on the de
mands for grants under the control of Ministry of Civil Aviation for 2022-23 in the Lok Sabha, BJD MP Sarmistha Sethi said owing to a large influx of tourists and pilgrims, the pro posed new airport at Puri has become nec-
$\begin{aligned} & \text { essary as the nearby } \\ & \text { Biju Patnaik }\end{aligned}$
 pacity.
She also said that in
June 2021, a team of
Airports Authority June 2021, a team of
Airports Authority of
India (AAI) conducted apre-feasibility study of the proposed proj matter," Sethi said.
The BJD MP further said that Odisha in-
tends to shift the Kends to shift the old Dakota aircraft fron the legacy of the late Biju Patnaik, former Chief Minister of Odisha.
"A joint team of AAI and state government officials has selected a site at the Biju
Patnaik International Airport to position the Dakota aircraft as a museum display The Chairman of AAI was requested to issue NOC and give in-principle clearance
to position the aircraft. The reply is still to position the aircraft. The
awaited," Sethi pointed out.


OPF calls off hunger strike post education dept's intervention


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No Cov death in state for 5 days

 wo years fore the third consecutive day as 32 more people contracted the The said in a bulletin. There are 559 active covid-19 cases,
while Puri district has no coron. avirus patient at present, acc itivity coastatal state's 's daily test pos
and the infections were detepected out
ant three patients recuperated from last 24 hours, it added.
On May 12,2020 , the cases were
lower than the current single-day fections.
Monday.
The Co at 9,116 and these have been con-
firmed as Covid deaths after an patients have died due to comor-
bidities so far, according to data. Covid-19 cases, out of which $12,77,497$

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(Clockwise from top) BJD mayoral candidate Subhas Singh, BJP's Sritam Das and Congress's Giribala Behera taking

Bank cashier among two held for smuggling ganja

Bhubaneswar, March 22: The
Special Task Force (SF) of
Odisha police have arrested two on charges of smuggling ganhia, nanja/cannabis/marijuana/weed peddlers were arrested. One
country-made shotgun, one SUV,
and one bike were also seized," nhe one bike were also seized,
ATF said in a tweet.
Acording to the task force of was conducted near village Nagar police station in Angul
district Monday and where
the incriminating material The police apprehended two ac-
used iden Kumar Sahoo, presently working Bank of India, Kishore Nagar
Branch, and Jugal Sahoo. Both belong to Angul district, the of
ficials said. One gun, one Mahindra XUV 300 car and one Pulsar motorpossession of two accused, the
STF said. In this connection, the special task force registered a case
under relevant sections of the
Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic
Substances (NDPS) Act and Arms Substances (NDPS) Act and Arms
Act. The accused are being
forwarded to court, informed
'Why vote when issues remain unaddressed?'


Water resources dept holds session on state water policy

Bhubaneswar, March 22: The state Water Resources department
conducted conducted a brainstorming ses-
sion on State Water Policy on the sion on State Water Policy on the
occasion of the World Water Day,
Tuesday Chaired by department
Additional Chief Secretary Anu Additional Chief Secretary Anu
Garg, the session saw the partici-
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partments of Agriculture and
Farmers' Empowerment (A\&FE Panchayati Rajawerment Drinking (A\&FE), Development (H\&\&D), Industries,
Domen and Child Development (WCD), Fisheries \& Animal Tectroology (E\&IT), and Information
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with UNICEF and its partner agenwith UNICEF and its partner agen-
cies like Watershed Supportservices and Activities Vetwork (WASSAN),
International Rescue Committee
(IRC) and Arghyam. Fifteen years International Rescue committee
(IRC) and Arghya. Fifteen years
have passed since the formulation
of the State Water Policy in 2007.
Many aspects of water governance Many aspects of water governance
and issues related to those, in the meanwhire, have
ceptible changes.
The session highlighted the need The session highlighted the need
to work on the hitherto uncovered
r less covered areas, such as emerg. Hg areas of data management, IT, sustainability and climate change, evidence-based informed planning; roved Composite Wate Management Index (CWMII); con-
vergence and collaborations and Information Education
Communication(IEC) and Social \& Behavioural Change
Communication (SBCC), to reach This exercise will be followed ions with all the stakeholders such as government departments, UN
agencies, policy makers, academia, prencies, policy makers, academia,

## WORLD WATER DAY

## Rising heat serious concern for water security: CSE



| and about variable and extreme rain. Both have a direct correlation with the water cycle. Therefore, climate change mitigation has to be about water and its management," she added. | not that evaporation losses not happen in the past, bu rate of evaporation will now crease with the soaring tem | peratures, CSE said. <br> According to researchers, India's irrigation planners and bureaucracies have largely depended on canals and other surface water |
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| India is witnessing a repeat of 2021conditions, when tempera- | IMPACT OF SOARING TEMPERATURE |  |
| of the country, said Avantika | Rising heat would mean greater evaporation from water bodies, meaning we need to work not just on storing water in millions of structures, but also plan for reducing losses due to evaporation | In a country like India where the bulk of food is still grown in rain-fed regions, it will intensify land degradation and dust bowl formations |
| r of the La Niña, the Pa |  | This means water management must go hand in hand with vegetation planning to improve the ability of soils to hold water, even in times of intense and prolonged heat |
| water currents that are known to bring cooler temperatures globally. Indian weather scientists have informed that global warming has offset this cooling effect of La Niña, Goswami said. | India's irrigation planners and bureaucracies have largely depended on canals and other surface water systems - they should not discount the management of groundwater systems |  |
| CSE researchers pointed out that rising heat has severe implications for water security and to begin with, it would mean greater | Increased heat can also lead to drying up of moisture in soils, making the land dusty and increasing the need for irrigation |  |
| It means that we need to work not just on storing water in millions of structures, but also plan for re- | Soaring heat will also drive up the use of water, from drinking and irrigation to fighting fires in forests or buildings |  |

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prove the ability of soils to hold
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and prolonged heat, it said.
The organisation cautioned that heat will drive up the use of water,
from drinking and irrigation to fighting fires in forests
or buildings.
"We have already seen devas"We have already seen devas-
tating forest fires rage in many
parts of the world, and in the parts of the world, and in the
forests of India. This will only increase as temperatures go up. The
demand for water will increase
even more imperative that we do not waste- -etner water or waste-
water," is sad.
CSE also said climate change is CSE also said climate change is
already showing up in terms of he increasing number of extreme This means that we can expect
ain to come as a flood, making the rain to come as a flood, making the
cycle of floods followed by droughts even more intense. India already s said that it rains for just 100 hours on average in a year. Now ther go down, but extreme r
days will increase, it said. "We needed to be obsessive about
water and its management yes-
terday because water is the basis erday because water is the basis
of health and wealth. But now we need to be more than obsessive. We erate. On this World Water Day
in the age of climate change we in the age of climate change we
need to know that the water agenda need to know that the water agenda

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## 23 STOLEN BOLEROS SEIZED; 12 NABBED



Jumbo tramples guard to death Baripada: An elephant has
trampled a forest guard to death at Baunsuli village nange of Masgovindpurbhani forest district, said sources Tuesday. The deceased was identifified as said the forest guard was on patrolling duty to scare away some elephants that had
strayed into the locality strayed into the localit
Monday night. The guu trying to chase away the jumbo when a tusker attack him. He was rescued in a
critical condition and rushed o the Rasgovindpur ospital. As his condition the district headquarters
hospital where he died.

30 injured as bus overturns


Dhenkanal: As many as 30
out of 40 passengers were out of 40 passengers were
injured after a bus they were travelling in overturned at Banasingh Medical Square inder Sadar police limits in and Sadar police rescued the injured passengers and ushed them to the distr Dhenkanal. Two of the critically injured were shifted
to SCB Medical College and to SCB Medical College and
Hospital in Cuttack after orimary treatment. The mishap occurred after the driver lost balance on wheels and the bus
overturned. Meanwhile, lack
of sufficient injections and overturned. Meanwhile, lack
of sufficient injections and
doctors in the hospital doctors in the hospital
irked the patients as well as red the patients
heir attendants.


## Youth held for firing at police

Berhampur: Police arrested
youth who fired at an on-
duty policeman at First Gate Square late Monday night Square late Monday night
and seized two guns from his possession. The bullet,
however, missed the targe he accused was identified sesident of Boirani unde Kabisuryanagar police limits in Ganjam district. Jena was trying to flee the scene after
firing at sub-inspector Ranjit ena but police personnel present there overpowered im. Police seized some live his posssession. During interrogation, Pabitra admitted that he was taking
the guns to Berhampur for sale. A case was registered and the accused produced in court, Bada Bazaar IIC was sent to jail after the was sent jo jail after the
court rejected his bail plea.


Mamita case: Hearing on charge frame adjourned


Man hacks sister-in-law to death Rayagada: A man Tuesday hacked his sister-in-law to death following
a heated argument at Gouda Sahi under Muniguda police limits in Rayagada district. An argument ensued between victitm Jharana
Sahu and accused Balakrishna Sahu over some family issue. It took an ugly turn when Sahu lost his cool. In a fit of rage, he took out an axe and hacked Jharana. Family members rushed Jharana to the community health centre. However, the doctors pronounced her
brought dead. On being informed, Muniguda police reached the spo no arrested the accused. The cops seized the body and sent it for

## Man, son lock horns at Polsara hustings

Sahu of the BID bearded his 65 -year-old father and BIP leader Duryodhan Sahu in his own den


PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Berhampur, March 22: At ward no-2 in
Polsaratown of Ganjam district, the fight between the main rivals, a greenhorn and a veteran, is not just political, but also personal.
The lines between family and politics have blurred as Anil Sahu of the BJD
bearded his 65 -year-old father and BJP leader Duryodhan Sahu in his own den. Ad which has 1000 veters as the third ward, which has over 1,000 voters, as the third
candidate has withdrawn his nomination Monday
Elections to 19 wards in Polsara notified rea council (NAC), 150 km southwest of Bhubaneswar, are scheduled to be held
Thursday along with 108 other municipal bodies in the state.

Every citizen has the right to contest an election," said Anil, who filed h
tion a day after Duryodhan did tion a day after Duryodhan did. father. It's the fight between the BJD and the BJP," the 37 -year-old contractor, who is stay
ing separately from his parents, said. ing separately from his parents, said.
Before filing the nomination, Anil did not consult any of his family members
according to his father, who is a loca "He did not even consult me before joining the ruling party in the state," said Duryodhan, a follower of former minister Ram Krushna Patnaik, has won five times as the councillor in arow and four times
from ward no-2 in the past from ward no-2 in the past. In the last election, his wife, Soudamini, was elected from the same ward as the coun-
cillor and became the NAC chairperson cillor and became the NAC chairperson. This time, she had also filed the nomination
to contest on a B.JP ticket from ward 3, but later withdrew from the race. Anil acknowledges his father's influence
in Polsara, but is determiner not to throw in Polsara, but is determined not to throw Anil's home yet after the latter joined the BJD. Only time will tell whether there is no love
lost between the wo men after the count ing of votes Saturday

Governor's pat on BSF officials' back Koraput: Governor Ganeshi Lal was
Ill praise for the Border Security Force (BSF) jawans for thecurity
contribution towards maintaining contribution towards maintaining
he peaceful atmosphere and fostering development in Koraput
district. The Governor visited the district. The Governor visited the BSF camp here Tuesday and reaching here on a helicopter, the Governor was given guard of honour at the BSF office. During
the meeting with the BSF officials, he meeting with the BSF official BSF in Koraput has helped in accelerating the development the region. The Governor also
visited Bondaghati in Malkangir district and collected water from Sitakund under Mudulipad will be sent to the underconstruction Ram temple at
Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh.


MABBRANGUVRNGC Govt: Expedite work on
Drains clogged for 30 years, say voters Samaleswari rejuvenation

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| mbalpur, March 22: The state ls concerned to expedite the rk on redevelopment of maleswari Temple, one of the st revered shrines in the state, hat it can be completed on time. A high-level team, led by Chief cretary Suresh Chandra hapatra, visited Sambalpur nday to assess the progress of maleswari Temple Area nagement and Local Economy tiatives (Samalei) Scheme. Under the project, transformaimprovement of the temple western Odisha will be carried on the lines of Srimandir in Puri d Lingaraj Temple in ubaneswar. The redevelopment ludes beautification and peheral development of the tem, heritage corridor, state-of-theamenities and the Mahanadi erfront development. <br> The delegation reviewed the conuction work on the resettlement ony in Durgapali, where peowho will be displaced due to the plementation of the scheme will rehabilitated. <br> The state government is proing all the amenities for the afted people there, the Chief nister's Office said. The team talked to the officials |

Under the project transformative improvement of Samaleswari Temple will be carried out on the lines of Srimandir in Puri and Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar
of the Odisha Bridge and
Construction Coroprorition OBCO which is implementing the project. They directed the firm to expeof the project, which will offer a "digive a boost to the local economy, according to the CMO.
The board of the 16th-century shrine, discussed with the team
regarding the implementation of the ₹200-crore project, which of the $220-$-crore project, which
is expected to be completed by
The land acquisition process administration now, an OBCC official said.
The Samaleswari Temple was constructed by Balram Dev, the
first Chouhan king of Sambalpur first Chouhan king of Sambalpur. in proto-Nagra style and is a major inproto-Nagra style and isa major
tourist attraction of the region.

2 migrant workers arrested for gangrape
Kendrapara: Two migrant labourers have been arrested for allegedly gangraping a 1 .
year-old woman in Kendrapara district, police said Tuesday. The accused, who hail
 house in a village in Rainagaar oricice station area Monday venening. Latere, they thag.
and ganged
angraped her, an officer said. She informed her family about the incident. and gangraped her, an officer said. She informed her family about the incident,
following which her father lodged a police complaint, he said. The two accused were followng which hedical examination. Prima a acici, it seems sthat the girl was sangraped,
arrested after med
the officer added. The accused, who were working as masons for the last six months, the officer added. The accused, who were working as masons for the last six monthth,
have been booked under sections of the Indian Penal code, and remanded to judicial have been booked under sections of

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Half Truths
 The intent is not to replace truth with lies, but to make a deeper impression in the mind. Had they merely stated plain facts without an iota of
fiction, readers or the audience might not have been able to get drawn to the fiction, readers or the audience might not have been able to get drawn to the
story. During such a narration, the audiences have no illusion about the lie,
but they suspend their disbelief temporarily. But when half-truths are but they suspend their disbelief temporariily. But when half-truths are
dished out with the claim that they are the whole truth, things get murky dished out with the claim that they are the whole truth, things get murky.
The intentions of the creators of such literary work or films become sus pect. If the raging controversy over the film, The Kashmir Files, is judged
from this perspective the truth and intent of both the filmmaker, Vivek Agnihotri, and politicians lauding and lambasting the film will become clear. The movie shifts between two timelines, 1990 and 2016 onwwards, depict
ing two versions. One is set in Kashmir's past when terrorists were operat ing with full fury and the other in the present in a Delhi college named ANU where "students, intellectuauls, professosons and media" figure. The main
theme is the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits or the minority Hindoo population who were brutally tortured and their women raped by terrorists. Undoubtedly cannot be any objection to it. But, the problem stems from the fact that it pres ents a viciously one-sided story in which Hindoos are shown to be the only
ent victims and Moslems are demonised and bracketed with terrorists. The
fact is both Hindoos and Moslems were persecuted by the terrorists during fact is both Hindoos and Moslems were persecuted by the terrorists during
that period and it is a gross distortion of truth to claim that the terrorists targeted only Hindoos. Such inhuman perpetrators, it is well known, target civilians equally to get their point across. Their sole purpose is to spread ter
ror for their own gain and that of their masters both within the country and outside handling them.
That the film has a political agenda becomes clear from the way BJP goverrments both at the Centre and states are patronising it. The Prime Minister
himself praised it and several BJP state governments have waived tax on the film. It does not behove constitutionally elected representatives to wax history. The Bihar government, of which BJP is a constituent, has decided just like some other BJP state governments have done.
The truth is the exodus occurred in 1989 and 1990 when VP Singh was the Prim Minister and his government had the support of the BJP.The Governor of J\&K was Jagmohan, aknown RSS supporter. Hundreds of Moslems, including a uni
versity vice chancellor and bureaucrats, were also killed and injured by the ter rorists. The film is conveniently silent on these aspects of the gory history.
No wonder the film has kicked up a political storm. CPI(M) leader and for mer MP from Kashmir MY Tarigami rightly pointed out that along with the Pandits, Moslems and Sikhs also suffered at the hands of the terrorists. He the massacre and the rehabilitation of the Pandits in Kashmir. Former
J\&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullahechoed him and said an atmosphere should be created for the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley. He also wondered
why the film did not show that the BJP was in power supporting VP Singh in isolation," Abdullah said.
and the BJP's parad Pawar also joined the chorus of protest against the film power in the country then an and Mufti Mohammad Sayeed becarne Union Hoa in The timing of the film's release is significant. The BJP has just won elections
to four states, including the crucial UP. This has been possiblenot only with the promise of development, but through a sustained divisivive, communal politics played by the BJP both at the Centre and the states where it runs the governof Jammu \& Kashmir is on through a controversial delimitation exercise tore-
draw the constituencies. The B.JP is desperate to cash in on it latest ecetoral draw the constituencies. The BJP is desperate to cash in on its latest electoral
success in Kashmir too. The communal passion being stoked by the film wil

## WISDOM CORNER

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most
4. The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the

## [WORDSWORTH

## - Short shrift

D Hastings is condemned by Richard to be taken out at once and
beheaded? Richard Ratcliffe says to Hastings, "Make a short shrift; he longs
to see your head." That's the first known use of the phrase in English. What's dd about it is that it then doesnn't appear again until Sir Walter Scott's poetic romance, The Lord of the Isles in 1815: "Short were his shrift in that debate". After that, it quickly becomes a standard idiom in the language unsympathetic attention, especially in the phrase to give short shrift to somebody or something. Scott likely extracted the phrase from Shakespeare's play - he loved using archaisms. He was so influential in the for shrift would have been immediately known to his audience. It's from the verb shrive, the act of confessing to a priest followed by penance and absolution. So, when Ratcliffe was telling Hastings "to make a short shrift" he was telling him to possible. Shrive is itself a strange word, since its source is the Latin scriptum, letters or writing, from which we get words such as script. The
modern German verb schreiben, to write, comes from the same source, as do similar terms in other European languages. For some reason we don't Scandinavian languages of imposing a penalty perhaps from the idea of making a written decree. This led to the specific religious meaning and eventually to an idiom for brushing somebody's concerns aside unfeelingly.
Such are the oddities of language evolution.

## LOL Never talk to the parrot


accommodate her with an "afterhad to go to work, she told him, "'lll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dish washer, leave the bill on the the way, I have a large Rottweiler inside named Killer; he won't be
you. I also have a parrot, and

## TIME FOR RANK \& YANK



Jagdish Rattanani
NOW MAY BE A GOOD TIME TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO THE SERVICE RULES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL



The bureaucracy is more than willing to toe the estabilishment demands - almost always, unfailingly and can even come up with ingenious defences of the indefensible
> is a larger national problem cen-
tred around holding bureaucrats to account for their misdeeds and taking swift and exemplary action
against a class used to unbrided against a class used to unbridled power, humungous perks and al-
most wnlimited ways and meansto
get away with little accountability. get away with little accountability.
This is one important part of a
larger problem that combines gross inefficiency insensitivity and in-
genuity in bending the rules to
feed an ugly bureaucratic-business nexus, with or withouth polit-
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izens of their due. The handling of izens of their due. The handing of
the pandemic and the demoneti-
sation saga, while political blunders, sation saga, while political blunders,
also showed the worst sides of the bureaucracy seen in lathi chargin
of ordinary people going to with of ordinary people going to with
draw petty cash and poor service
at hospitals. This compounded apo litical disaster with bureaucratic
mismanagement heapingmiser mismanagement heaping mise
on ordinary citizens. This must change. Now may b
a good time to make some change to the service rules at the national level, particularly by a party tha
believes in opening the bureaucracy to new thinking and idea
Part of the solution lies in a ministrative reforms but a large
part also rests in taking away part also rests in taking away
sinecures that enable most if not all bureaucrats complete their tenures and retire - irrespective
of their accomplishments or lack thereof. When a public servant
knows that it is almost impossible to get him or her out and into jail,
governance will be frustrated by
etirement at a fixed age of 60 , retirement at a fixed age of 60 , amplete, we needa apolicy or "rank and firing of the bottom ranks on abipartisan framework agreed by countabin vengeance. Win this tripan shows up, itshould
when
be possible to send strong signals be possible to send strong signals
with suspensions, afull range of investigations by all arms of the govneed to throw the kitchen sink a the officers who have disgraced themselves and the service, as in The case of Maharashtra here.
To achieve this, we need a very Ministry of Home Affairs, which refused at one point to share in dismissed. Theministry retater said 13 officers were retired and five dismissed since 2014. In Parliamen Union Minister Jitendra Singh ha said on record that two IAS officer
have been dismissed and nine IPS have been suspended on corruption charges during 2014-2019. The BJP
has done better in preparing lists of those who are inefficient or cor cupt. Fifty IRS officers have been turns deserve to be scrutinised These are laudable steps. We need
more. 'Rank and yank' as a forced system of ranking wile sure that year and the pressure of per
formance and giving a clean adformance and giving a clean ad-
ministration will then begin to bite ministration will then begin to bite results. At the very least, flagrant come under control and a cleaning up process can begin. 71 sets of rules and regulations for mally drafted and followed, to gov ern the IAS, plus another 23for var ious states. Many of these offer
protections, promise promotions and determine careers. And it is
this system that has now drafted new labour code that will take away the protection of workers
industry and make iteasy to hire and fire workers on the shop floor
a contrast as telling as it is baffling

The writer is a journalis and faculty member at
SPJIMR. Views are personal.
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JEST THIS
Gender equality's slow progress at home


Melvin Durai the belief that WIVES SHOULD ALWAYS OBEY THEIR HUSBANDS IS HELD NOT JUST BY THE MAJORITY OF INDIAN MEN, BUT ALSO THE MAJORITY OF WOMEN

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## Focus on physical education

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Sir, Physical education as a subject has not really made it in India's schools. A few minutes in a week is
dedicated for 'PT' classes that do not serve much purpose. A report of senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayana can change the current scenario in schools if his report is accepted by the Supreme Court. The report has recommended making physical literacy a fundamental right by amending Article 21 of the Constitution
of India. The report has demanded that National Physical Literacy Mission (NPLM) should be the realof India. The report has demanded that National Physical Literacy Mission (NPLM) should be the real
ity for curriculum setup, compliance monitoring, grievance redressal and self-correction mechanism. According in a wide variety of physical activity with confidence and competence. Knowledge and understanding should supplement the two. He/she should be able to read the surrounding situation to make healthy and
active choices not only as a child but also as an adult. Nothing can replace physical literacy as an instru own by shunning games and sports. The result - unhealthy adults of tomorrow. Parents, teachers and schoo authorities need to display sensitivity to children's requirements to help them engage in physical literacy.
Moreover, every stakeholder has to know what exactly constitutes physical literacy. The present physical ducation classes in schools do no justice to children's overall personality This is more pronounced in phys by fostering his/her physical literacy is more meaningful than mere sports-based programmes. $\begin{gathered}\text { Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA }\end{gathered}$

## care of children in different ways. If a 12 -year-old boy kicks a foot If a 12 -year-old boy kickens a foys. ball inside a home and breaks some

 thing valuable, his mother maysummon his father: "Your son summon his, father: "Your son
broke my favourite vase. Please broke my favourit
take care of him." While a slim majority ( 54 per cent) of Indians says that both men and women in families should be responsible for earning money, 80
per cent say that when jobs are in per cent say that when jobs are in
short supply, men should have more rights to these jobs than women.
Just picture a sign outside an Just picture a sign outside an
office that says "Data Analyst office that says "Data Analyst
Wanted. Apply Within." Two women Wanted. Apply Within." Two women
are filling out job applications when
a man shows up to ask for an application. First woman (whispering): "I
wanted this job badly. Why did a man have to show up?" Second waman. '"Men are like
that-always stealing our jobs!" First womana: "At least you have, husband. Ihave to fend for myself." Second woman: "My husband
told me to apply for this job. At
last you have no one to least you have
order you around!"

Bolt from the blue
Sir, The Chinese passenger plane board perished is abolt from the
blue. The Boeing 737 flight, which was on its way from Kunming to Guangzhou, suffered a sudden tain in Guangxi, halfway through its journey. The crash is China's worst air tragedy in over a decade.
Three Indian carriers - SpiceJet , have Boeing 737 aircraft in their
fleets, and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has done well to
put them on enhaned put them
surveillance.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

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Ever since India won Nadu has been raking up the Cauvery issue for political gains for political gains BASAVARAA BOMMAI I
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Teacher arrested under POCSO Act
 old girl student filed a complaint of sexual misconduct
against him.On the basis of against him.Ont the basis of
the complaint, , was arrested The girl had lodged a complaint with the headmaster who
reported the matter to the police reported the matter to hhe
Police, along with a child counsellor, spoke with the child who confirmed that he had

## Constable killed in

 gunfight with ultras
## Srinagar: A constable was killed in a brief shoot-out

between police and terrorists uessday, officials said. The Amir Hussain Lone of
the Soura area during a
cordon-and-search operation around 2.30 pm, they said.
bullet injuries and was rushed
to a hospital, where he died, a

## Nalini seeks bail

Chennai: Soon after the
Supreme Court granted bail to case convict AG Perarivalan another convict, Nalini
Sriharan is also seeking bail. On Monday, Nalini moved a sub-application in the Madras
High Court seeking bail.The sub-application has been moved along with her writ petition of 2020 seeking the
court to grant her bail with immediate effect without waiting for the Governor to accord his consent to 2018
recommendation of the Tamil Nacommendation of the Tami
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## 8 burnt alive in WB after killing of TMC leader



SHORT TAKES
6 SL refugees saved by ICG Chennai: The Indian Coast
Guard Tuesday saved six hed fles the island nation
following the acute financial all Sri Lankan nationals including three children,
were stranded on the fourth
island off the coast of Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu. sources in the Coarst Guard,
Chennai Unit, said that they were finding it difficult
find food and other find food and other
essentials in Sri Lanka and
had hence escaped to India.

## Danish Siddiqui's parents lodge complaint in ICC <br> New Dolli, Narce 22: The the tam

After Azad, Sonia now meets
 doded ominhint vith ite
 probe his killing and to bring to
book those responsible, including
highlevel commanders and leadrs of the Taliban, their lawyer Avi Singh said Tuesday in Afghanaistan when he was killed as 16 last year. The journalist Afghan troops and the Taliban in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar
city. Addressing a press confer-
ence Singh said the formal complaint has been filed against Taliban commanders, including Mullah Commander of the Talibaban; Mulllah Commander of the Tailban Akhund, Head of the Taliban Leadership Council;
Mawlawi Muhammad Yaqoob Mawlawi Muhammad Yaqoob
Mujahid, Minister of Defence, Taliban; Gul Agha Sherzai,
Governor of the Kandahar
Province: Zabbihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesperson; and Mullah

All Indians bound to reply to censsus queries

New Delhi, March 22: Every
Indian national is legally bound to reply to the census questions
and all requisite steps are being taken to carry out the census ercise smoothly, the Parliament was told Tuesday.
"Every person is legally bound to answer the census questions
to the best of his or her knowable or belief and all requisite meas-
ures are taken with the support of the state governments to con-
duct the census and the National Population Register (NPR) ex-
rcise smoothly," Minister of
State for Home Nityanand Rai told the Lok Sabha in reply to a
question. He also said that under the
rovisions of the Census Act
948, the state governments appoint census officers to to aid or
supervise the census exercise. Anand Sharma \& Manish Tewari

| New Delhi, March 22: Days after meeting Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress president Sonia Gandhi Tuesday met some more leaders of Sharma and Manish Tewari at her residence and held discussions on resolving internal party issues. <br> It is learnt that during the meeting, the leaders suggested ways to strengthen the party and revive it to help take on the BJP in the next round of elections. <br> According to the party sources, Gandhi is likely to meet some more leaders of the G-23 in the coming days. Tuesday's interaction was part of the series of meetings that the Congress top leadership is having with some of the leaders who have raised critical organisational issues and have suggested measures to revamp the party. <br> These meetings are being held amidst indications that some of the G-23 leaders may be accommodated in the Congress Working |
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The incident took place hours after the murder of a
Trinamool Congress panchayat leader Monday,

$\xlongequal{\text { PRESS TRUSTT OF INDIA }}$ Eight persons, including two
children, died in the early hourso

Eleven people have been arrested in connection with the incident
Tuescay after their houses were gutted in a fire at Rampurhat in
West Benal's Birbhum district,
police said. police said.
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bodies were recovered from one bodies were recoverede from one
of hhe burnt houses, whileone in-
jured person died in hospital. of the burnt houses, whienene
jured person died in hosital
The top police officer said TMC panchayay depenty chier of barshal
vill dered around 8.30 pm Monday. Shortly atter the murder, at least eight houses were allegededyssean on
fire in Bostui villagesituated on the fire in Bogtui ivilage situated on the
outskirts of Rampurhat town which some claimed was in retal iation to the killing. control and a a police picket has since last night. We are investi gating how the houses caught fire ated whether the ine incident is is re chayat leader, which appears to be ue to a deep-rooted personal en Asked about claims by some fire brigade officials that 10 bodies
were found, the top police officer clarified while seven of them wer becovered atter the blaze wa
brough under control, three in-
jured persons were rescued of
 SDPO and in incharge of
Rampurhat police station have
been removed from active The sty, the Dovernment has set
up a special investigation team up a special investigation team
headed by ADG (CID) Gyanwant Singh, Malaviya said.
The ruling TMC has also sent three-member MLA team led by
minister Firhad Hakim to the spot to take stock of the situation.
The incident triggered a w of words among political parties the $\mathrm{CPI}(\mathrm{M})$ alleging the state up the matter. "We condemn such an attemp by the TMC government. The law
lessness in Bengal is virtually pushing the state towards Manoj Tigga said.
The Union Home Ministry Tuesday sought a report from the West Bengal government.
In a communication, the ministry asked the West Bengal gov ernment to maintain law and
order and ensure security of
common people in view of the

By quitting as a Lok Sabha member, Yadav has sent out a signal that his focus is now the state politics after his party suffered a big defeat against the BJP in the recent Assembly polls
press trust of india New Delhi, March 22: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav
Tuesday resigned as the member
of Lok Sabha from Azamgarh con of Lok Sabha rrom Azamgarh con-
stituency, deciding to retain the
Karhal assembly seathe won in the Karhal assembly seat he won in the
recently held Uttar Pradesh polls Senior Samajwadi Party leader

## Acquittal by court does not stop action by employer: SC

Akhilesh, Azam resign from Lok Sabha
Cabinet nod to Bill to merge 3 Delhi municipal corporations

like Yadav won in the assembly polls, has also sent his resignation
from Lok Sabha to the Speaker's of fice, sources said. Khan is currently
in jail on criminal charges. Though an MP is generally required to submit his resignation in person so

## that he is quitting voluntarily and not under duress, former Lok Sabha

 not under duress, former Lok Sabhasecretary general P D T Achary
said the Chair can use other means said the Chair can use other means
also to convince himself about the also to convince himself about the
bonafides of a member's decision to resign if for some reason he cannot come personally.
Yadav met Lok Sabha Speaker Yadav met Lok Sabha Speaker
Om Birla in Parliament House to put in his papers. The Samajwadi party supremo handing over the res-
ignation letter to Birla. ignation letter to Birla.
It is the practice of the Chair to
announce the accentance of amemannounce the acceptance of a mem-
ber's resignation in the House. Akhilesh Yadav had won the
Karhal assembly seat in Mainuri Karhal assembly seat in Mainpuri
district in the recently-held as district in the recently-held as-
sembly polls, defeating Union minsembly polls, defeating Union m
ister S P Singh Baghel.

New Delhi, March 22: The Centre bill to merge the three Municipal Corporations of Delhi. The decision to merge these
three agencies of the MCD was approved by the Union Cabinet Narendra Modi Tuesday. As per government sources,
the Bill for "The Delhi Municipal orporation (Amendment) Act, feek and will unify the coming ubsuming the exist MCD by bodies. The erstwhile MCD was trifurcated into three civic bodies

Municipal Corporation (NDMC), and East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) -- in 2011
through the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 12 Of 2011). Howeverer, this rifurcation of the corporation was divisions and revenue generating potential of each corporation.
The gap then widened over a
period of time, increasing the financial difficulties of the three pacitated to make timely payment of salaries and retirement benefits to their employees and thereby creating serious im-
pediments in maintaining civic

| PRESS TRUST OF INDIA | in a disciplinary proceeding, a |
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| charge of misconduct has to bees- |  |

the charge against him was that he
had demanded bribe for deleting the
name of a person with regard to name of a person with regard to a
land situated in A criminal complaint was reg. istered with the Lokayukta police
against him for the commission of alleged offences punishable
of Corruption Act.
Following investigation, a charge sheet was filed against him in a court which later acquitted him
of all charges in October 2013.
Atiated under Section 7(2) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984
and the Karnataka Upa Lokayukta, and the Karnataka Upa Lokayukta,
while holding that a primafacie case wasestablished, recommended ini-
tiation of disciplinary proceedtiation of discipl.
ings against him.

Later, in January 2015, the
Lokayukta held that the charge against him was proved and recmmended the penalty of comThe disciplinary authority issued a show cause notice to the man who contended that since the
special judge had acquitted him on the same set of facts and evion the same set of facts and ev-
dence, there was no ground to hold
him guilty of misconduct in the dishim guilty of misconduct in the disJune 2015 held that the misconpenalty of compulsory retirement. The man then moved the which upheld the order of com-
pulsory retirement. The matter

## Pb: Martyrdom day of Bhagat K-Rail: Who will rein in VJayan? Singh to be gazetted holiday

| The House also passed a resolution to install |
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| statues of Bhagat Singh, |
| Dr BR Ambedkar and |
| st Sikh ruler Maharaja |
| Ranjit Singh in the |
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| Chandigarh, March 22: Puni |
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## HC setback for KSRTO

The public utility already reeling
under hưegolosses will have to shell
out around ₹80 lakh per day and
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Mann-Modi meet March 24 Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant
Mann will meet Prime Minister Mann will meet Prime Minister
Narendra Modi in Delhi Thursday official sources said Tuesday
is going to be Mann's first is going to be Mann's firs
meeting with Modi after being sworn in as the chief minister of
Puniab. Mann will be meeting Punjab. Mann will be meeting
Modi at 11am Thursday, the sources said. Mann in a tweet in
Hindi said . After taking over as the chief minister of Punjiab, I have sought time from prime
minister and home minister for a courtesy call and to discuss
iscues related to Puniab." To this, Congress MLA
Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said rather than announcing a holiday, it would be good if stu-
dents in schools, colleges and em ployees be told about the life and to it, Mann asked the former transport minister whether he knew
when Bhagat Singh was born. know
 out around $₹ 80$ lakh per day and
hence they have been refilling fuel
from different fuel pumps. from different fuel pumps.
The court said this is apolicy de cision and itcannot intervenene in this
issue. If the government had not been pumping funds into the
KSRTC, it would have closed down. Over 35,000 employees are working
in the corporation, which operates 5,000 buses, has around 5,100
schedules and runs on an average schedules and runs on an average
of 1.6 million km every day.
The matter has been posted The matter has been posted
till April 4 .

## Pak commercialises

 Kartarpur corridorAmritsar, March 22: It could be Lohar's famous song 'Jugni’ or the
beats of dhol or horse dance show enthralling the 'audience' at
Kartapur Corridor in the Naorwal district of Pakistan during Jashnised by Pakistan government from
March 23 to 27 but could hurt the lieved to be a desperate attempt of
the Pakistan governento the Pakistan government to 'com-
mercialise' the Kartarpur Corrido it had allowed a cycle and a moKartarpur Corridor. Structed jointly by India and grims to pay obeisance at Gurdwara about 4.5 km from India-Pakistan Gurdaspur dera Baba Nanak in and return on the same days. activitites hosted by Pakistan at at
one of the holiest places of Sikhs could invite the wrath of Sikhs. Officer of Project Management in formed media that the Jashn-e27 at Kartarpur Corridor, Narowal. wnday refused to stay state(OMCs) decision to increase fuel As soon as the hike was an-
nounced, the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC, With the current price hike
which came into effect from last 36 per litre


The events during the sched
uled function include Pakistan uled function include Pakistan
Day Celebration, Sufi Music
Evening, Qawwali Night, Cultura Day, and Family Gathering. He in formed that Sufi singer Arif Lohar
would be the star attraction of the The festival is being held adjacent to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur Sahib. "We have taken maryada (Sikh code of religious conuuct) is not violated," said Latif.
Sources said the Pakistan government spends anything between eep and the maintenance of Kartapur Corridor and had emhave a capacity to cater to the needs of 5,000 pilgrims per day but post outbreak of Covid-19, the number was left to around 200 to 300 per day
about it? It is September 28. There
will be plays in schools and col
leges depicting the life of the marleges depicting the life of the mar
tyr on this day," Mann said. Earlier, Mann proposed that
statutes of Bhagat Sing and Dr BR Ambedkar be installed in the Vidhan Sabha.
"As an indebted nation, we can never forget the contribution of who laid down his life for the freedom of the country. Likewise, Dr BR Ambedkar shaped the destiny
of the country in pre and post independence era as the chief ar chitect of the Indian constitution, said Mann. Describing them as great leaders,, Mann said they will always remain a source of insp-
ration for millions of people. Hailing Mann's propoposal, Congress legislator Partap Singh Bajwa urged that the statue of
Maharaja Ranjit Singh be also installed.
Thereafter, the House passed a resolution on installing stat ues of Bhagat Singh, Dr BR ingh in the Vidhan Sabha.

sider this project.
Meanwhile, Vijayan has gone Meanwhile, Vijayan has gone
on record to say that come what may
the project will continue and that he will not be cowed down by protesters who are being led by the But according to a media critic hough outside there is not even a murmur of protest either in the ave begun and it's now only a come out in the open.
None in the CPI-M will dare to come out at the moment, as the
23rd Party Congress is being held me town of Vijayan. The stage is such that even the national leadership of the CPI-M is at the mercy
of Vijayan and even though Sitaram Yechuri strongly opposed the dor, he has uttered no word on the K-Rail. All eyes are on what the
national leadership of the CPI-M o when they come to Kannur. So an ses stand now, very soon one against Vijayan, said the critic. km corridor connecting Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod the distance in around four hours. cost ₹1.24 lakh crore when it
nears completion in 2025 , while he detailed project report on his published by the Pinarayi

his death anniversary in Amritsar, Tuesday
4th edition of India Boat and Marine Show from March 25
 services at the expo

Kochi, March 22: The fourth ed ion of India Boat and Marin
Show (IBMS) will be held as a phy ical expo at Bolgatty Palace here from March 25 to 27 . The event, which has emerged
as the country's premier boat and as the country's premier boat and marcude a full range of stakehold-
ers from the recreational and leisure boating market, Cruz Expos, the 0 boating market, Cruz Expos,
ganisers of the event said.
 ered by Ravi, DIG, Indian Coast
Guard, the release said.
Joseph Kuriakose, the Director
of Cruz Expos, said Kochi has
emerged as a maritime hub due
to various factors including being
an all-weather port and being lo-
cated in the most strategic loca-
tion along the east-westraderoute.
This year's expo will include a
full range of stakeholders from
the recreeational and leisure boat-
ing market, including speed boats,
engines, navigational and other
systems and equipment, other sup-
ply and service providers. The
event will not be just about boats
and marine equipment, but will
cover all water sports and activities,
Kuriakose said.

RUBBER ESTATE FACES ‘JUMBO TRESPASS’


Four Punjab ministers face serious criminal cases: ADR


INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
Chandigarh, March 22: Seven of the 11 Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)
ministers in Punjab have been facministers in Punjab have been fac-
ing criminal cases, four of them serious charges, while two of them are
doctors and two advocates, an analysis by a poll rights group has said.
The Punjab Election Watch and the Association for Democratic
Reforms (ADR) have analysed the Reforms ADR have analysed the
affidavits of all 11 ministers, including Chief Minister Bhagwant
Mann.
According to ADR, seven min-
isters ( 64 per cent) had declared isters ( 64 per cent) had declared
criminal cases against them. Four of them (c36 per cent) have declared
serious criminal cases againsthem serious criminal cases against them.
Nine ministers are multimillionNine ministers are multimillion-
aires with each having average assets of ₹2.87 crore and equal number of them have liabilities.
The richest among them is class 12 passout Bram Shanker from
Hoshiarpur, whose assets have worth $₹ 8.56$ crore, while matricufrom Bhoa (reserved constituency)

Forest officials have advised the rubber tappers not to come to the plantation early in the morning for work
 phants about 1.5 sm km by bursting 37 lephants but there are more?
Incidentally on account of the new "residents" in the rubber es-
tate, the nearly 150 are having a problem as their schedule of waking up early in the morning and
starting tapping the rubber around sam is not possible.
"We have asked the rubber tap.
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\end{tabular} these wild elephants back into their natural habitation," Sankar

With the mercury rising, it is
common for elephants to go in search for fresesh water and of late, parts of Kerala have been wit-
nessing unprecedented heat and

this movementof elephants can be | dism movementof |
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ber of the Revolutionary Marxist
Party of India before joining AAP. Another matriculate Kuldeep llotted the portfolio has been evelopment and Panchayats, Animal Husbandry and NRI Affairs, f India (Marxist-Leninist). Meanwhile, Shanker, 56, a
Congress rebel and four-time municipal councillor who has been
iven the portfolios of Revenue Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, has the highest lia
bilities of ₹1.08 crore. The ADR said five. ministers ( 45
per cent ) have declared their ducational qualificication below Class ate or above ate or above
Two of th
profession -- Dr Baljit Kaur, who
Baba Farid University of Health Science in 2010, and Dr Vijay
Singla, who did Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Punjabi University per cent) are of the age between 31 and 50 , while five

ALU'S HEALTH CONDITION DETERIORATES
al (RID) sashtriya Janata health condition has
deteriorated and he has been shifted to AIIMS, New Delhi for better treatment, officials said
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fayalalithaa was
Jayalalithaa was
doing fine. I was not aware of th food given to the former Chief
Minister. Personally, Istill have high
regards and respect for VK Sasikala
 state governments should not enter
into a new blame game and ensure holding of MCD elections as soon as
possible




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KASHMR CHIE MNISER

## SHORT TAKES

Man gets $10-\mathrm{yr}$ jail in rape case Nagaon: A person accused of
raping a six-year old minor girl was sentenced to 10 years of judge of the Nagaon district court Tuesday. The judge, fine of $₹ 20,000$ on him and
 sentence by another three pay the fine on time. The person had lured the girl, in Nagaon district, to his house and r
her in 2018 .

## 2 men gunned

 down in clashdead Tuesclay in in clash in dead tuessay in a a lash in
Anayatpur village allegedlly porice ener said. The
deceased wari itentifed Surrmu (22) and Arri (32), said police. They said that the
hooting arose out of of latercation that took place
between two groups over some mino issuev. Ho
the victims' tamiles challenged the version, alleging
hat the assailants were that the assailants were
harassing some women and harassing some women and
when they were asked to stop, they opened fire. Police said
several police teams have been several poice teams have been
dispatched to nab the accused.

## Major fertilize

 scam busted Guwahati: The Assam Police'sCID has busted a major arrested nine people, including owners of various retail and wholesale outlets fuesday. A police spokesma said that following the direction of Chief Minister
Himanta Biswa Sarma, the had earlier registered a
criminal case and conducte raids at various places in Machar, Goal para, and Cachar, Goalpara, and
Darrang districts recen

## BSF officer found dead

Jammu: The body of a Border
Security Force (BSF) officer was found hanging insider his
quarters in a cam in quarters in a camp in J\&K's
Rajuuri district Tuesday, police said. Police sources said at around 6 p.m..the body of BSF
Sub-Inspector Laduo Bomza was-Inspector Ladup Bomza in the camp in Sunderbani area of Rajouri. Inquest proceedings
have been started into the have been started into the

Significant number of terrorists present in launch pads in Pak, PoK: Govt

## ED hovers close to Thackeray



Oppn attacks govt, protests in Parl


#### Abstract

development, March 22: In a major Directorate (ED) said Tuesday that it has attached immovable propnes worth around $₹ 6.45$ core be Pushpak Bullion, in Thane. Pushpak Bullion, in Thane. These include 11 flats in the These include 11 flats in the Neelambari project in Thane, belonging to Shree Saibaba Grihanirmiti Pvt Ltd, which is owned and controlled by Shridhar Madhav Patankar. Patankar is the brother-in-law of Maharashtra Chief Minister Thackeray's wife Rashmi Thackeray). The action follows a Thackeray). The action follows money-laundering case registered in March 2017 against Pushpak Bullion and other group compa nies under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the ED said. Till date, the central probe agency has attached other propby Mahesh Patel, Chandrakant Patel, their family members and shell companies, further trans bogus company, Humssafar Dealer ing unsecuredloans' of morethan $₹ 3$ roreto Shree Saibaba Grihanirmiti PvLtt A. Accordingly,theagency said that the money siphoned off by Chaturvedi was finally parked in he realty projects of the housing company owned/controlled by Patankar, the CM's brother-in-law. The development came soon atter Shiv Sena MP and its chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut accused the BJP of letting loose various central probe agencies against the state leaders in a bid to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi government comprising Shiv Sena-Nationalis Congress Party-Congress. Reacting to the latest ED Reacting to the latest ED action, BJP activist and ex-MP Kirit Somaiya said that Thackeray' Somaiya said that Thackeray's Thackeray) is involved in "money laundering scam" with "use of shell companies" and "scamsters will


Suction with the case.
Subsequent probes revealed tha Mahesh Patel had siphoned off and layered funds of Pushpal in connivance with Nandkishore commodation entry'.
Ulty trarb of a sale, Pushpak
Chaturvedi after layering it throug entities, said the ED. The ED said $\begin{array}{ll}\text { not banies" and "scamsters will } & \begin{array}{l}\text { live states. Several party leaders in- } \\ \text { cluding Rahul Gandhi said the } \\ \text { "lockdown" on petrol, diesel and gas }\end{array} \\ \text { not. } & \text { lol }\end{array}$

New Delhi, March 22: Infiltration
from Pakistan has reduced confrom Pakistan has reduced con-
siderably but a significant num siderably but a significant numin various launch pads in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir,
Lok Sabha was informed Tuesday.
In written replies to questions pertaining to the situation along the Line of Control (LoC) and in-
ternational border with Pakistan ministers of state for home af-


| New Delhi, March 22: Opposition parties Tuesday attacked the government over the rise in prices of cooking gas, petrol and diesel, alleging it had held back for the last few months only because of elections and had once again "inflicted pain" on the common man as the assembly polls were over. <br> They also protested in both houses of Parliament, with parties like the Congress, DMK, TMC, NCP, JMM, CPI, CPI-M, IUML, RSP, MDMK and VCK walking out from the Lok Sabha, while their members protested in Rajya Sabha forcing the chair to adjourn the House twice. <br> The Congress accused the government of "looting" ₹ 10,000 crore through this "triple assault" on the poor and common people and said it had warned of such price hike after the assembly election in five states. Several party leaders including Rahul Gandhi said the "lockdown" on petrol, diesel and gas |
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Cov regulation for air travels relaxed

New Delhi, March 22: The Ministry of Civil Aviation has re stating that cabin crew members need not keep three seats vacant on nternational flights for medical emergencies and security person-
nel at airports can resume patThe relaxation has been given to facilitate "smooth conduct of air operations", the ministry's order, dated March 21 , stated.
The aviation market in India is currently recovering after the mand in January. Around 76.96 lakh domestic passengers travelled
by air in February approximately by air in February approximately
20 per cent more than in January.


Asani, the cyclone that was not!

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| New Delhi, March 22: F | - | Explaining the reasons why it happened, IMD's Director General, |
| speed and wind shear were the two |  | Meteorology, Mrutyunjay |
| major factors that prevented the |  | Mohapatra said: "The system |
| deep depression skirting Andaman |  | moved a little faster than expected |
| \& Nicobar Islands from intensify- |  | ad started interacting with the |
| ing into a cyclonic storm Tuesday |  | land surface (the northern end |
| The India Meteorological | Prene | ching Myanmar). Also, the ver- |
| Department (IMD) had been p dicting till Monday that the de | initial fore | tical wind shear was expected to be at $5-10$ knots but it was actually |
| depression would intensify in | m | $15-20$ knots." In December last ye |
| Cyclone Asani Tuesday and | rea, had ment | when IMD had predicted the Jawad, |
| the Myanmar coast Wedn | speeds would increase to 70.80 kmph , | which had originated in the Bay |
| in the early hours. However, the | kmp | Bengal, will gain increased speed |
| dem did not intensiiy as a cyclo | $75 \mathrm{kmph}, \mathrm{gusti}$ | as itreached Puri onwards towards |
| remained as deep depre |  | st Bengal, it may witness less |
| yanmar coast | servations show that the actua |  |
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No re-exam if candidate fails to appear: UPSC to apex court
INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, March 22:The Union
Public Service Commission
(UPSC) has infor med the
Supreme Court that there is no
provision to conduct are-exam-
ination, if a candidate fails to
take the etest on the scheduled
date for any reasons.
In an affidavitit, filed in the top
court, the UPSC said it usually
holdd 13 examinations, apart from
several recruitment tests dur-
ing a year and there is no provi-
sion for holding a re-examina-
tion in case a candidate fails to
appear in the examination, for

## Covid-19 vaccines not mandatory: Centre to SC

\begin{abstract}
The Centre had earlier documents rollated to Covid-19 vaccines and their compositions were available in public domain, and the vaccine had proven to be ver effective and safe

## New Delhi, March 22: The centre Tuesday clarified in the Supreme

 19 vaccines mandatory and has



## est with a view to provide secu est with a view to provide se rity from higher epidemics.

 "Ir have submer epitedemics. expert re-orts. Unvaccinated ports. Unvaccinated people are ... Where there is a likelihood that t would infect others or if there the power to issue such mandates... There is enough evidence to show
that vaccines are preventing se-
that vaccines are preventing se-
rious disease."
"It is further submitted that hese provisions are also designed to nudge the public into getting
vaccinated to stop the spread of disease. They are passed not only disease. They are passed not only
for the safety of the concerned infor the safey of the concerned in-

## ", he said - of oth

 The counsel for Maharashtra government alsojustified the state government orders which man-dated the taking of Covid vaccines ated the takngo Covid vaccines The counsel for Bharat Biotech Ltd submitted that it has extensively published the findings of clinical trials in publicly available The centre had onrlier told the apex court that all documents related to Covid-19 vaccines and
their compositions were availble in public domain, and the vaccine had prove
fective and safe.

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international

SL DEPLOYS MILITARY AT FUEL STATIONS
Lanka Tuesday deployed military personnel distribution amidst a shortage that led to serpentine queues of consumers outside filling stations. The sland nation is facing an acute economic and energy crisis triggered due to shortage of foreign exchange

## A UKRANE OF DESTRUCTION, FEAR, PAIN

Kyiv: Ukraine said it retook a strateTuesday, as Russian forces squeezed
other areas near the capital and other areas near the capital and
pressed their attack on the embatpressed their attack on the embat.
tled southern port of Mariupol. Explosions and bursts of gunfire
shook Kyiv, and black smoke rose from a spot in the north. Intensified artillery fire could be heard from
the northwest, where Russia has the northwest, where Russia has
sought to encircle and capture several suburban areas of the capital, a crucial target.
Residents sheltered at home or
. few imposed by city authorities that runs to Wednesday morning.
Russian forces also continued their Russian forces also continued their
siege of Mariupol atter the southdemands to surrender, with fleeing civilians describing relentless in the streets. But the Kremling ground offensive in other parts of at all, knocked back by lethal hit-and-run attacks by the Ukrainians.
Early Tuesday, Ukrainian troops Kyiv suburb of Makariv after a Kyiv suburb of Makariv after a
fierce battle, Ukraine's Defense Ministry said. The regained ter-
ritory allowed Ukrainian forces to etake control of a key highway and blounding Kyiv trom the northwest.
Still the Still, the Defense Ministry said
Russian forces were able to partially take other northwest sub-
urbs, Bucha, Hostomel and Irpin,


2 teachers killed, student arrested
Stockholm: Two teachers were killed by a student at a
high school in outhern wweden police asaid Tuesday. The 18-year-old student was arrested at the scene Monday in
Malmo, Sweden's third-largest city, for killing the women who were in their fifties, police said. The suspect was not previously known to the police and had no criminal
record, and police did not disclose how the teachers record, alld . A motive has not been established."For now
were killed. it is far too early to comment on that," Malmo Police Chief Petra Stenkula told a news conference. She said
officers arrived and found the suspect and two victims officers arrived and found the suspect and two victims
on the third floor of the downtown Malmo Latin School 10 minutes after they were alorted, adding that the
situation was then "under control

## Canada PM Trudeau strikes deal

 reelection in September but failed to win a majority of
seats in Parliament and must rely on the opposition to
pass legislation

Imran's 'forgiveness' offer rejected Islamabaa: Rejecting Pakistan Prime Minister Imran
Khan's offer of "forgiveness" ahead of yoting on the noconfidence motion, the ruling PTI's dissident lawmakers have refused to rejion the party, The News reported. PTI
minority lawmaker Dr Ramesh Kumar claimed that the minority lawmaker Dr Ramesh Kumar claimed that the
number of dissident MNAs of the number of dissident MNAs of the
ruling party yas surged to 35,
adding that ruling party has surged to 35 ,
adding that none of them will rejo
PT। the rein pti, the report said. Ramesh Kuma
said stability is a must to steer
Pakistan in the right direction. The
disgruntled lawmaker said that he put up all issues before the Prime Minister, but nothing
was done for the welfare of the minorities. Responding was done for the weffare the or on our of the
to a question, he said that three or for
disidents were elected dissidents were elected on reserved

## Bombs, half-empty cities, hunger



## India 'somewhat

 shaky': Biden

Washington: US President Joe Biden has said that India is being
"somewhat shaky" in terms of showing support against the
Russian invasion of Ukraine Russian invasion of Ukraine as
heasserted that most of the friends he asserted that most of the friends
and allies of America have preand allies of America have pre-
sented a united front in terms of dealing with Vladimir Putin's "aggression".
February 24, Russian force February 44 Russian forc
launched military operalaunched military opera-
tions in Ukraine, three tions in Ukraine, three
days after Moscow breakaway regions-
Donetsk and Luhansk as independent enticonfident, knowing Putin fairly well - as Ukraine has biologic Putin fairly well - as
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would stay resolved - He's already used stay totally thoroughly chemical weapons in united. And I can as- the past and we sure you, NATO has
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more united in itsentire what's about to come e, JoE BI $\qquad$ the Russian economy. that it mattered. It
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to. But those of you who did step up, it
made a big difference," he said. history than it is today, freedom and secu
rity of its members
through political thro
Inlarge part, because of
Vladimir Putin," "Biden told a busi-
and military means" nessroundtable
"But in response to his aggres-
India, Australia and the United sion, there has been -he's pretty-
we presented a united front through- $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { India, Australia and the United } \\ & \text { grouping of at an alliance but a }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { we presented a united front through- } & \text { grouping of countries driven by } \\ \text { out NATO and in the Pacific. The } \\ \text { shared interests and values and }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { out NATO and in the Pacific. The } & \text { shared interests and values and } \\ \text { QUAD is, with the possible excep- } & \text { interested in strengthening a } \\ \text { tion of India being somewhat shaky } & \text { rules-based order in the strate- }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { tion of Indiabeing somewhat shaky } & \text { rules-based order in the strate- } \\ \text { on some of this. But Japan has } \\ \text { been extremely strong, so has } & \text { gically-important Indo-Pacific re- } \\ \text { gion. PRESS Trust of NOIA/ REUTERS PHoTos }\end{array}$

## Power outage alert in Japan

Tokyo: Japanese were Tuesday urged to conserve energy as the government
warned of potential blackouts here due to a shortfall in power generation
 owing an earthquake last week. The rare alert on Tuesday came as people
used more heat than usual due to snow and unusually cold weather for the early spring. The magnitude-7.4 earthquake off the coast of fukushshima on March 16 killed four people and injured more than 2330 others. It was a eminder of the deadly March 2011 cuake and tsunamit that killed thoucoast L Last week's quake caused temporary power outages, peaking at two million homes in Tokyo and eight other areas, as the coalffired plants in the evion serviced by the Tokyo Electric Power Company Hollings assessed operations for several months. With the power grid under unusual strain, Economy and Industry Minister Koichi Hagiuda warned the cons servation, effort might not avertr blackouts. He asked departments stores.s.syermarkets conserve as much power as possible. Tokyy's shaneda I International Airport turned off some lighting and air conditioning in its terminals.

## No survivors found in plane crash

 Beijing: Over a day after a passenger aircaft with 132 people onboard crashed in south China, a Chinese official announced Tuesday that no survivors have been found, official media here reported. No Survivors have been found in the China plane crash, state-run Xinhua
news agency quoted a Chinese official in a brief report. The news agency quoteda a Chinese official in a brief report. The
announcement came as hundreds of rescuevers carried desperate search operations in the mountainous regions of China's Guangxi
Zhuang Autonomous Region where the Zhuang Autoonomous Region wheret he
Boeing 737 on the way from the chines Boeing 737 on the way from the Chinese
city of Kunming to Guangzhou plunged and crashed on Monday. "People on-
board the aircraft are still unaccount. ed for as the rescue work is is underway.
 hours after China's worst air disaster in a
decade. Aircraft debris and some persona decade. Aircraft debris and some personal
belongings have been found a the air crash site in Tengxian County
of Wurbou City butn
Navalny jailed for nine years




$\qquad$ money that he and his foundation raised over the years and of insultting a ju during a previous trial. The politiciain has rejected the allegations as politically motivated. The prosecution had asked for 13 years in a maximum Security
prison for the anti-corruption crusader and a 1.2 million-ruble fine. The trial, which opened about a month ago, unfollded din a makeshifit courtroom in the
prison colony hours away from Moscow where Navalay is serving a sentence prison colony hours away from Moscow where Navanhy is servinina a sentetence
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sion to move the proceedings there from a courthouse in Moscow, saying it has sion to move the proceedings there from a courthouse in Moscow, saying it ha
effectively limited access to the proceedings for the media and supporters.

PANDEMIC KEEPS UBER RICH OFF CHARITIES In spite of a massive jump in the number of the uber rich continued to ding richer, their contributic when a whopping 200 million-plus were forced into poverty, says report. Charity by the uber rich slipped from $18 \%$ of the total funding in FY15 to a paltry 11\% in FY21, say Bain \& Company and Dasra in their India Philanthropy Report 2022



## Zomato faces

 backlash

Tuessay forced to ocmatifo was over
 instant 1 -.-minute food deliverer faced backlash on
social
Deeinidider Goyanal, who founder had Monday announced the piot of 'Zomato Instant with
four stations in Gurugram social media to clarifity that
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deliveries and
no incentives deliveries and no incentives
for ontime deliveries
for both 10-minute and
30-minute deliveries.

Adani Power ties up with IHI, Kowa
New Delhi: Adani Powe
Tuesday said it has
collaborated with IHI Corporation and Kowa
Company to study ammonia
co-firing for environmentally sustainable power generation. sustainabie power generation
"Adani Power Ltt (APL), IHI
Corporation, and Kowa Corporation, and Kowa
Company, Ltd (Kowa), have Company, Ltd (Kowa), have
signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to study
the feasibility on a modification to achieve 20 per
cent liquid ammonia co-firing ratio and thereafter extend this to a ratio up to 100 per
cent mono-firing at the Adani cent mono-firing at the Ad
Power Mundra Coal Fired
Power Plant," a company Statement said. APL aims
lead India's initiatives in achieving the targets of greenhouse gas reduction by potential of ammonia as a fuel in thermal power generation
which will utilize Green
Hydrogen-derived ammonia thdrogen-derived ammonia
the existing thermal lower
plant. Kowa supported lant. Kowa supported APL
conducting a global survey of hydrogen and ammonia-
related technologies being

## Infy to acquire

 oddity for ₹419crNew Delhi: IT company Infosys
will acquire oddity -ia
Germany-based digital marmany-based digital commerce agency -i- in an all
cash deal for 50 million euros (about $\begin{aligned} & \text { } 419 \text { crore), the } \\ & \text { company }\end{aligned}$ said Tuesday. part of Infosys' digital
experience and design experience and design
offering, oddity will become
part of Wongloody and join its network on studodios across jos
heattle, Los Angeles, New Seattle, Los Angeles, New
York, Providence, Houston, York, Providence, Houston,
and London, and design hubs
in five cities in in five cities in Indeia, Infosys
said in a statement The sompany had acquired USbased Wongdoody, which
offers creative and marketite services, in a USD 75 million
deal in 2018 . "To cons the transaction, Infosys will
also acquire Germany-based Kristall 247 for 3,000 euros
(about $₹ 2.5$ akh)," the Indian
IT firm said.

# FITCH SLASHES FY23 GROWTH FORECAST TO 8.5 PC ON INFLATION 

## Shares reverse course

to end above 1 per cent

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| ency Fitch Tuesday slashed dia's growth forecast for the next cal to 8.5 per cent from 10.3 per at, citing soaring energy prices d rising inflation on account of Russia-Ukraine war. It has revised upwards the GDP whth forecast for the current fisby 0.6 percentage points to 8.7 cent. "However, we have lowd our growth forecast for FY $22-2023$ to 8.5 per cent ( -1.8 pp ) sharply higher energy prices," ch said. For 2023-24, it is estiated at 7 per cent. In its Global Economic Outlookarch 2022, Fitch said the post-VID-19 pandemic recovery is ing hit by a potentially huge |
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TCS ready to roll out 5G network anyday


CCPA slaps ₹10 lakh penalty for misleading ads of Sensodyne


SENSODYNE
ew Delhi, March 22. The Central Cow Dellu, Mrorctection Authority (CCPA) has ordered discontinua-
tion of certain misleading advertisements of Sensodyne toothpaste within seven days and
mposed a penalty of $₹ 10$ lakh on the manufacturer.
An official release Tuesday
stated that advertisements of stated that advertisements of
Sensodyne products which make the claims 'Recommended by den-
tists worldwide' and 'World's No. 1 sensitivity toothpaste' have been
ordered to be discontinued within ordered to be discontinued within
seven days. The authority also di-
rected payment of penalty of ₹10
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have been ordered to be discon-
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passed by CCPA.
The CCPA, headed by Nidhi The CCA, headed by Nirhi
Khare, "recently passed order
againstmisleading advertisements of Sensodyne products which
make the claims Recommended by 1 dentists worldwide' and 'World's No Previously February 9, 2022,
the CCPA had passed an order directing discontinuation of ad-
vertisement of Sensodyne products eign dentists.
The CCPA had initiated suomoto action against advertise-
ment of Sensodyne products on ment of Sensodyne products on
various platforms including television, Youtube, Facebook and practising outside India (UK) en dorsing the use of Sensodyne
products namely Sensodyne products namely Sensodyne
Rapid Relief and Sensodyne
Fresh Gel for protection against teeth sensitivity.
These advertisements make claims that Sensodyne is
'Recommended by dentists world
wide' 'World's toothpaste' and 'clinically proven
relief, works in 60 seconds', the
INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERvICE
New Delhi, March 22: The pri-
vatisation process of state-owned
oil marketing company Bharat
Petroleum Corporation has reached
its second stage, the Parliament
was informed Tuesday.
"The Transaction Advisor ap-
pointed for the privatisation of
BPCL had informed that multiple
Expressions of Interest(EISI) had
been received for privatisation of
BPCL, and the transaction is in
second stage of the process,"
Minister of State for Finance
Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad told



Tata Motors to hike commercial vehicle

The two companies said they will also work to open up new markets with an initial focus on India, where Suzuki has a roughly half share of the auto market



timetable or target.
Founded in 2018, Tokyo-headFounded in 2018, Tokyo-head-
quartered SkyDrive counts big
prices from April 1
shareholders. In 2020 it raised 5.1 billion yen (\$42 million) in total in
Series B funds, according to its Series B funds, according to its
website.
SkyDrive is currently engaged SkyDrive is currently engaged
in the development of a compact, two-seating electric-powered fly-
ing car with plans for full-scale ing car with plans for full-scale
production. The statement did not say whether Suzukiki would be working on this specific vehicle.
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For Suzuki, the partnership will add flying cars as a fourth mo-
bility business, in addition to aubility business, in addition to au-
tomobiles, motorcycles and out-
board motors, the statement said.

New Delhi, March 22: Homegrown auto major Tata Motors Tuescay said it will hike prices of its commercial vehicles range by $2-2.5$ per
cent, depending upon individual The increase in a regulatory filing. Last week,
Mercedes-Benz India had said it Mercedes-Benz India had said it tire model rang
from April 1 .

## Suzuki, SkyDrive sign deal to develop ‘flying cars’

India women keep semis hopes alive

$\xlongequal{\text { PRESS TRUST OF INDIA }}$ Hamilton, March 22: Yastika Bhatia'sgritty half century (50, 80b, 2x4) and Sneh Rana's all-round per-
formance ( $27 ; 4 / 30$ ) powered India formance (27; 4/30) powered India
to a dominating 110-run win over
and to a dominating 110-run win over
Bangladesh and kept them in the
hunt for a semifinal spotat the ICC hunt for a semifinal spot at the ICC
Women's World Cup here Tuesday. Opting to bat, India recovered from a mid-innings collapse to post
a modest $229 / 7$, riding a responsible knock by Bhatia and a late
flourish from Rana and Poja flourish from
Vastrakar (30). Vastrakar (30).
Defending the total, the spin-
nerc led by Rana, controlled the proners, led by Rana, controlled the pro-
ceedings as they struck at regular intervals. As a result, India bowled
out Bangladesh for 119 in 40.3 overs out Bangladesh for 119 in 40.3 overs
to register their third win of the tournament. The big victory helped India improve their net run-rate (0.768) further.
The Mithali Ra The Mithali Raj-led side will take
on South Africa in its final league match Sunday. Before that game however, if the second-placed Proteas beat West Indies Thursday, India's semifinal chances will get better.
India's decision to bring in senior spinnere Poonam Yadav (1/25) in
place of pacer Meghna $i n g h$ paid

dividends. With the spinners operating from both ends on a slow
track, Bangladesh struggled to force the pace and were reeling at $69 / 5$ after 25 overs. Lata Mondal (24) and Salma ance with a 40-run partnership, which was broken by Jhulan Goswami when she dismissed the latter, while Vastrakar accounted
for Mondal a few overs later. Ther Mondal a few overs later. Thepace duo of Goswami (2/19) wickets between them while the spinners accounted for the rest.
Earlier, Smriti Mandhana (30) Earlier, Smriti Mandhana (30) runs for the opening wicket but Ritu Moni ( $3 / 37$ ) and Nahida Akter $(2 / 42)$ shared five wickets between
them to reduce India from 74 for no loss to 108/4. Mandhana ended up hitting
straight to straight to Fargana Hoque off Akter, while Moni struck twice in two
balls in the next over to leave India at $74 / 3$ in 15.4 overs. While Verma was stumped by Nigar Sultana, skipper Mithali Raj (0) was out for a first-ball duck as India lost three
wickets in quick succession wickets in quick succession.
Vice-captain Harmanpreet Kau Vice-captain Harmanpreet Kaur
tried to resurrect the innings, but the duo scored only 34 runs in 70 Hoque caught the former short of her crease.
Bhatia an Bhatia and Richa Ghosh (26)
then added 54 runsto take India the 150 -run mark. The duo playe at a good pace with Ghosh slamming Lata Mondal ( $0 / 20$ ) for suc cessive fours in the 30th over.
However, Akter brough Bangladesh back into the game when she had Ghosh caught be hind while she tried to cuta ball that was too close to her body. After
completing her fifty, Bhatia too perished in the next ball while trying for a paddle scoop. Vastrakar and Rana came together at $180 / 6$ at the end of 44th
over and added 48 runs in 38 halls taking India past the 200-run mark With the two going strong, the last 10 overs yielded 64 runs. India Women 229/7 (Yastika Bhatia India Women $229 / 7$ Yastika Bhatia
50, Shafali Verma 42, Smriti
Mandhana 30, Pooia Vastraker 30 Piti Mandhana 30,Pooja Vastrakara30;Ritu Moni3/37, Nahida Akter $2 / 42$ ) beat Bangladesh Women 119 (Salma
Khatun 32, Lata Mondal 24: Sneh Khatun 32, Lata Mondal 24; Sne Rana 4/30, Jhulan Goswami $2 / 19$,
Pooja Vastrakar $2 / 26$ ) by 110 runs.

## IPL one of greatest physiotherapists: Shastri


Paris 2024 sets USD 26 lowest rate for tickets

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Paris, March 22: One million
tickets for the 2024Paris Olympics will be sold for 24 euros (USD 26.50) each with availability for all 32
sports, organizers have said. sports, organizers have said.
The Paris proposal to the IOC sets the basic price lower than at the sets London Olympics, where the 20 31 pounds tickets cost more than USD 31 at the exchange rate then.
"This is something important for us," Paris organizing committee president Tony Estanguetsaid."This is a very strong promise to offer ac-
cessibility of everyone to Olympic sports." A centralized global sales program unveiled by Paris Olympic organizers calls for pricing nearly half of the 10 million total tickets at
no more than 50 euros (USD 55 ). For the 2024 Paralympics, price start at 15 euros (USD 15.60) and about half of the 3.4 million tick ets will cost no more than 25 euro
(USD 27.50). Paris aims to raise 1.1 (USD 27.50). Paris aims to raise 1.1
billion euros (USD 1.22 billion) in revenue - about $30 \%$ of its budge - from ticket sales, Estanguet said Hitting that target would lift ticket
income for Paris above the USD bil lion raised by London from more than eight million tickets sold.
> mentary box after a seven-year ab-
sence. He will however be sence. He will however be a part of
the hindi commentary team, something he has not been associated with in the past. India head coach serving as the India head coach till last year's
T20 World Cup, said he could not do commentary because of "a stupid clause that binds us" This edition of the tournament will see 10 teams in action, with the
addition of Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants. All the league stage matches will be played in three venues of Mumbai and one in Pune. Mumbai venues) are red soil pitches so you get to know how they behave

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Mumbai," he said. Mumbai," he said.
Shastri and Suresh Raina will be part of the elite commentary panel of Star Sports for the e upcoming
IPL. Meanwhile, Raina said he sees, among others, leading allsees, among others, leading all-
rounder Ravindra Jadeja as a pos-
sible sible successor to the legendary
MS DhoniasChenna MS Dhoni at Chennai Super Kings,
where the southpaw established where the southpaw established performers. Both Shastri and Raina were
asked if younglayersana asked if young players coming into
the tournament with biggrice tags the tournament with bigprice tags
puts them under pressure. Raina puts them under pressure. Raina
said, "It matters alot to those young players who come with a huge price
tag. He needs to be very tag. He needs to be very grounded
and only focus on the process."


## NEWS IN BRIEF

Lakshya breaks into top 10 in BWF rankings NEW DELLI: Indian badmiton star Lakshya Sen's silver medal winning feat at
the All England Badminton Championships helped him break into the top 10 the All England Badminton Championships helped him break into the top 10
of the latest BWF World Ranking Tuesday. The 20 -year-old from Uttarakhand, of the latest BWF World Ranking Tuesday. The 2 -year-old from Uttarakhan
who became only the fifth Indian ever to reacht the summit clash of All
England Championshiss, improved two places to become World No.9 with 74,786 points, surpassing reigning world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore.
The former world iunior number one Indian thus became the country's highest The former world junior number one Indian thus became the country's highest
ranked men's singles player, surpassing Kidambi Srikanth, who slipped to the ranked met's singles player, surpassing Kidambi Srikanth, who slipped to the
12th spot this week. PV Sindhu remained at No.7, while Saina climbed two places sto 23rd, following a second round defeat at All England. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who had claimed the men's doubles title at
India Open in January, jumped a place to the seventh spot.

Russia loses third football ruling at CAS
LAUSANNE (Switzzrland): The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
dismissed a third request ty the Russian soccer federation for dismissed a third request by the Russian soccer federation for urgent
rulings tof oreeze FIFIA and UEFA decisions before World Cup playoffs begin
this week The latest challenge this week. The latest challenge was against a decision by FIFA leaders March 8 to a ward Poland a bye into a playoff bracket final scheduled next
week without having to face Russia. The latest dismissal confirms Poland week without having to face Russia. The latest dismissal confirms Poland
will host either Sweden or the Czech Republic next week with a place at the World Cup tournament in Qatar at stake. All three teams had already refused to play Russia. Previous CAS rulings this month rejected the Football Union of Russia's requests to freeze bans on its teams imposed by
FIFA and UEFA since the country's invasion of Ukraine February 24 .

Dharambir sets new Asian record
DUBA: Indian para athlete Dharambir set a new Asian record in the men's F32/51 club throw event en-route winning a silver on the opening day of the
13th Fazza International Para Athletics Championships here. India won three medals on the opening day with Devendra Singh also clinching a silver in the F 44 men's discus throw event, while Iyoti sehera claimed a
brozee in 40 m women's final $737 / 38 / 47$ final. In the club thow $32 / 51$ men's final, Dharambir threw the club to a distance of 31.09 m in his second men's final, Dinarambir threw the club to a distance of 31.09 m in his second
attempt to finish second behind Algeria's Walid Ferhah ( 37.42 m ) Monday.

No NOC for Taskin

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 out to the 26 -year old pacer after
Wood was ruled out of the Wood was ruled out of the
tournament due to an elbow injury. tournament due to an eliow injury.
However, the Bangladesh Cricket Board has refused to give Taskin the No-Objection Certificate (NOC) to
take part in the IPL as it clashes with take part in the IPL as it clashes with
the ongoing tour of South Africa.

## Mickelson opts out

 WASHINGTON: Three-time Masterschampion Phil Mickelson, out of public view since his inflammatory
remarks about the Saudi-funded rival league and the PGA Tour, has decided not to play at Augusta National this year. Mickelson's name was moved from the list of
players expected to compete in the players expected to compete in the
Masters to a section at the bottom titled. "past champions not
playing," The clup onfirmed that playing." The club confirmed that
Mickelson has notified Aug sta Mickelson has notified Augusta
National he will not be playing. It Naill be the first time Mickelson is
wit not at the Masters since 1994, when he was recovering from a
broken leg suffered while skiing.


