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ANN DOWD JOINS THRILLER THE UNDERTAKER'S CHILDREN

Actress Ann Dowd will be starring in the upcoming thriller *The Undertaker's Children*, which is currently in pre-production. The movie will be helmed by Alex Gayner, making his directorial debut.

FRED SAVAGE FIRED FROM DIRECTING, PRODUCING THE WONDER YEARS

Fred Savage, who serves as a director and executive producer on *The Wonder Years*, has been fired due to the findings of an investigation about his conduct on set. Multiple employees complained about Fred's behavior while working on *The Wonder Years*.



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ARIES
Today will be an industrious day. The stars foretell that you may visit a historical place, or perhaps a museum. However, Ganesha says, you may need to pay a little attention to your health. If such is the case, it would be better to take the evening off for yourself.

TAURUS
You have a very pleasant day ahead. Though you are, by nature, restless and excitable you will be very steady and focused in whatever you do today. So says Ganesha. Later you will desire to enjoy the company of your friends and will call them over to chat and gossip with them. The evening will provide you lots of fun and laughter.

GEMINI
Today, you will have the required intentions and courage to propose your sweetheart. You will be dressed to kill, or rather to marry. You will make a favourable impression with the way you'll look tonight. You will be an open book to your future partner, which is likely to work in your favour.

CANCER
You can improve your finances with your mental capabilities. Ganesha says that you will get success in both private life and career. You will be entrusted many tasks and responsibilities. Yet by evening, you will spend time in your pursuits.

LEO
You may have arguments with your family members today. You need to adopt an accommodating attitude today, since it is not a very promising day for you. Otherwise nothing may go in your favour. You will have to work harder than usual in the office, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Family matters will matter today. They hold more weight in your thoughts than everything else, says Ganesha. Business will be good today. Spend the evening relaxing and chilling out. On the cards is a visit to a place of worship.

LIBRA
Ganesha says today is a day where you will spend happy moments with your family members. You will feel happy and will get to spend some romantic time with your beloved. Your innermost feeling will be showcased in the internal thoughts of your life partner and both of you will be in tandem with each other today.

SCORPIO
You nearly emerge as a superhero today, as you have the knack of balancing home and work just perfectly. Intellectual discussions and brainstorming with peers would provide food for thought today. You may look forward to merry-making and soiree with family and friends in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS
The way you keep your interests alive will keep your mind occupied. Leisure activities and by-lines will by-pass the mundane routine today, foretells Ganesha. Pamper yourself by doing what you like, be it gardening, cooking or even plain old reading. Ganesha also sees a heavy meal with friends late in the day today.

CAPRICORN
You will feel little lost in the maze of problems and tricky situations. You will, however, find a way out, feels Ganesha. You like to be in a commanding position at work where you guide others and call the shots. But, it has a flip side, too. While you will be appreciated for the achievements, you will also have to bear the brunt if anything goes wrong.

AQUARIUS
You will be able to strike a balance between the emotional and rational side of your personality. You will find pleasure in your work and may successfully mix your personal life into your professional life. Financially, there are no major issues, but negligible matters may keep your mind occupied, feels Ganesha.

PISCES
You will be inspired to travel to a far off place or to a foreign land because of a very warm invitation. Some old friend or relative residing in a foreign land will get in touch and please you today. Ganesha says that today is a good day for those wishing to go abroad for some specialized study or work.

'Had to lose 10 kg for De De Pyaar De'

Mumbai: Actress Rakul Preet Singh has had an illustrious career down South and having made a mark in Hindi film industry, she also has a slew of Hindi films in her kitty. Last seen in *Runway 34* with Ajay Devgn, Rakul is earning praises from all quarters for her performance in the thriller:

The actress recently made an appearance on Shilpa Shetty's chat show *Shape of You* where she opened up on how she had to work hard on her body weight to enter Hindi film. Recalling being called 'too skinny' in South and being asked to lose more weight in Hindi film, the actress told Shilpa, "When I debuted, Samantha (Ruth Prabhu) and Kajal (Aggarwal) were already stars, and they were fit. I think people became conscious about how they look on the screen because the content was being consumed everywhere. But when I debuted, I was told I am too thin. People would call me 'stick' and

I would say 'no'. But after two-three years I gave in also."

"When I came to Mumbai and I started auditioning at the age of 20, I was told that I will have to lose weight because that was the standard of Bombay. But I didn't have access or understanding since I was a kid. I lost 10 kg in 50 days, and I didn't think I was 10 kg overweight, but I was," Rakul added recalling how she transformed herself for her role in Luv Ranjan's *De De Pyaar De* also starring Ajay Devgn and Tabu.

Rakul will be soon seen in a comedy film titled *Chhatriwali* wherein she plays the quality control head of a condom factory. She also has *Doctor G* with Ayushmann Khurrana, *Thank God* with Sidharth Malhotra, and *Mission Cinderella* with Akshay Kumar. In South, she has Tamil films *Ayalaan*, *Indian 2*, and *31 October Ladies Night*.

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Farhan to star in Disney Plus series Ms Marvel

Mumbai: Actor-filmmaker and singer Farhan Akhtar has joined the Marvel family with *Ms Marvel*, Disney Plus's upcoming series.

The multi-hyphenate will be a part of the series which introduces Iman Vellani and also includes names like Aramis Knight, Saagar Shaikh, Rish Shah, Zenobia Shroff, Mohan Kapur, Matt Lintz, Yasmeen Fletcher, Laith Nakli, Azhar Usman, Travina Springer and Nimra Bucha.

While details of Farhan's role on the series are under wraps at the moment, it is said that the star will be making guest appearances on the show that promise to be just as impactful.

Recently, the actor took to social media and dropped a post, sharing the update with his fans. He wrote in the caption, "Grateful that the universe gifts these opportunities to grow, learn and in this case have a ton of fun while doing it." Several celebrities from the B-Town reacted to his post. Vidya Balan wrote, "Woohoo... That's awesome." Karan Johar wrote, "Amazing."

Arjun Rampla wrote, "Amazing". *Ms. Marvel* is set to premiere June 8 and introduces Iman Vellani as Kamala Khan, aka the titular character, who is a Muslim American teenager growing up in Jersey City. An avid gamer and a voracious fan-fiction scribe, Kamala is a superhero mega-fan with an oversized imagination — particularly when it comes to Captain Marvel.

AGENCIES

Samantha on being confident in her own skin

Mumbai: Starting this month, actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu, will be the cover girl for a leading magazine's May-June 2022 issue. The *Ye Maya Chesave* actress on the cover of the magazine is as gorgeous as ever, as she is stunning in these vibrant ensembles.

Samantha, who spoke about her acting career, shared that there was a time she did not feel comfortable in her own skin.

"I believe after working on so many projects, I can say that I'm a lot more confident, and it also comes with age and maturity", Samantha wrote, as she shared a stunning picture from her cover shoot. "It took a while for me to get comfortable in my own skin and now I'm much more confident about trying on different roles whether it's a sexy song or hardcore action, which I probably would never have had the courage to do in the past", the actress stated.

On work front, Samantha will appear in *Shakuntalam*, *Yashoda*, and a couple of other interesting projects in the near future.

AGENCIES



Bhool Bhulaiyaa was the first horror film Kiara Advani watched in cinema

Mumbai: Spilling some beans on her upcoming film *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*, Kiara Advani has said that they have retained the essence of the original and some elements like Manjulika's name, but as a storyline, the film is completely new. The actress also stated that *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* was a cult film, and when you make the second part, you can only get inspired.

According to her, the second part is not a psychological thriller, but a horror-comedy. There is a layer of black magic. The bubbly

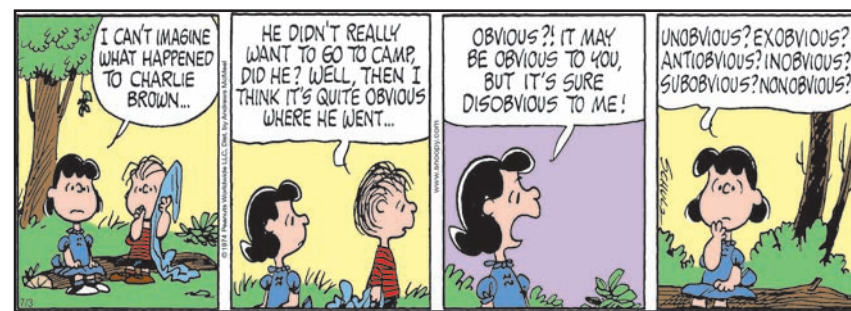
actress further revealed that *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* was the first-ever horror movie she watched on the big screen when she was merely 14 or 15. Kiara still remembers how it felt to watch the film with a group of friends. She further admitted that she is not a big fan of horror movies because she gets spooked out easily. So, she only goes to watch a horror film, if it has horror and comedy at the same time.

The actress also feels that *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* became a cult film because even today when anyone watches it the story seems so fresh and taking this franchise forward it was quite challenging.

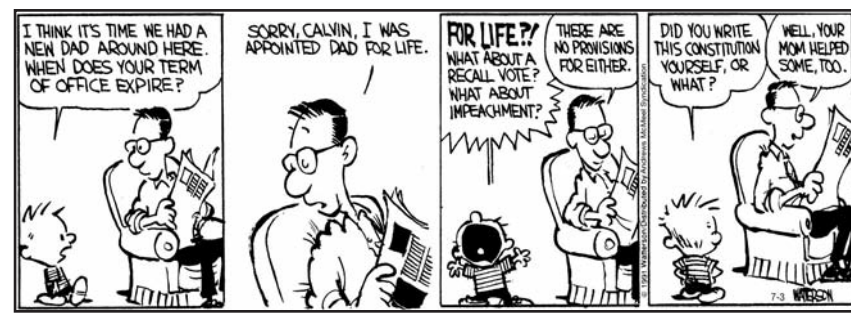
Giving a peek into her character, Kiara further added that she is not playing Vidya Balan's character from the first instalment. As *'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'* is not a remake, she is not stepping into someone's shoes.

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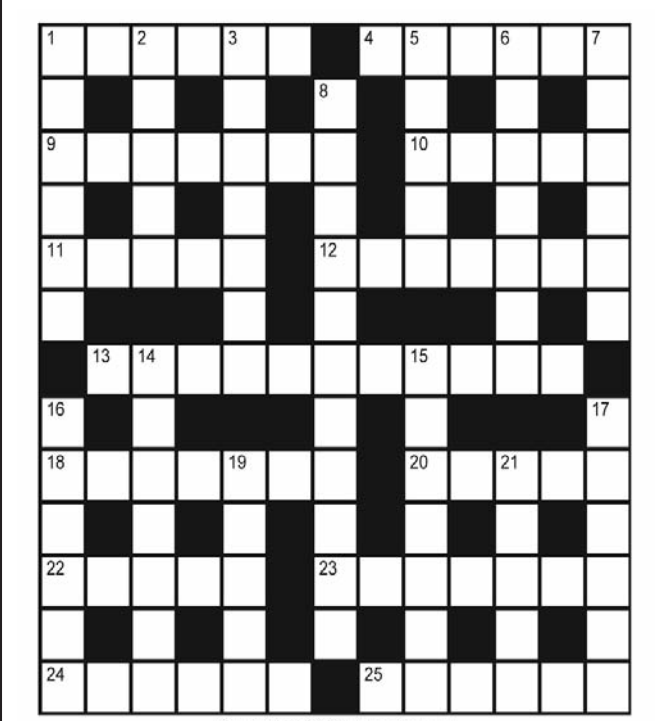
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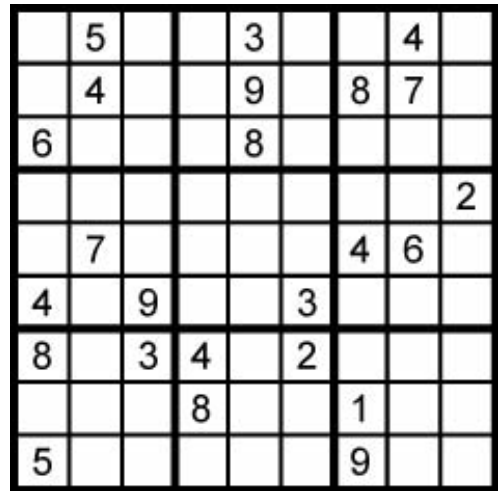
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 - 24 Render harmless
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 - 6 Calculate
 - 7 Barrel make-up
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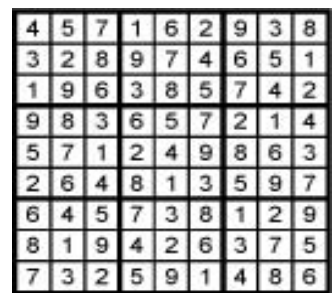


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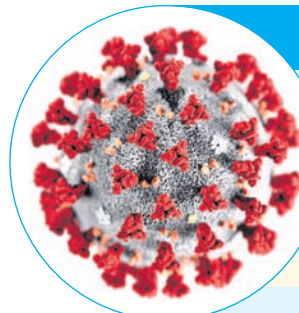
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FUELLING DISCONTENT

SUCI (C) activists staged a demonstration at College Square in Cuttack to protest against the hike in cooking gas price, Saturday



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	51,67,74,896	47,14,18,076	62,75,273
India	4,30,98,743	4,25,54,416	5,24,024
Odisha	12,88,131	12,78,849	9,126

ROAD FATALITY A BIG CONCERN

RTOs told to conduct special drive against helmetless riders

THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONDUCT THE DRIVE FROM MAY 15 TO MAY 21



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POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 7: Transport Commissioner Arun Bothra Saturday directed the Regional Transport Officers (RTOs) to conduct a special drive against people riding two-wheelers without wearing helmets on the highways.

The RTOs have been asked to conduct the special drive from May 15 to May 21, sources said.

As many as 1,308 people, including 868 riders and 440 pillion riders, were killed in road accidents in the state in 2021. Most of the road mishap victims were without helmets, Bothra said.

"In most of the cases, the bikers are facing mishaps on the national and state highways. Due to continuous enforcement activities, people are using helmets in the urban areas but they avoid doing the same on highways," he pointed out.

The RTOs were asked to conduct the special drive with more focus on national and state highways to check helmetless bike riding. They were also told to take ac-

tion against triple riding and juvenile driving.

Driving licences of helmet-less riders will be suspended for a period of three months in accordance with the direction of the Supreme Court committee on road safety. The RTOs have been asked to submit compliance reports on the special drive on daily basis.

The state government has re-constituted the District Road Safety Committees (DRSCs) by involving more stakeholders and expanding their role and responsibilities.

As per the notification, the district collector will remain as the chairman of the committee while the administrator of state highways and major district roads (MDRs) will be the member secretary of the panel.

The government has also decided to include one civil society organisation or any NGO working on improving road safety in the state as a member of the panel.

Further, the collector will nominate a member from bus owners' association and another from truck

owners' association of the district and two accredited journalists to the committee.

The committee will meet at least once in a fortnight on a virtual platform and once in a month physically to look into the road safety issues.

The committee will conduct periodic review of the road accidents in the district and monitor implementation of the road safety policy of the government.

The panel will also publish the road accident data on the district website once in a month. The committee is also responsible to develop a district road safety plan and ensure forensic crash investigation for all mass fatality crashes in the district.

The committee will also prepare an emergency medical plan for mass fatality accidents in the district and ensure linkage between hospitals and ambulances through setting up a prior notification system.

SUMMER RITUAL



People congregated at the Narendra pond in Puri to witness the Chandan Yatra of Srimandir deities, Saturday

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CYCLONE BREWING OVER ANDAMAN SEA

FIREMEN READY FOR RESCUE WORK

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 7: The Directorate of Fire Service is fully prepared to carry out rescue, relief and restoration operation in case of a cyclone hitting the state in the next few days.

"We have taken all precautionary steps to meet any eventuality. Our officials and employees, in coordination with the local block office staff, have checked all equipment including generators and lights at the cyclone shelters. This exercise was completed yesterday (Friday)," said Director General of Fire Services, SK Upadhyay, to media persons here Saturday.

As per the directive of the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC), as many as 175 specialised teams have been formed for deployment in the affected areas if there is cyclone in the next few days. The special teams have been provided with power saws, combi tools, tower lights and other rescue equipment,



Rescue equipment have been kept ready at the Odisha Fire and Disaster Response Academy at Baramunda in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

OP PHOTO

informed the DG.

"The fire service personnel would be deployed in the affected areas as per the requirements of the district administrations," said Fire Services DG. He asked the fire service personnel to follow Covid guidelines during the rescue and relief operation.

It has been decided to deploy high-power pumps at the low-lying

areas of different towns in the coastal Odisha, including Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri, to tackle waterlogging during the cyclone. At least 32 pumps have been placed in 18 locations of Bhubaneswar for this purpose, he said.

All 339 fire stations of Odisha have been put on high alert to meet any eventuality. The stations have been provided with modern equip-

ment for rescue and relief work, said the Fire Services DG.

"Vehicles have been kept ready for mobilising fire service units from the non-affected districts to cyclone-hit areas. The Fire Service department is committed towards the Zero Causality policy of the state government," Upadhyay said.

As per the direction of Fire Services DG, all fire stations across Odisha have conducted fire safety audit at in most of LPG godowns, filling stations, malls and multiplexes under their respective jurisdictions.

The fire service officials have intimated the deficiencies in the fire safety measures to the concerned people and issued fire safety guidelines to them, sources said.

The fire services personnel reportedly issued notices to several filling stations in the capital city and instructed them to address the shortcomings found in the fire safety measures.

MOTHER'S DAY 2022

'Being mother is always the toughest task'

A MOTHER ALWAYS HAS A UNIQUE BONDING WITH HER CHILD WHICH LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE LATTER'S PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL GROWTH



ARINDAM GANGULY, OP

Bhubaneswar, May 7: Mother's day is here and on this day we celebrate the mother's love for her child which is most selfless and purest form of love. The day also celebrates motherhood and the contribution of mothers to the society.

A mother always has a unique bonding with her child which lays the foundation for the latter's physical, emotional and social growth. Our mothers are our first teachers and their teachings guide us throughout our life.

On this occasion, **Orissa POST** talks to a few new generation mothers and tries to collect their views regarding what changes they are noticing in the roles and responsibilities of a present-day mother in comparison to her counterpart in the past.

But, now both the parents are taking equal responsibility for upbringing of their child. Despite this, being a mother is the toughest task in every generation. We should always thank to our mothers," she added.



Riya Nanda, an actress and mother of a two-and-a-half-year-old son, said nowadays mothers are not reluctant to communicate with their children regarding various issues. "Now, mothers are confident enough to communicate with their children on various aspects of our day-to-day life. This is a good thing," she added.



Smita Kanungo, a fashion designer-cum-soft skill trainer and mother of two, said today's mothers are fortunate enough to get an opportunity to follow their passion. They are truly enjoying their life by shouldering the family responsibilities as well as managing things at their workplaces. This was not possible earlier, she added.



Monica Sharma, a housewife and mother of a seven-month-old child, said the new generation mothers do not face much difficulty in nurturing their kids due to availability of baby care tips from doctors and health workers. "Nowadays mothers have a say in matters related to their kids. Earlier, the male members and the elderly people in the family used to ignore a mother's views and suggestions regarding the wellbeing of her child," she said.



Atashi Banerjee, a school teacher and mother of a one-year-old daughter, said many working women are depending upon maids to bring up their kids. Earlier, women were giving full attention to their children. Besides, the joint family system has some positive impact on the children. Now, most of the families are nuclear in nature. That is why our children do not find much opportunity to get social values, she said.

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378 held across state for drunken driving



Bhubaneswar, May 7: In a joint drive against drunken driving, carried out by the Odisha Police and Transport department officials, a total of 378 drivers were arrested across state Friday night. Around 3,000 drivers were subjected to breath analyzer tests during the drive, out of which 466 drivers were found driving under the influence of alcohol. In accordance with the direc-

tives of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, a total of 179 driving licenses (DLs) were suspended. While the Police and RTO staff arrested 378 drivers, about 377 vehicles of the offenders were detained. Meanwhile licenses of 179 drivers were suspended. A total of 144 drivers were arrested from the Northern zone, while 138 were arrested from the Central Zone and 96 from the Southern zone. Cuttack reported the maximum of 63 arrests.

The September, 2019, Amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, mentions that in case of drunken driving, first-time offenders will face imprisonment up to six months and/or fine up to ₹10,000. The second offence, if within two years, can lead to up to two years jail term and/or fine of ₹15,000.

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SIGH OF RELIEF



Girls coming out of Ravenshaw Collegiate School in Cuttack after writing the last paper of this year's Matriculation exam, Saturday

Stop Heritage Corridor project, set up risk evaluation panel: SMSA

New Delhi, May 7: Claiming that the Shree Jagannath Heritage Corridor project in Odisha was "a grave threat" to the structural stability of the ancient temple, a VHP-backed organisation Saturday demanded that all construction activities at the site be "immediately" stopped and an expert panel be set up for its scientific evaluation. The Sri Mandira Suraksha Abhiyana (SMSA), which has support of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and other organisations, also urged the Union government to intervene, alleging that the state government was implementing the project in violation of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASRA). "Implementation of the Shree Jagannath Heritage Corridor project in Odisha is posing a grave threat to the structural stability of the ancient temple. We demand that all the ongoing activities be immediately stopped at the site and an expert committee be set up to evaluate the risks that the project poses to the ancient temple," SMSA spokesperson Anil Dhir told PTI. He said a five-member delegation of the SMSA had on Friday called on Union Culture Minister G Krishna Reddy and gave a memorandum, apprising him about the "irregularities" in the execution of the Shree Jagannath Heritage Corridor project in Puri.

Gajapati, Kandhamal DMs told to find alternate use of MDCs



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 7: The Higher Education (HE) department Saturday directed the Collectors of Gajapati and Kandhamal districts to use the Model Degree College (MDC) buildings newly constructed under RUSA 2.0. Higher Education Secretary Saswat Mishra said in a letter to the Collectors that the two MDC buildings have been constructed at Tamayapeta in Kashinagar tehsil in Gajapati district and K Nuagaon in Kandhamal district with approved cost of ₹12 crore each under Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 2.0). The said buildings are expected to be completed by May 2022. But

since a couple of general degree colleges are located nearby, it is not desirable to open another general degree college in shape of this MDC. The local public of both areas have also submitted a representation to the government requesting to use the MDC building for imparting skill development courses instead of general degree courses. "In view of the above, you are requested to explore possibilities of alternative use of aforesaid MDCs such as vocational or skill development centre, school/college hostel, Adarsha Vidyalaya, housing and any other government or public office, and submit your proposal to the department at earliest for further action," read the letter.

Matric evaluation may start May 20

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 7: The High School Certificate (HSC) exam, also known as the Matriculation exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) Odisha, concluded Saturday while the examination for Madhyama and State Open School Certificate Examination (SOSC) will conclude May 10, said board president Ramashish Hazra. The exam had begun April 29, for which 5,71,909 students had registered themselves. While 9,378 students had registered for SOSC exam, 4,443 students had applied for the Madhyama exam.



Hazra said the answer copies of students will be brought from the nodal centres for evaluation. "We hope to start the evaluation process from May 20 or May 21," he said. Speaking on the allegations that questions of a few subjects came out of syllabus, Hazra said, "No questions were out of syllabus. But we will conduct a review and take an appropriate decision."

Prez Poll: BJP banking on Naveen, Jagan

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New Delhi/Bhubaneswar, May 7: The BJP strategists are first trying to get support from Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) ahead of the Presidential Election to be held in July this year. Despite losing few states and alliance partners in the last five years, the BJP is comfortably placed to get its candidate elected as the President of India. However, the current status of the Electoral College for the presidential poll has given a slight edge to the Opposition over the BJP led NDA. "BJD and YSRCP have extended issue-based support to us in the past. With the support from both BJD and YSRCP, the NDA presidential candidate will easily manage to win the election. Both the party reportedly did not show interest in Congress' call for support in the presidential election," a senior BJP leader said. The BJP strategists have two simple tasks to do to ensure the victory of the NDA candidate in the presidential election in July; first keep their votes intact and secondly win support of smaller or regional parties to fill the marginal gap in the Electoral College. Currently, Opposition parties collectively have 51.1 per cent share of the Electoral College while the BJP and its alliance



partners have 48.9 per cent. The mere two per cent difference can be easily managed by attaining the support of Opposition parties which are not comfortable in standing with the Congress. A BJP insider said that responsibility to fill the gap in the Electoral College will be given to senior leaders which include party chief JP Nadda, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari. Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav and Dharamendra Pradhan may also be roped in to reach out to the Opposition camp for support. The party insider said that the victory in all four states it ruled in recent assembly elections has ensured that the BJP candidate would not face much difficulty in the presidential election. "Currently, the NDA needs only 1.2 per cent to cross the halfway mark and it is not difficult to

achieve with the support of a like-minded party," he said. Meanwhile, it has been learnt that the BJP will try to build consensus to avoid a contest by talking to key Opposition parties. "We believe that the President should be elected by consensus and the contest must be avoided. Our leadership may reach out to key Opposition parties to build a consensus over the choice of candidate. We will try to avoid a contest but if the Opposition parties do not agree to our request, we will fight the presidential election and ensure victory of the NDA candidate," another insider said. In the last presidential election in 2017, NDA candidate Ram Nath Kovind won with 65.65 per cent votes of the Electoral College. In 2017, the NDA was in power in 21 states, however, in 2022, as many as 18 states are being governed by the BJP or its alliance partners.

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HOPES, WISHES AND PRAYERS



Devotees conducted a ritual at the Ashtashambhu Temple in Chandini Chowk area in Cuttack, Saturday

S&ME minister unveils KL University regional office

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 7: Minister of School and Mass Education, Samir Ranjan Dash Saturday inaugurated the regional office of KL Deemed-to-be University in the presence of the university officials here. Located at Satya Nagar, the office has been established to augment the university's commitment to nourish talented students, with access to information on career opportunities, programs offered, educational curriculum, in-demand skill sets and extensive information on growing sectors. While taking a tour of the office, the Minister was seen speaking on the need for such a committed education system in the country. With the information detonation on the internet, students are often misled on educational programs and course curriculum. The need for a dedicated committee of experts is therefore needed to tend to seeking parents and students. Dash, along with the Director of Admissions at KL University J Srinivasa Rao, announced the scholarships and dates for the upcoming KL Engineering Entrance Exam-



2022 (KLEEE-2022) for meritorious students. The exams will be held online May 21-24 while ensuring safety protocols prescribed by the authorities from time to time. Announcing the details of the entrance exam and scholarships, Rao said, "As a deeply valued tradition at our university, we have once again allocated ₹100 crore for scholarships, as part of our joint vision to provide a platform to all the talented students. Last year, we had awarded scholarships to numerous deserving students from Bhubaneswar. Our aim is to deliver the finest education to deserving students. We are confident that the talented students of Odisha would take the benefit of these scholarships and ensure a bright career."

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of the day quote

In every sector - education, arts, defence, you name it, India has made great strides in the past 75 years. It has gained respect internationally as a great power ... when the country reaches 100th year of Independence, India will occupy the top position in the world



AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

We do not want the Congress party to completely disappear. We need an opposition. If we have an opposition, it is for the opposition to decide whether it should be led by Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee or Arvind Kejriwal or Sharad Pawar



HARDEEP SINGH PURI | UNION MINISTER

Our focus is to integrate the development works with the help of various agencies which will reduce the cost of the projects and save the time taken for completion



MANISH SISODIA | DELHI DEPUTY CM

SHORT TAKES

Girl murdered

Gurugram: In a shocking incident, a six-year-old girl was brutally killed in Manesar area in Gurugram, the police said Saturday. The police also suspect rape, but are waiting the autopsy report. The police have detained one suspect from the same neighbourhood. According to the police, after committing the crime, the accused left the deceased's body in a pool of blood and ran away. The complainant's father, a native of Uttar Pradesh, told the police that he works as a helper and stays in a village in the Manesar area along with his family.

ED arrests CA

New Delhi/Ranchi: The ED Saturday arrested a chartered accountant under the anti-money laundering law in a case linked to alleged embezzlement of MGNREGA funds in Jharkhand's Khunti district as part of which state mining secretary and IAS officer Pooja Singhal and others were raided, officials said. CA Suman Kumar was taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) around 5 pm in Ranchi and he would be produced before a local court where the Enforcement Directorate would seek his further custody, they said.

One arrested

Ranchi: One more person was arrested in connection with the lynching of a village forest protection committee chief for protesting against illegal tree felling in Jharkhand's Gumla district, police said Saturday. This takes the number of arrests in the case to five and all of them were forwarded to jail. Altogether 35 people were named as accused in the FIR and they are absconding, police said.

Woman robbed

Thane: Four unidentified persons posing as policemen robbed a 60-year-old woman of her ornaments worth Rs 1.2 lakh in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said Saturday. The incident took place around 11 am Friday when the victim, a resident of neighbouring Mumbai, was travelling towards Thane on Nashik highway, an official of Kogona police station said. The unidentified accused riding sports bikes intercepted the victim's autorickshaw at Dongrali and flashed an identity card and identified themselves as policemen, he said. The men allegedly asked the woman to keep her ornaments safely in a packet before proceeding further and offered to help her pack, the official said.



Education of good quality must become accessible to all, be affordable and should lead to a positive transformation in an individual's outlook, societal cohesion and inclusive national development

M VENKAIHAH NAIDU | VICE PRESIDENT

ON CARDS

The Delhi government is in preparation to allow bars in the capital city to serve liquor till 3 am. However, the government is yet to issue an official notification in this regard



Tap tech for border roads: Rajnath to BRO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 7: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Saturday asked the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to develop infrastructure at a faster pace through the use of technology, citing how the Chinese side has increased its presence in the Northern sector by carrying out construction activities in mountainous areas.

Singh also said that the development of border areas is a major part of the government's "comprehensive defence strategy", noting that it will bolster the overall security apparatus of the country. In an address at an event to celebrate the 63rd Raising Day of the BRO, he also said that providing maximum facilities to those guarding India's borders is the top priority of the government. "The Chinese presence has increased in the Northern sector in the recent past. Due to their proficiency in construction in mountainous areas, they manage to reach different places very quickly," the defence minister said.

"The BRO must continue to work in parallel and focus on increasing their capability with full use of technology," he said adding the government is making all efforts to provide the required support to the BRO. After the eastern Ladakh face-off began in May 2020, India has been focusing on improving infrastructure along the over 3,400 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC). In his re-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with MoS of Defence Ajay Bhatt and Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhary during the celebrations of the 63rd Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation, at Seema Sadak Bhawan, in New Delhi

marks, Singh mentioned the recent announcement to an increase of the capital budget of BRO by 40 per cent to Rs 3,500 crore in the financial year 2022-23, reiterating the government's commitment to the country's security and development of border areas. He assured the BRO of not just budgetary, but all possible support. "The more empowered the people of border areas become, the more aware and concerned

they will be about the security of those areas. Citizens are the greatest power of a nation," Singh said. "Therefore, with changing times, we are committed to move forward for the development of our border areas. It is our top priority to provide maximum facilities to those who work round-the-clock for our security," he said. The defence minister also com-

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RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

SC GETS TWO NEW JUDGES

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 7: The Supreme Court is set to regain its full strength of 34 judges with two fresh appointments to the top court Saturday.

Two days after the Supreme Court Collegium headed by CJI N V Ramana recommended the names of Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Jamshed B Pardiwala of the Gujarat High Court for elevation to the apex court, the Union Law Ministry announced their appointments Saturday in separate notifications.

Once they take oath early next week, the Supreme Court will regain its sanctioned strength of 34 judges. Justice Pardiwala will go on to serve as the CJI for over two years, sources aware of the procedure to appoint members of the higher judiciary said.

Justice Dhulia, who will be the second judge to be elevated from Uttarakhand, is the sibling of national award-winning film director and actor Tigmanshu Dhulia. He will have tenure of a little over three years.

Justice Pardiwala will be the fourth judge from the Parsi community to adorn the top court bench and the first high court judge from the minority community who has been elevated in the last five years, after Justice S Abdul Nazeer. Justice Nazeer was elevated to Supreme Court in February 2017. With the retirement of Justice R Subhash Reddy on January 4 this year, the total strength of apex court judges had come down to 32 against the sanctioned strength of 34. Justice Dhulia, born on August 10, 1960, is from Madanpur, a remote village located in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand. He joined the Bar at Allahabad High Court in 1986.

SUMMER DELIGHT



A man plucks litchis at an orchard in Nadia

PTI PHOTO

CBI conducts raids against Punjab AAP MLA

During the searches, conducted after an FIR was filed in the ₹40.92-crore alleged loan fraud in Bank of India, the CBI is understood to have recovered 94 blank cheques carrying signatures of different persons, with enclosed Aadhaar cards, sources claimed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 7: The CBI Saturday conducted searches at three Sangrur-located properties of Punjab AAP MLA Jaswant Singh Gajjan Majra in a bank

fraud case of over Rs 40 crore, of officials said.

During the searches, conducted after an FIR was filed in the Rs 40.92-crore alleged loan fraud in Bank of India, the CBI is understood to have recovered 94



blank cheques carrying signatures of different persons, with enclosed Aadhaar cards, sources claimed.

CBI spokesperson RC Joshi said, "Cash worth Rs 16.57 lakh (approx), around 88 foreign currency notes, some property documents, several bank accounts and other incriminating documents were found and recovered during searches."

Officials said the CBI has registered the case on a complaint from Bank of India, Ludhiana, against Singh, Tara Corporation Ltd (renamed as Malaudh Agro Ltd.) based at Gauspura, Tehsil-Malerkotla (Punjab), and others. Singh, the Amargarh MLA, was

a Director and Guarantor in the company, they said.

Singh's brothers Balwant Singh and Kulwant Singh and nephew Tejinder Singh, all directors and guarantors, have also been booked, they said. Tara Health Foods Ltd, another company, is also named as accused in the FIR, they said.

It was alleged the firm based at Gauspura, Malerkotla, was engaged in trading of DOC Rice Bran, DOC Mustard Cake, Cottonseed Cake, Maize, Bajra and other food grains.

Xiaomi accuses ED of 'physical violence' threats during probe

After the Reuters story was published, the ED issued a statement saying Xiaomi's allegations were "untrue and baseless" and company executives had deposited "voluntarily in the most conducive environment"

REUTERS

New Delhi, May 7: Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi Corp 1810.HK has alleged its top executives faced

threats of "physical violence" and coercion during questioning by India's financial crime fighting agency, according to a court filing seen by Reuters.

Officials from the Enforcement Directorate warned the company's former India managing director, Manu Kumar Jain, current Chief Financial Officer Sameer B.S. Rao, and their families of "dire consequences" if they did not submit statements as desired by the agency, Xiaomi's filing dated May 4 stated.

After the Reuters story was published, the Enforcement Directorate issued a statement saying Xiaomi's allegations were "untrue and baseless" and company executives had deposited "voluntarily in the most



The logo of Xiaomi is seen inside the company's office in Bangalore

conducive environment".

Xiaomi has been under investigation since February and last week the Indian agency seized \$725 million in the company's India bank accounts, saying it made illegal remittances abroad "in the guise of royalty" payments.

Xiaomi has denied any wrongdoing, saying its royalty payments were legitimate.

On Thursday, a judge heard Xiaomi lawyers and put on hold the Indian agency's decision to freeze bank assets. The next hearing is set for May 12. The company al-

leges intimidation by the enforcement agency when executives appeared for questioning multiple times in April.

Jain and Rao were on certain occasions "threatened ... with dire consequences including arrest, damage to the career prospects, criminal liability and physical violence if they did not give statements as per the dictates of" the agency, according to the filing in the High Court of southern Karnataka state.

The executives "were able to resist the pressure for some time, (but) they ultimately relented under such extreme and hostile abuse and pressure and involuntarily made some statements," it added. In its media statement, the

Enforcement Directorate said it is a "professional agency with strong work ethics and there was no coercion or threat to the officers of the company at any point of time".

Xiaomi declined to comment citing pending legal proceedings. Jain and Rao did not respond to Reuters queries. Jain is now Xiaomi's global vice president based in Dubai and is credited with Xiaomi's rise in India, where its smartphones are hugely popular.

Xiaomi was the leading smartphone seller in 2021 with a 24% market share in India, according to Counterpoint Research. It also sells other tech gadgets including smart watches and televisions, and has 1,500 employees in the country.

international



The current government has failed. The 40 MPs who crossed the floor also have accepted that this government failed. They were part of the government. They must step aside and give it to the opposition to run the government

MA SUMANTHIRAN |
MP, TAMIL NATIONAL ALLIANCE, SRI LANKA

MACRON INAUGURATED FOR SECOND 5-YR TERM
President Emmanuel Macron was inaugurated for a second term Saturday, vowing to first take action to avoid any further escalation of Russia's war in Ukraine



of the day quote

Australia has been consistent and clear in stating our respect for Solomon Islands' sovereign decision-making, however we have reiterated our deep concerns about the security agreement with China, including the lack of transparency

MARISE PAYNE | FOREIGN MINISTER, AUSTRALIA

We have been gathering data manually on Covid deaths, it could have a difference of a few hundred but it can't be in hundreds of thousands. This is completely baseless

ABDUL QADIR PATEL | HEALTH MINISTER, PAKISTAN

And the very real challenges Sri Lankans are facing require long term solutions to set the country back on a path toward prosperity and opportunity for all. The SOE (state of emergency) won't help do that

JULIE CHUNG | US AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA

Taliban order women to cover up head to toe

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Kabul, May 7: Afghanistan's Taliban rulers Saturday ordered all Afghan women to wear head-to-toe clothing in public, a sharp hard-line pivot that confirmed the worst fears of rights activists and was bound to further complicate Taliban dealings with an already distrustful international community.

The decree, which calls for women to only show their eyes and recommends they wear the head-to-toe burqa, evoked similar restrictions on women during the Taliban's previous rule between 1996 and 2001.

"We want our sisters to live with dignity and safety," said Khalid Hanafi, acting minister for the Taliban's vice and virtue ministry.

The Taliban previously decided against reopening schools to girls above grade six, reneging on an earlier promise and opting to appease their hard-line base at the expense of further alienating the international community.

That decision disrupted efforts by the Taliban to win recognition from potential international donors at a time when the country is mired in a worsening humanitarian crisis.

"For all dignified Afghan women wearing Hijab is necessary and the best Hijab is chadori (the head-to-toe burqa) which is part of our tradition and is respectful," said Shir Mohammad, an official from the vice and virtue ministry in a statement.

"Those women who are not too old or young must cover their face, except the eyes," he said.

The decree added that if women had no important work outside it is better for them to stay at home. "Islamic principles and Islamic ideology are more important to us than anything else," Hanafi said.

The Taliban were ousted in 2001 by a US-led coalition for harbouring al-Qaida leader Osama bin

Laden and returned to power after America's chaotic departure last year. Since taking power last August, the Taliban leadership has been squabbling among themselves as they struggle to transition from war to governing. It has pit hardliners against the more pragmatic among them.

Infuriating many Afghans is the knowledge that many of the Taliban of the younger generation, like Sirajuddin Haqqani, are educating their girls in Pakistan, while in Afghanistan women and girls have been targeted by their repressive edicts since taking power.

Girls have been banned from school beyond grade six in most of the country since the Taliban's return.

Universities opened earlier this year in much of the country, but since taking power the Taliban



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SHIR MOHAMMAD | VICE AND VIRTUE MINISTRY OFFICIAL

Al-Qaeda chief blames US for Ukraine war in new video

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Baghdad, May 7: Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri made an appearance in a pre-recorded video to mark the 11th anniversary of the death of his predecessor Osama bin Laden.

Al-Zawahri says in the video that "US weakness" was the reason that its ally Ukraine became "prey" for the Russian invasion.

The 27-minute speech was released Friday according to the SITE Intelligence group, which monitors militant activity. The leader appears sitting at a desk with books and a gun.

Edicts have been erratic. While a handful of provinces continued to provide education to all, most provinces closed educational institutions for girls and women.

The religiously driven Taliban administration fears that going forward with enrolling girls beyond the sixth grade could alienate their rural base, Hashmi said.

In the capital of Kabul, private schools and universities have operated uninterrupted.

On Victory Day, Putin to send 'doomsday' warning to West

Russia's World War II Victory Day celebrations Monday will include the Il-80 doomsday command plane, which would carry Russia's top brass in the event of a nuclear war



REUTERS
London, May 7: Russian President Vladimir Putin will send a doomsday warning to the West when he leads celebrations Monday marking the 77th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany, brandishing Russia's vast firepower while its forces fight on in Ukraine.

Defiant in the face of deep Western isolation since he ordered the invasion of Russia's neighbour, Putin will speak on Red Square before a parade of troops, tanks, rockets and intercontinental ballistic missiles. A fly-past over St Basil's Cathedral will include supersonic fighters, Tu-160 strategic bombers and, for the first time since 2010, the Il-80 doomsday command plane, which would carry Russia's top brass in the event of a nuclear war, the Defence Ministry said.

In that scenario, the Il-80 is designed to become the roaming command centre for the Russian president. It is packed with technology but specific details are Russian state secrets.

The 69-year-old Kremlin leader has repeatedly likened the war in

Ukraine to the challenge the Soviet Union faced when Adolf Hitler's Nazis invaded in 1941.

"The attempt to appease the aggressor on the eve of the Great Patriotic War turned out to be a mistake that cost our people dearly," Putin had said February 24, when he announced what he called a special military operation in Ukraine.

"We will not make such a mistake a second time, we have no right," he had mentioned.

Putin casts the war in Ukraine as a battle to protect Russian speakers there from persecution by Nazis and to guard against what he terms the US threat to Russia posed by NATO enlargement. Ukraine and the West dismiss the fascism claim as nonsense and say Putin is waging an unprovoked war of aggression. The Soviet Union lost 27 million people in World War II, more than any other country, and Putin has railed in recent years at what Moscow sees as attempts in the West to revise the history of the war to belittle the Soviet victory.

Ahead of May 9, speculation swirled across Moscow and Western capitals that Putin was preparing some sort of special announcement on Ukraine, perhaps an outright declaration of war or even a national mobilisation.

Rescue ops on at Cuba hotel after blast kills 26

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Havana, May 7: Rescuers in Cuba's capital searched Saturday to find survivors of an explosion that killed at least 26 people and devastated a luxury hotel that once hosted dignitaries and celebrities, including Beyonce and Jay-Z.

A natural gas leak was the apparent cause of Friday's blast at Havana's 96-room Hotel Saratoga. The 19th-century structure in the city's Old Havana neighborhood did not have any guests at the time because it was undergoing renovations ahead of a planned Tuesday reopening after being closed.

The death toll rose to 26 Saturday, according to Orestes Llanaez, coordinator of the Havana city government, according to the official Cuban debate news site. He said 22 had been identified, 18 residents of the capital and four from elsewhere in Cuba.

He said searchers have managed to reach the hotel's basement in the hunt for possible survivors.



At least one survivor was found early Saturday in the shattered ruins of the hotel, and rescuers using search dogs clambered over huge chunks of concrete looking for more. Relatives of missing people remained at the site overnight. Others gathered at hospitals where the injured were being treated.

Although no tourists were reported injured, the explosion is another blow to the country's crucial tourism industry.

Even before the coronavirus pandemic kept tourists away from Cuba, the country was struggling with tightened sanctions imposed by former US President Donald Trump and kept in place the Biden administration.

SHORT TAKES

NK fires missile from submarine
Seoul: North Korea fired a submarine-launched ballistic missile Saturday, Seoul said, its second missile launch in three days after the United States warned Pyongyang could be preparing for a nuclear test. North Korea has dramatically ramped up its sanctions-busting missile launches this year, conducting 15 weapons tests including firing an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time since 2017. The Saturday launch comes two days before South Korea swears in a new, hawkish President Yoon Suk-yeol.

CDC probing liver disease in US kids
New York: US health officials are looking into more than 100 possible cases of a mysterious and severe liver disease in children, including five deaths. About two dozen states reported suspected cases after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put out a call for doctors to be on the lookout for surprising cases of hepatitis. The cases date back to late October in children under 10. So far, only nine cases in Alabama have been confirmed.

Italian rescuers save 100 migrants
Rome: The Italian Coast Guard has rescued more than 100 migrants and recovered two bodies after a sailboat ran aground near a jetty in southern Italy. A pair of rescue divers had to coax one survivor, who was clinging to a metal pylon jutting up from the water, to jump into the sea so they could bring him to safety. He was taken by motorboat to Siderno, a town on the west coast of Calabria, the region that forms the "toe" of the Italian boot-shaped peninsula.

Pak: 8 held over religious killing
Lahore: Pakistani police say they arrested eight men of the Ahmadi sect of Islam Saturday who had opened fire on a group of Sunni Muslims the night prior, killing one and wounding another. Senior officer Faisal Mukhtar said the Ahmadis shot at the Sunnis while they were chanting religious poems in the village of Bahuman, near Lahore in the eastern province of Punjab. One minor suspect was still missing. The killing was a rare case of violence exercised by Ahmadis.

VIEW FROM THE CHATHAM HOUSE TOP TABLE

'WHEELS ARE COMING OFF RULES-BASED ORDER'

Putin's war has tossed a grenade into geopolitics, says the institute's departing director



When Robin Niblett became director of Chatham House he never contemplated that his parting thoughts would be that "the wheels are coming off" the rules-based international order.

The world in 2007 had yet to experience the financial crash or Brexit or Donald Trump. But mankind is now entering a "time of great division", the retiring think tank chief told 'The National'.

The war in Ukraine has served merely to accelerate the descent, leading the global population to a "very, very unpredictable moment".

The real prospect of nuclear strike in addition to a pandemic, financial crisis and runaway climate change has left the internationally respected academic confounded, struggling to articulate a diagnosis for a planet gone awry.

"Liberal democracies have realised that they don't dominate any more, that they are not top of the hierarchy and that they have

to come together. Putin has absolutely accelerated that process. Everyone's stepping up now. Everyone's realised the threat is as big as it is."

Putin's grenade
Dr Niblett's office in central London has hosted presidents, prime ministers and a galaxy of foreign dignitaries. Books on world politics and thinkers dominate, but it feels none has yet quite explained where global politics is today or might be tomorrow.

"What Putin has done is that he has really driven the proverbial grenade into the middle of the table. He's exacerbated what were already rising food insecurities, he has forced China to show its hand even more than Xi Jinping had already done because they can't abandon Russia."

After five decades of witnessing world events, writing countless books, articles and giving evidence to the UK Parliament, the only label he can find for the myriad problems created by Putin's actions is "this crazy phase".

Nuclear contagion
Putin might not have used nuclear weapons but he has unleashed a new existential terror previously untemplated. Days after his invasion, the Russian president was direct: if NATO attempted to intervene transparently in Ukraine he threatened nuclear weapons. It worked. America and the rest were rattled enough not to directly oppose it. "People look at the way Russia has used the nuclear threat to give itself room for conventional military action. That lesson has now been sent to many other people that your real security poten-

tially comes from owning a nuclear weapon."

With Iran on the threshold of nuclear bomb viability, Mr Putin's actions may well "provide the excuse for other countries" to seek a nuclear arsenal to prevent conventional attack, he said, listing Turkey, Japan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia as potential nuclear powers.

Three alliances
Dr Niblett said it was likely that there would now be three global camps: the West, Russia and China, then the rest. Areas such as the Gulf region, could "play it both ways", continuing their economic relationship with China while remaining on

good terms with the West.

There was also doubt over the future of the G20, which will hold a summit in Indonesia this November. "The G20 was meant to be the proof that the world could come together," he said. "But I just don't even know if it's going to meet properly in Indonesia. If Putin is there I don't see Biden or Johnson or Macron present." The summit could turn into a "G20 minus six or seven".

Rule of law
The rules-based system has largely kept the world in relative peace since the Second World War. Did it still apply?

"The global world hierarchy is

N IRELAND ELECTION

Sinn Fein set for historic win

and bullets to try to take Northern Ireland out of UK rule during decades of violence involving Irish republican militants, Protestant Loyalist paramilitaries and the UK army and police.

But Sinn Fein has kept unification out of the spotlight this year during a campaign that has been dominated by the skyrocketing cost of living. Party leaders have indicated there will be no immediate moves for a referendum on a united Ireland, and no constitutional change would take place until voters decide on it.



An election victory would bring the party's ultimate goal of a united Ireland a step closer. It's a milestone for a party long linked to the Irish Republican Army, a paramilitary group that used bombs

now being rewritten," he said. "We were born to the idea that it should be a world led by the rule of law, not the rule of force," he added, quoting Lionel Curtis who helped found Chatham House in 1923.

There was also a need to "stand up for those values and not compromise on them". "We need to stand for the side of the rule of law over the rule of force, even if that means countries having to fight for that." To avert disaster the global community had to "keep avenues open for dialogue wherever possible".

Was there any hope for the world? Frowning, Dr Niblett paused for a moment. "I want to find an optimistic line. We can be optimistic about the technology because I think the technological advances we're seeing today will probably help us deal with the climate challenge. It'll help create new work."

It is a flicker of hope before reality returns. "What technology can't do is answer that humans need for identity and purpose, which is what drives Putin. He doesn't care about people being happy or better off."

THE NATIONAL

Royals show outwits Kings

JAISWAL, CHAHAL HELP THEIR SIDE BEAT PUNJAB KINGS, ENSURING MUMBAI INDIANS BECOME FIRST SIDE TO BE ELIMINATED IN IPL 2022



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

YASHASVI JAISWAL

Mumbai, May 7: Promising opener Yashasvi Jaiswal made a dream comeback with a career-best 68 (41b, 9x4, 2x6) as Rajasthan Royals well and truly remained in hunt for a play-off berth beating Punjab Kings by six wickets, which also happened to be their first while chasing in this edition of IPL.

Drafted in place of Karun Nair, the 20-year-old showed superb game awareness and picked the gaps at ease to brilliantly set it up for the Royals in their tall 190-run chase at the Wankhede which was com-

pleted with two balls to spare. With its first successful run-chase, Royals team are now on 14 points from 11 matches in third place and one more win will firmly put them in contention for a top-four finish.

The win also meant that the five-time champions Mumbai Indians became the first team to be eliminated from the IPL-15 season. The loss meant a big blow to Punjab playoff hopes as they now have 10 points from 11 matches.

The young gun, who was retained among the three players by the franchise, was playing only in

then reduced to an easy 49 off 35 balls. There was a bit of drama towards the end after tournament's best death over seamer Arshdeep Singh (2/29) bowling a brilliant penultimate over giving just three runs and taking the wicket of Padikkal (31). Needing eight runs from the last over, Hetmyer struck a six to seal the chase with two balls to spare.

It was in fact the experienced leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal (3/28) who earlier brilliantly set it up for Punjab bowling a tidy spell. Chahal, who had just two wickets from the last four matches, started to look threatening again.

He dismissed the duo of Mayank Agarwal (15) and their top run-getter Jonny Bairstow (56, 40b, 8x4, 1x6) off three balls to derail them in the middle overs (10-15) where they made just 34 runs and lost three wickets.

Earlier, Bairstow signalled his return to form with a fine half century before Jitesh Sharma's cameo (38 n o, 18b, 4x4, 2x6) propelled Punjab Kings to challenging 189/5.

On a day when their leading run-getter Shikhar Dhawan (12) struggled to get going, Bairstow looked effortless once he had settled down and reached his first IPL fifty this season, eighth overall, in 34 balls.

Bairstow however failed to convert it into a big one as Punjab lost three wickets for 30 runs with current 'Purple Cap' holder Chahal denting their progress with his triple-strike.

But it was little known Jitesh who came up with his career-best IPL score and lit the stage on fire with his clean-hitting skills as Punjab scored 67 runs in the last five overs to prop up their total. Liam Livingstone (22) too played a valuable knock.

BRIEF SCORES
Punjab Kings 189/5 (Jonny Bairstow 56, Jitesh Sharma 38 n o; Yuzvendra Chahal 3/28, R Ashwin 1/32) **lost to Rajasthan Royals 190/4** (Yashasvi Jaiswal 68, Shimron Hetmyer 31 n o, Devdutt Padikkal 31, Jos Buttler 30, Arshdeep Singh 2/29) **by 6 wickets.**

Lautaro keeps Inter in title fight, Juve stunned



SAVING THE DAY: Lautaro Martinez (L) celebrates after scoring against Empoli

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Milan, May 7: Lautaro Martinez may have saved Inter Milan's title challenge. Martinez scored twice to help the defending champion recover from two goals down to beat Empoli 4-2 and move to the top of Serie A Friday — for 48 hours at least.

Inter were a point above city rival AC Milan, which plays at Hellas Verona Sunday. There are two rounds remaining after this weekend.

Inter knew it was the start of a week that could make or break its season. They next have the Italian Cup final Wednesday against Juventus, which surprisingly lost at relegation-threatened Genoa 1-2 after two very late goals from the home team.

Inter started poorly when Empoli took the lead less than five minutes in. Szymon Zurkowski raced down the right and crossed for Andrea Pinamonti — who is on loan from Inter and a Nerazzurri fan — to slide in and slot into the far bottom corner.

Pinamonti, who didn't celebrate, almost set up a second five minutes later. However, he was offside in the buildup before his cross for Zurkowski, and the goal was ruled out.

Inter were awarded a penalty in

Alcaraz overpowers Nadal at Madrid Open

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Madrid, May 7: This time, the Spanish player being celebrated on center court wasn't Rafael Nadal. The loud cheers from spectators at the Caja Mágica in Madrid were, instead, directed at the teenage sensation considered the Spanish successor to the all-time great Nadal.

In a clash of generations, 19-year-old Carlos Alcaraz overcame an injury to defeat his idol 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 in the Madrid Open quarterfinals Friday.

The teen recovered from a bad ankle twist early in the second set to earn his first victory against Nadal, marking what could be the beginning of a change of guard in Spanish tennis.

"It's obvious there's (a change in guard)," Nadal said. "He turned 19 yesterday, I'm almost 36 years old. If (the change) begins today or not, we will find out in the next months. I'm happy for him. He was better than me in several aspects of the game."

Nadal also was loudly supported throughout the match, and the five-



time champion received a huge ovation as he left the court. Alcaraz was emotional afterwards. "It means a lot to me to beat Rafa, to beat the best player in the history on clay," he said. "This is the result of all the hard work I've done."

It was Nadal's first loss to a

DE KOCK, BOWLERS LIFT LSG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pune, May 7: Quinton de Kock (50, 29b, 4x4, 3x6) laid the platform with a commanding fifty and his pacers then terrorised Kolkata Knight Riders to record a crushing 75-run victory for Lucknow Super Giants which put them on top of the table with an IPL playoff berth being a formality now.

For KKR, eight points from 11 games with a deflating negative run-rate now puts them closer to the exit door with lacklustre performance and unimaginative captaincy combining for what has turned out to be a disastrous season so far.

Invited to bat, Lucknow almost frittered away a solid start before some lusty hitting in a 30-run penultimate over took them to 176/7.

The LSG bowlers then raised to the occasion to bundle out KKR for 101 in 14.3 overs, despite the heroics of Andre Russell (45, 19b, 3x4, 5x6) to gather two crucial points and take their overall total to 16 points in the IPL standing.

Defending 177, LSG left KKR tottering at 25/4 with four bowlers picking up their first wickets. Russell then used his brute force to take KKR past 50 before his West

Indian teammate Sunil Narine (22) guided KKR past 100.

For LSG, Avesh Khan (0) and Jason Holder (0) shared six wickets between them, while Mohsin Khan (1/6 in 3 overs), Dushmantha Chameera (1/14 in 3 overs) and Ravi Bishnoi (1/30) bagged a wicket each.

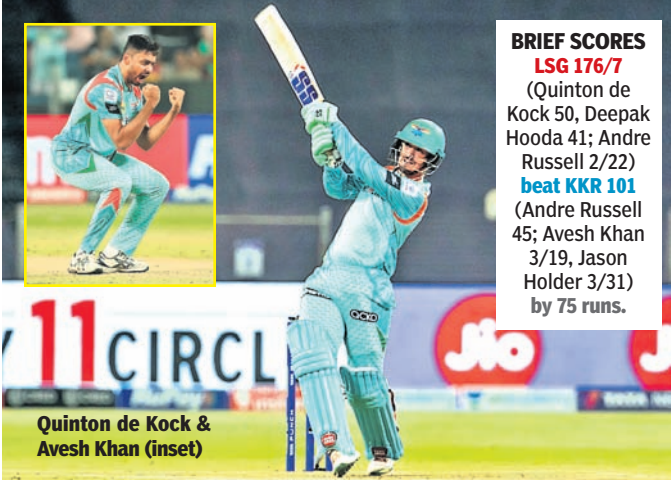
Earlier, De Kock, who was involved in a terrible mix up with skipper KL Rahul, who got a 'Diamond Duck' (out for 0 without facing a ball), redeemed himself with a splendid knock.

He added 71 with Deepak Hooda

(41, 27b, 4x4, 2x6) to give LSG a good start after being invited to bat. The duo took LSG to their best score in the powerplays this season — 66/1.

De Kock, however, couldn't stay much longer as he was holed out in deep only two balls after completing his fifty. Hooda guided LSG past 100-run mark before falling to a Russell delivery.

Later, Marcus Stoinis (28) changed things with some power hits and so did new man Jason Holder (13) as the 19th over yielded 30 runs for LSG.



Quinton de Kock & Avesh Khan (inset)

BRIEF SCORES
LSG 176/7 (Quinton de Kock 50, Deepak Hooda 41; Andre Russell 2/22) **beat KKR 101** (Andre Russell 45; Avesh Khan 3/19, Jason Holder 3/31) **by 75 runs.**

Faltering SRH take on RCB

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, May 7: Two of world crickets batting stalwarts Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson's woeful form will be in focus when Royal Challengers Bangalore and Sunrisers Hyderabad take on each other in a return IPL fixture here Sunday.

Both Kohli and Williamson have struggled for runs in the ongoing season. Both the batting stars have failed to live up to the high standards they have set for themselves and the two teams will be hoping their star batters can snap the wretched run and provide more decisive contributions.

Kohli showed glimpses of returning to form in his fifty against Gujarat Titans. But he had a howler in the win against Chennai Super Kings in the previous game.

Williamson has been a consistent run-scorer, relying on timing and placement of the ball. However, he has failed to convert starts into big scores. The Kiwi's strike rate

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has been a dismal 96.13.

After a five match winning streak, the Sunrisers have slumped to three losses on the trot due to a variety of reasons, including injuries to their frontline bowlers. They sit sixth on the points table.

SRH's main spinner Washington Sundar has injured his bowling hand again, while death over specialist T Natarajan, the side's highest wicket-taker, also picked up a niggly in the loss against CSK. The duo subsequently missed the match against Delhi Capitals and the bowling unit struggled in its ab-

sence, going for over 200 runs. It is to be seen if the two return for the game Sunday.

Marcus Jansen was dropped from the side but Tom Moody will be tempted to bring back the South African given that he was the wrecker-in-chief against RCB last time.

Umrang Malik was pummeled into submission by the Delhi batters and the youngster might want to work on developing some variations rather than cranking up the pace every time he is hit for runs.

With the bat, Abhishek Sharma has given SRH solid starts but the youngster needs to take his innings deep rather than playing a flash in the pan sort of knocks. Nicholas Pooran has been brilliant in the past couple of games, showing that he can finish off matches with a little assistance from the top order.

Incidentally, SRH's last win came against RCB when they bundled out the Paf du Plessis led side for 68 and the Orange Army will hope the team can fashion a similar result.