



Danish among 4 Indians honoured with Pulitzer

New York: Slain photojournalist Danish Siddiqui is among four Indians honoured with the prestigious Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category. Siddiqui and his colleagues Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave from the Reuters news agency won the award, announced Monday, for 'images of COVID toll in India that balanced intimacy and devastation, while offering viewers a heightened sense of place', according to The Pulitzer Prizes website. Their work was moved from the breaking news photography category by the judges.



Will reverse Twitter ban on Donald Trump: Musk

New York: Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk said Tuesday he would reverse Twitter's ban on former U.S. President Donald Trump, while speaking at the Financial Times Future of the Car conference. Musk, who has called himself a 'free speech absolutist', recently inked a \$44 billion deal to acquire the social media platform. Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Trump's account, which had more than 88 million followers, was permanently suspended from Twitter after the January 6 riot on the U.S. Capitol. Twitter cited 'the risk of further incitement of violence' in its decision.



5 dists on high alert as Asani nears coast



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 10: Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra Tuesday said that five districts - Koraput, Malkangiri, Ganjam, Rayagada and Gajapati have been put on high alert amid IMD's prediction that Severe Cyclonic Storm Asani would recurve and move towards west-central Bay of Bengal close to Kakinada or Vizag in Andhra Pradesh by May 11 morning.

Mahapatra, along with Development Commissioner and Special Relief Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena, participated in the National Executive Committee meeting held under the Chairmanship of Ministry of

MINISTRY OF HOME **AFFAIRS SECRETARY AK BHALLA REVIEWED THE PREPAREDNESS OF AP AND ODISHA TO FACE IMPENDING CYCLONE ASANI**

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST FISHERMEN UNDER DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, IF THEY VENTURE INTO THE SEA TILL MAY 12

Mahapatra said, "The state administration is in all readiness to face the ensuing cyclone. Keeping in view the prediction of IMD, the districts namely Koraput, Malkangiri, Ganjam, Rayagada and Gajapati have been put on high alert. The coastal districts have also been kept on alert." ODRAF and Fire Services teams have been mobilised to the southern districts. They will be prepositioned well before the time of the cyclone passing near Odisha coast, he said. Union Secretary Bhalla expressed Puri (Odisha), the IMD said.

satisfaction over preparedness of Odisha for the ensuing cyclone.

Meanwhile, in view of fishermen venturing into sea despite warning by authorities for Asani. the SRC warned them of action for violating the advisory.

Action will be taken against fishermen under Disaster Management Act, if they venture into the sea till May 12, the SRC said.

As the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast a recurve of the Severe Cyclonic Storm Asani and expected it moving westcentral Bay of Bengal close to Kakinada or Vizag by May 11 morning, the Odisha government Tuesday said 60 ODRAF teams and 132 teams of Fire Service personnel have been deployed in different districts.

Jena said, "Six ODRAF and 13 Fire Service teams were deployed in Malkangiri, six ODRAF and 12 Fire Service teams in Koraput, six ODRAF and 30 Fire Service teams in Ganjam, three ODRAF and 10 Fire Service teams in Gajapati, and three ODRAF and eight Fire Service teams in Rayagada districts."

The Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Asani' (pronounced as Asani) over Westcentral and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 10 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centered at 0830 hours IST of Tuesday, the 10th May over westcentral Bay



Prince William walks through the Norman Porch for the State Opening of Parliament in the House of Lords at the Palace of Westminster in London, Tuesday

₹1,500 crore shot in the arm for OUTR

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 10: The state government has decided to develop the Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR), formerly known as College of Engineering and Technology (CET) here, with an investment of ₹1,500 crore in three years, an official said Tuesday. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday approved the master plan for the development of the OUTR at par with reputed technical institutions like the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), said the official.



institutions in the field of technical education and research.

A Centre of Excellence (CoE) will be set up in the university to_ offer courses on new-age technology and promote human resource development as well as inter-departmental research programmes. In addition, the university would

Home Affairs Secretary Ajaya Kumar Bhalla over videoconferencing Tuesday.

Secretary Bhalla reviewed the preparedness of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha to face impending cyclone Asani in the context of its latest position and track.

of Bengal near latitude 15.0°N and longitude 83.7°E, 260 km southeast of Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), 300 km south of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 490 km southsouthwest of Gopalpur (Odisha) and 570 km south-southwest of



According to the officials, ₹1,000 crore will be spent on the institution in the first year alone. While 4,600 students are currently studying at OUTR, it will be developed with a target to accommodate 10,000

students in the next five years. Taking a review of the available infrastructure, management and teaching facilities at the institution, the CM advised the officials to develop it as one of the leading

make partnerships with national and international level institutions for quality teaching and research. it was learnt.

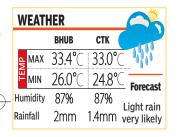
An incubation centre will also be developed in collaboration with various top industries to encourage Startup culture and entrepreneurial spirit among the students.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked the Centre to apprise it about the views on the issue of protection of interest of citizens till the colonial-era penal law on sedition is reconsidered by an appropriate forum.

A bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana took note of the submissions of the Centre that said it has decided to 're-examine and reconsider' the sedition law by an 'appropriate forum' and sought the response to a suggestion

examination. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta,



WHAT ABOUT PENDING SEDITION CASES: SC TO CENTRE

appearing for the Centre, said that he would take instruction from the government and apprise the bench Wednesday.

"We are making it very clear. We want instructions. We will give you time till tomorrow. Our specific queries are: one about pending cases and the second, as to how the government will take care of future cases...," said the bench. It sought a response on the issue saying "if future cases can

be kept at abeyance till reconsideration is over".

The Ministry of Home Affairs in an affidavit filed before the apex court Tuesday said the decision was in tune with the views of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on shedding 'colonial baggage', noting he has been in favour of the protection of civil liberties and respect of human rights and in that spirit, over 1,500 outdated laws and over 25,000 compliance burdens have been scrapped.

The top court has been hearing a clutch of pleas challenging the validity of the law on sedition which has been under intense public scrutiny for its alleged misuse to settle political scores by governments.

FCRA violation: CBI lens on MHA officials

AGENCIES

New Delhi, May 10: In a countrywide crackdown, the CBI conducted operations at 40 locations and apprehended around 14 people including Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) officials, NGO representatives and middlemen for allegedly facilitating the clearance of foreign donations in violation of FCRA, officials said Tuesday.

The operation was launched after a complaint from the Union Home Ministry to the CBI in this regards, a Home Ministry spokesperson said.

Arrested for killing wife, UTP kills self

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sohela, May 10: An undertrial prisoner (UTP), arrested on charges of killing his wife, committed suicide by hanging himself inside the toilet of the sub-jail here in Bargarh district Tuesday, an official said.

The deceased was identified as Manmohan Routiya, 26, of Petupali village in Sohela under Melchamunda police limits.

"Manmohan was under stress after the death of his wife-Manju. He might have taken the extreme step out of remorse," a senior police official said, adding that he had written 'I Love You Manju' on his palm before killing himself.

According to sources, Manmohan had married Jaydev Meher's daughter Manjulata a year ago. It was alleged that her in-laws often tortured her for dowry. Unable to bear the stress, Manjulata allegedly hanged herself to death May 6. On the basis of a complaint filed by Manju's parents, police arrested Manmohan on the charges of 'murder'.

Incidentally, Manmohan's name prefixed with 'I Love You' was also written on Manju's hand during the recovery of her body.

He was produced before a local court that remanded him to judicial custody. Since then, he had



been lodged at Sohela sub-jail.

Around 4am Tuesday, Manmohan went to the toilet on the sub-jail premises and hanged himself with a towel. Fellow inmates spotted a lifeless Manmohan and informed the jail authorities, who rushed him to the nearest healthcare facility where doctors declared him 'dead upon arrival'.

A case of unnatural death has been registered in this connection and the body was sent for autopsy to Bargarh district headquarters hospital (DHH) in the presence of the magistrate-incharge, also the Sohela tehsildar, Biswajit Sahu, said an official.

Meanwhile, raising questions on his untimely demise, Manmohan's father Ashok Routiya Tuesday lodged a complaint with the police demanding an impartial probe.

Santoor maestro Shivkumar Sharma no more

AGENCIES

Mumbai, May 10: Santoor virtuoso Pt Shivkumar Sharma, who took the stringed instrument to the global stage and successfully straddled the worlds of classical and film music, died here Tuesday following a heart attack. He was 84.

whether the filing of sedition cases

in future be kept at abeyance till re-

Sharma, one of India's most well known classical musicians, died between 8 and 8.30 am at his Pali Hill residence here, his secretary Dinesh said.

He had been active till the end and was due to perform in Bhopal next week. He was also suffering from renal ailments."He had a severe heart attack this morning... He was active and was to perform in

Bhopal next week. Despite being on regular dialysis, he was active," a family source said.

He is survived by wife Manorama and sons-Rahul, also a santoor player, and Rohit.

Durga Jasraj, daughter of the late classical vocalist Pandij Jasraj and a close friend of Sharma, said Sharma fainted in the bathroom and was 'gone in a fraction of a second'. "I have lost my second father. I have been trying to coordinate all the other arrangements but what happened is that he fainted in the bathroom in the morning and that

was a cardiac arrest and he could not be revived. 'We called for the ambulance



and everything but he was gone in a fraction of a second. In a way, he went peacefully at home," she said. Sharma's secretary added that the mortal remains will be kept at the Pali Hill home. At 10 am Wednesday, the body will be shifted to the Abhijit Cooperative Housing Society in Juhu for public darshan till 1 pm.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind were among those who condoled Sharma's death.

A Padma Vibhushan recipient, Sharma was born in Jammu in 1938 and is believed to be the first musician to have played Indian classical music on the santoor, a folk instrument from Jammu and Kashmir.

As one half of musician duo Shiv-Hari, he composed music with flute legend Pt Hari Prasad Chaurasia for an array of films such as 'Silsila', 'Lamhe', 'Chandni' and 'Darr'.







leisure



OLSEN DEFENDS MARVEL MOVIES FROM BEING CALLED LESSER ART

Elizabeth Olsen, who is currently getting a lot of positive response for her role as Wanda Maximoff in the recently released Doctor Strange 2, has strongly defended Marvel films from filmmakers such as Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola, who have earlier bashed them as lesser art.

MONROE'S HAIR GIFTED TO KIM WAS FAKE: EXPERT

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian was given a fake lock of Marilyn Monroe's iconic platinum hair, claimed by an expert of the Hollywood icon. According to aceshowbiz.com, Scott Fortner, a historian refuted that Kim was presented with a real piece of Marilyn's hair by Ripley's.



FORTUNE FORECAST



If you have children, it's likely you'll spoil them today. After all, it's for days like these that you work hard, says Ganesha. You will also complete pending assignments and it's a productive day for those in medical professions and public services

TAURUS

You will enjoy your respon-sibilities at the home front, says Ganesha. People whom you trusted to watch your back might let you down today. Remember, what you sow is what you reap, so do not fall short of putting in the effort required to make something fruitful. Be careful and cautious in dealing with people, advises Ganesha.

GEMINI

Today, a strong emotional link with someone special may get established, predicts Ganesha. So you will remain delighted and elated for most part of the day. Still, some petty problems may spoil your happy mood later in the day. Diffuse tension with a light-hearted approach.



not likely to follow his advice.

LEO

The thing with skills is that they are not static; they are as dynamic as anything else. It is akin to being on a treadmill you need to continuously keep moving just to stay in the same place, says Ganesha. So keep refreshing yourself by learning new things in order to sustain your progress. What you need is passion to help you shine in your profession according to Ganesha.

VIRGO

Financial doldrums are headed your way today. In order to seek what you desire, expect shelling out a hefty price. You might just net those short-term goals in the evening. Ganesha foretells large and important business deals will end the day on a high note.



The strings fall silent

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New Delhi: For someone who has

been witnessing Pt. Shivkumar

Sharma's growth ever since he

was a young man, Shobha Koser

from Pracheen Kala Kendra, re-

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Santoor remains in-

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says, Veena player Salil Bhat. Vocalist, Pt. Ajay Pohankar, who belongs to the Kirana school feels that the Santoor owes its widespread recognition to Pt. Shivkumar Sharma.

The demise of Santoor maestro has not only impacted the Indian classical music fraternity, the exit also has left the Hindi film industry in a state of

man to the core. "One more legend, Pt Shiv

Kumar Sharma, Santoor maestro, passes away. A gentleman to the core, he will be missed by many associated with him as also his admirers all over the world. My heart goes out to his family.

Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur said that the 'beautiful sounds' from Shivkumar Sharma's santoor will always be in his heart.

Deeply saddened by his demise, acclaimed singer Shreya Ghoshal shared, "Very sad to know that the great Padma Vibhushan Pandit #ShivkumarSharma ji has left us for his heavenly abode. It is

the end of an era.' Singer Adnan Sami said "I owe my Indian Classical Music education to him & he was an inspiration to me. He was not just the

🌒 Father of the Santoor but was also one of the greatest musicians of our times. RIP Shiv ji."

'Music is the cure to negativity around us'

Pandit Shivkumar Sharma is heard saying to audiences at music festivals including Saptak, that today's listeners have no idea when to say 'wow' and where to clap. Expressing his views on the matter, he said: "Music is a tool for me, which gives me spiritual strength. When I rehearse alone, I feel the same oneness with the music. My listeners have to listen calmly to my music and connect with my sounds. The negativity around us has had such a profound effect that only music can bring us peace."

Major honours

e was a recipient of scores of national and international awards. including an honorary citizenship of the city of Baltimore, USA, in 1985, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, the Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001. He also bagged Platinum Discs for his album Call of the Valley, music of film Silsila and Chandni and Gold Disc for music of film Faasle.



Mumbai: Actress Avika Gor, who started her career with the show Balika Vadhu, has been part of numerous shows and is also producing Telugu content now, besides being part of a Kazakh film. She says that she has been

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just kept doing what I thought I that category of running in a race. I always found my own path, built my own career and I was very happy with what I was doing," she says. "Due to OTT, TV and other platforms growing so much, there

are many more opportunities now than there were a few years back. I'm glad that now there are a lot of people trusting their directors and others associated with making the project. A lot of people trust the writers who come up with such brilliant shows. And I think a lot of opportunities have

opened up for a lot of people," she adds. JANS



Manushi calls Prithviraj MANUSHI CHHILLAR SANYOGITA her dream debut

Mumbai: Actress and former Miss World Manushi Chhillar, who is gearing up for her debut film Prithviraj, has called her role of Princess Sanyogita a dream-come-true debut as she got to work with a superstar like Akshay Kumar and a director like Chandraprakash Dwivedi who worked on the script for 18 years.

Thrilled with the response to the recently launched trailer of the film, the debutante said, "It is amazing that people are appreciating my performance from what they have seen and experienced in the Prithviraj trailer. This is a dream come true of a debut for me and I'm hugely grateful that_ I'm getting to bring Princess Sanyogita's life come alive on the big screen.'

"A debut like this, opposite one of the biggest superstars of the country like Akshay Kumar, is a lot of responsibility and I think I have given my everything to ensure that I play this role with utmost sincerity and dedication," she added. The movie is based on the book Prithvirai Raso. which documents the life and valour of the fearless Rajput king Prithviraj Chauhan. IANS

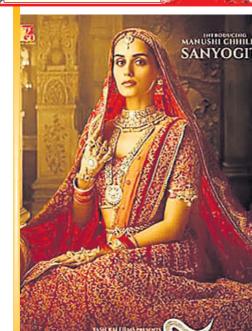
forever. It is sad that in my lifetime, I am witnessing an entire generation of Indian classical mu-Musician Abhay Sopori hopes that the stature achieved by the generations continue to contribute towards its depth and popularity like Pt. Shivkumar Sharma. "I met him several times and respected him im-Sharmila Tagore returns to films

Mumbai: Veteran actress Sharmila Tagore is set to return to films after 11 years as she will be seen playing the grand matriarch of the Batra family in Gulmohar, the shooting of which was wrapped up recently.

The film, directed by Rahul Chittella, also stars Manoj Bajpayee, Simran Singh Bagga, Amol Palekar and Suraj Sharma and will release in August.

The film tells the story of the multi-generation Batra family which is set to move out of their 34-yearold family home. The move sets the motion for a re-discovery of the bonds that have held them together as a family, while grappling with personal secrets and insecurities.

Commenting on the development, Sharmila Tagore said, "After a considerable gap, I am very happy to be in the familiar and well-loved ambience of a film set. I agreed almost immediately to be a part of team Gulmohar - after the moving narration of this heart-



you, especially if you are in the world of business. Longterm deals seem to be on the cards for you. If you happen to be a government officer, luck favours you today. Keep your ears and eyes open, there may be news of a possible promotion.

SCORPIO

In all probability, you are set to shine out as a man of care and kindness. Ganesha advises you to shut the doors on worries and open the windows to let merrymaking and happiness sweep you off your feet today. The social bug will bite you hard, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Your dedication to work is set to shift to the top gear. Find yourself swamped by excess of workload in the forenoon. Things, however, will lighten as the afternoon progresses. Expect a fun-filled, exciting evening.

CAPRICORN

As the day begins, you may get a strong urge to leave everything and set off on a backpacking trip. So strong the wanderer in you may be now that it may even momentarily take over the famed Goat caution. Yet alas, this being only a fleet ing moment, you may soon don your dapper avataar, and head to work.

You will take the road to spirituality today and give a miss to materialism. You will visit temples, other religious places, and spiritual leaders to find answers for some of your questions.

PISCES

You will not take matters to heart needlessly today, and will instead calmly evaluate the bitter words of others to see if there is a grain of truth in them somewhere. This is a good practice and one that should be continued. While you won't be in the mood to tolerate any injustice, you will be able to forgive those who have wronged you and will thus be able to refrain from stoking further, the fires of enmity, says Ganesha.



warming and beautifully written story/script. It is a very layered and absorbing family drama. And I am sure many will enjoy watching it together with their loved ones in the comfort of their homes." IANS

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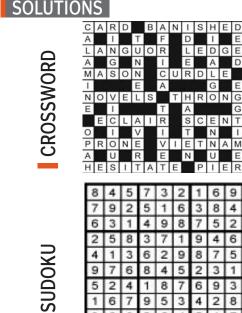


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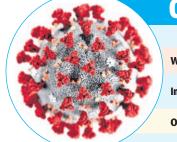


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HIGH ALERT

Fishing boats anchored in Chilika lake at Kanas in Puri district, Tuesday, amid prediction of heavy rain triggered by cyclonic storm Asani over Bay of Bengal



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64 new model schools to be ready soon

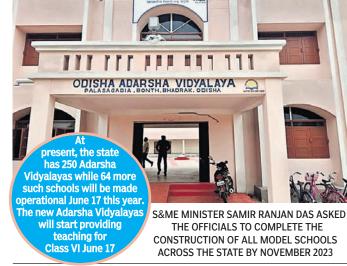
Bhubaneswar, May 10: School and Mass Education (S&ME) Minister Samir Ranjan Das Tuesday reviewed the work of Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS) at the Lok Seva Bhawan here.

S&ME department secretary Bishnupada Sethi, OAVS project director Premchand Chaudhary and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

At present, the state has 250 Adarsha Vidyalayas while 64 more such schools will be made operational June 17 this year. The new Adarsha Vidyalayas will start providing teaching for Class VI June 17. sources said.

In the meeting, the $S\&\mathrm{ME}$ Minister asked the officials to complete the construction of all model schools across the state by November 2023. He also put emphasis on completion of the construction work for hostels in these schools at the earliest

The meeting also decided to fill up 1,748 vacant posts at the model schools by June this year.



Recruitment to the vacant posts Sangathan (OAVS) is the statutory will ensure smooth functioning of body to establish, operate and manthe model schools, said an official. age such model schools in state. The Odisha Adarsha Vidvalava (OAV) scheme is the brainchild of

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The OAVS was established September 19, 2015 under the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Societies Registration Act 1860. As per a decision taken at the for setting up of English medium schools in each block of the state. meeting, the salary of 5,056 part-The Odisha Adarsha Vidvalava time instructors under the S&ME

2nd phase admission for EWS students in pvt schools starts

Bhubaneswar: The second phase online admission process for the students of economically weaker sections (EWS) and disadvantaged categories in private unaided schools for the academic year 2022-23 began Tuesday. The online student registration will continue till May 31. The document verification of applicants will be conducted up to June 7. The online lottery and school allotment will be carried out June 10 while the admission will be conducted between June 11 and 24. Earlier, the School and Mass Education department, in a letter to the Directorate of Elementary Education, had approved the second phase online admission process for EWS students in the private unaided schools, sources said.

department would be raised to Rs 7,000 from Rs 5,555.

POLITICKLE BY MANJUL



Slugfest on over Heritage Corridor 12 new Covid-19 cases in Odisha

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, May 10: Odisha Tuesday recorded 12 new Covid cases, four more than the previous day, with the tally rising to 12,88,222, the state Health department said in a bulletin.

The death toll remained at 9,126 as no fresh fatality due to the infection was reported for the last one week, it said. Fifty-three other coronavirus patients have died due to comorbidities so far. Fifty-two more people recuperated from the disease in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries to 12.78.929. the Health bulletin said. Odisha now has 114 active cases.

The coastal state's daily test positivity rate (TPR) was at 0.08 per cent and four children were among the newly infected people, it said.

Altogether, 14,225 samples were tested for Covid in the past 24 hours, the bulletin added. Odisha currently holds 2.99 per cent of India's confirmed cases. Similarly, the state holds 0.72 per cent of the country's current active cases, 3.01 per cent of the recovered cases, and 1.75 per

cent of the total deceased so far. Out of the total 6.62.61.588 vac cinations in the state, as many as 3,45,30,490 people have taken the first dose. The second dose has been administered to 3,05,53,051 individuals. A whopping 11,78,047 precaution doses have been administered in the state so far. The districts that do not have any active cases currently are Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nayagarh and Puri. Khurda is currently housing the highest active ccases at 26, followed by Rayagada (21), Boudh (12) and Nuapada (10).



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Similarly, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi in a twitter post wrote, "After filing of ASI's affidavit before the High Court, I am convinced that Lord Jagannath is trying to save himself and his temple from an elected state government which is hell-bent upon brazenly defying the law.'

"If the structures are declared illegal tomorrow, who will be responsible for wastage of hundreds of crores of rupees which is the hard-earned money of Odias?" asked Sarangi.

Meanwhile, BJP leader Bijoy Mohapatra slammed both the state government and ASI over the issue. "Why has the ASI remained silent till now? he asked. Congress leader Narasingha Mishra raised questions for not conveying a single meeting of the House panel formed for this purpose.

Reacting to this issue, BJD MP Pinaki Misra said all activities have been taken up in accordance with the prevailing law.

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AK Parija has intimated the court that the reception center is now being moved out of the prohibited area and is being constructed in the regulated area

Reports (DPRs) by the state gov-

ernment, Patra said, "Different DPRs

were presented at different times.

Why? To confuse? No one with the

Quoting the HC order, the BJP

leader said that the state govern-

ment appointed advocate general

"Are you (Odisha government) playing with the Jagannath temple? You have admitted that the reception centre was being constructed in the prohibited areas, where no construction activities except toilet, drainage and electricity supply, can be conducted," he pointed out.

"What saddens me the most as an Odia is the fact that the report states that in every probability, the archaeological remains of the her-

drainage and electricity supply, can be conducted SAMBIT PATRA I BJP NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON

itage site might have been damaged during the construction process. This is indeed a black day for every Odia," the BJP leader further said. Patra also criticised Puri MP from

BJD Pinaki Misra, who had stated in Parliament that only four toilets are being constructed there. "Pinaki babu! You have lied before the Parliament," he said.

Patra urged the Odisha government to give up its arrogance and acout. And, the NMA has also given NOC for the construction activities

PINAKI MISRA | BJD MP

cept the fact that they have erred. He further stated that the future generations would not forgive the present government for having possibly destroyed the archaeological remains of Odisha's greatest heritage. However, he stated, "We are nei-

ther against the development nor the beautification of the world heritage site but the law of the land should be followed which was not in this case.'

(AMASR) Act. So, these activities can be carried out. And, the NMA has also given NOC for the construction activities," he said.

The proposed reception centre has not been planned to be constructed in the prohibited area, he said, adding that the centre will be constructed in the purview of the regulated area after taking due permission from competent authority.

"Moreover, the HC has rejected the prayer of the petitioner to stay the construction work. The court has directed to continue the ongoing work in coordination with the ASI," he added.

City gets 'Sensory Park' at Saheed Nagar

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 10: Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Minister Ashok Chandra Panda Tuesday inaugurated the 'Sensory Park' at Saheed Nagar in the capital city here.

The park, said to be the first-of-itskind in the country under the Smart City Project, has been developed on an area of 1,368 square metres with a project cost of ₹99 lakh.

The park has pathways, drinking water facility and play equipment for children with special needs. Besides, it has several components meant to ensure safety of the differently-abled persons of all age groups, sources said.

Shrubs and trees have been planted in a disciplined manner in the park by adhering to the accessibility guidelines and safety to the users. Key features of the 'Sensory Park' include provision for children with special needs, play instruments, ramps, sand pebbles, Reflex O-path, Braille wall and sound instruments for the visually-challenged children.

The equipment at the 'Sensory Park' will encourage both children



The equipment at the 'Sensory Park' will encourage both children and adults with special needs to remain fit and smart

and adults with special needs to remain fit and smart, said an official of the SSEPD department.

The construction work for the park, designed by the Bhubaneswar Urban Knowledge Centre (BUKC),

was started in 2018, but the project was delayed due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, sources said.

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MLA Ananta Narayan Jena Mayor Sulochana Das, Deputy Mayor Manjulata Kanhar and senior officials of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) were present on the occasion.

I. A. No. G. A. 1 of 2022 in C. S. No. 47 of 2022 ITC Limited vs. S.K Iram Ulla & Ors.

S.K Iram Ulla aka S.K. Iran Ulla, carrying out business at Nurani Store Shop No. 3, Masjid Market, Gop Nimpada Road, Odisha - 752110 1.

- Maa Mangala Enterprises, carrying out business at VSS Naga
- Bhubaneswar 10 Daze Enterprises, Chakeisani, Bhubaneswar - 10, and also at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar
- Aarav Minerals and Chemicals, Bhubaneswar
- Ogo Chemicals, Bhubaneswar
- Ashok Kumars, address not known 6.

(the abovenamed persons are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents")

My client, ITC Limited, having its registered office at Virginia House, 37, J. L Nehru Road, Kolkata - 700071 (hereinafter, the "Petitioner") has instituted a suit being C. S. No. 47 of 2022 before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta Suit being C. S. No. 47 of 2022 before the honole inglic court at Calculate ("Suit") against the Respondents for inter alia (i) infringement of the Petitioner's registered trademarks "NIMYLE" (wordmark) and other "NIMYLE" derivative marks, (ii) infringement of the Petitioner's copyrights in the original artistic works marked and packaging used by the Petitioner, and (iii) for passing off by the Respondents; due to manufacture, sale, marketing and / or distribution of disinfectants and / or floor cleaners under the marks "NEEMYLE" and / or "NUMULE" in the Decompedents "NIMULE" by the Respondents.

An application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, being I.A. No. GA 1 of 2022 in C.S. No. 47 of 2022 ("**Application**"), was filed on behalf of the Petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta wherein the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass an ad interim Order dated 3rd March, 2022 inter alia in terms of prayers (b), (c), (d) and (e), which are set out below.

- An order be made restraining the respondents, their servants, agents assigns, dealers, distributors, and/or anyone claiming through them from infringing the petitioner's registered trademark nos. 2148683, being Annexure C hereof, by use of the marks "NEEMYLE" and / or "NIMULE and / or any other mark which is identical or deceptively similar to or a fraudulent imitation of the petitioner's said registered trademark ; An order be made restraining the respondents, their segants "(b)
- An order be made restraining the respondents, their servants, agents assigns, dealers, distributors, and/or anyone claiming through them from infringing the petitioner's registered trademarks nos. 2731972, 2773197 and 2731974, being Annexures D to F hereof, by use of the labels shown (C) in Annexure P hereof and / or any other label or mark which is identica or deceptively similar to or a fraudulent imitation of the petitioner's said registered trademark ;
- An order be made restraining the respondents, their servants, agents assigns, dealers, distributors, and/or anyone claiming through them from infringing the petitioner's copyright in the original artistic work bearing copyright registration no. Registration No. A-120000/2017 being Annexum G hereof, by use of the same or any deceptively similar or a frauduler infrintered. imitation thereof :
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Application was subsequently heard on 28th March, 2022, 19th April, 2022 and 27th April, 2022, when no one appeared on behalf of the Respondents Copies of the Orders are available on the official website of the Hon'ble Court Vide its Order dated 27th April, 2022, the Hon'ble Court has inter alia directed the Petitioner to effect substituted service by advertising in newspapers. This Notice is being published in compliance with the said Order

The Respondents are to compliance with the Order dated 3rd March, 2022 of the Hon'ble Court. In terms of the said Order dated 3rd March, 2022, the Respondents are at liberty to apply for vacating of the Order, if so advised. The Respondents may contact the undersigned to obtain copies of the Plaint in C.S. No. 47 of 2022, the Application (being I.A. No. GA 1 of 2022 in C.S. No. 47 of 2022), and the Orders passed by the Hon'ble Court in relation thereto.

The Application shall be taken up before His Lordship the Hon'ble Mr. Justici Ravi Krishan Kapur of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta, on Friday, the 13th of May 2022, at 10.30 am or soon thereafter as the business of the Hon'ble Court permits, and the Respondents are requested to appear before the Hon'bl Court at the said day, date, time and place

Dated this 11th day of May, 2022. Shwetank Ginodia Advocate 6, Church Lane, Ground Floor, Kolkata 700 001

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ITI likely in Bolangir MDC building

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 10: The Higher Education department Tuesday wrote to the Skill Development and Technical Education (SD&TE) department secretary to open a new industrial training institute (ITI) in lieu of the model degree college (MDC) at Jogimunda under Patnagarh subdivision in Bolangir.

Rajashree Mohanty, state proj-ect director of RUSA and special secretary to Higher Education department, said Bolangir collector had submitted a proposal to the director of Technical education and Training to convert the model degree college at Jogimunda into an ITI to enhance the skills and employability of the local youths.

In her letter to the SD&TE department secretary, Mohanty said, "A decision has been taken to make alternative use of model degree college buildings to provide skill development and vocational education to the youths. I would therefore



request you to take action on the proposal of the Balangir collector so that our department can start the process of handing over the MDC building to Skill development and Technical Education department for the purpose."

Earlier, the Higher Education (HE) department had directed the Collectors of Gajapati and Kandhamal districts for alternative use of MDC buildings, constructed under RUSA 2.0.

The MDC buildings at Tamayapeta in Kashinagar tehsil in Gajapati district and K Nuagaon in Kandhamal district are being constructed with an expenditure of Rs 12 crore each under the Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 2.0). The two buildings are expected to be completed by the end of this month, sources said.

"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 locals 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," Higher Education Secretary Saswat Mishra had said in the letter to the collectors. "In view of the above, you are

requested to explore possibilities of alternative use of the aforesaid MDCs such as vocational or skill development centre, school/college hostel, Adarsha Vidyalayas, housing and any other government or public office, and submit your proposal to the department at earliest for further action," the letter read.



Student Congress activists stage a demonstration at Master Canteen Square in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday, to protest against the recent hike in cooking gas price

42 abduction cases filed, 65 rescued in April

POLICE SOURCES SAY THE KIDNAPPING AND MAN MISSING CELL LAUNCHED LAST YEAR HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE RESCUE OF 407 VICTIMS IN 394 CASES FROM MAY 2021 TILL THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, May 10: As many as 42 kidnapping cases were reported at different police stations in the Capital city during April 2022. The City police, in a press release Tuesday, revealed that the Khandagiri police had received maximum numbers abduction complaints in the last month.

The Khandagiri police registered seven kidnapping cases while Bharatpur and Nayapalli police filed five cases each during the period. Kharavela Nagar, Chandaka, Infocity, Laxmi Sagar and Shri

Guv hails Berhampur ITI Bhubaneswar: Appreciating their skilled workmanship, Governor Ganeshi Lal awarded ₹25,000 to each Berhampur ITI student who visited his residence here and gifted sculptures made from wastes.

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Out of the 42 kidnapping cases, the Khandagiri police registered seven while Bharatpur and Nayapalli police logged five cases each in April

Kharavela Nagar, Chandaka, Infocity, Laxmi Sagar and Shri Lingaraj police stations filed one case each in April

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Meanwhile, acting upon complaints, the City police managed to rescue 65 victims in April, out of which 12 individuals were abducted



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Officials in Bhubaneswar UPD closed 44 cases after completion of investigation into the allegations of kidnapping last month. On the other hand, the Kidnapping and Man Missing Cell launched last year has played a major role in the rescue of 407 kidnapped victims in 394 cases from May 2021 till the end of April this year.

Notably, a total of 28 kidnapping were reported at City police stations in February which rose to 42 in April. As many as 258 kidnapping cases were registered at different police stations during 2021.

Curtains down on 2-day event 'Advantage Angul'



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar/Angul, May 10: The concluding event of the first ever two-day district level investment promotion event 'Advantage Angul', held at the Angul Aluminium Park Tuesday, was as interesting and engaging as the opening day.

Sessions on the MSME ecosystem, sustainable development through industrialisation, creation and role of circular economy, food processing, carbon trading, green industrial hubs and green buildings attracted overwhelming response from the audience and MSME and start-up ecosystems alike.

Concept pitches from innovative start-ups in the social and renewable sectors provided a futuristic perspective of doing business as well as sustainability. Asit Kumar Tripathy, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister of Odisha.

Development Alternative Group amply represented the private sector and facilitated an open house dialogue with all the stakeholders on a single platform.

The event on the second day attracted over 200 delegates from various MSMEs and start-ups. Angul Collector and District Magistrate Siddharth Shankar Swain set the context and delivered the welcome address. Speaking about the MSME ecosystem in Odisha, Sadique Alam provided insights on the multiple government initiatives being undertaken by the MSME department.

Ranjana Chopra spoke on the role of sustainable development in delivering overall economic and social growth in the state. Start-Up Odisha Executive Chairman Omkar Rai provided an overview on the start-up ecosystem in state and also the support being provided by the state government to encourage upcoming start-ups. The keynote address was de livered by the Tripathy, who spoke about the importance of MSMEs and start-ups in propelling the state's economic growth. The session concluded with the Angul district administration signing two MoUs with IIT Kanpur and Development Alternatives.



AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Bhanjanagar, Ganjam, Odisha, I have rectified the name of my Son as Bikash Rauto, S/o. Babindra Rauto and Smt. Abanti Rauto vide Army Number - 7242730X, Rank-L/DFR as Bikash Rauto in Birth Certificate and other documents to avoid future complicacies. Henceforth, he shall be known as Bikash Rauto, S/o. Babindra Rauto and Smt. Abanti Rauto in all respect. Sd./- Babindra Kumar Rauto, Lalsingi, P.S.: Bhanjanagar, Ganjam, Odisha.

I, Bhima Charan Majhi, S/o. Ratnakar Majhi of village Bhadrasia, PO: Chhanua, PS: Basta, Dist: Balasore have changed my name to Nimai Chandra Majhi vide affidavit No.8847, dtd.6.5.2022 sworn before Notary S.K. Biswal, Balasore.

ITI Berhampur students and Principal Rajat Kumar Panigrahi presented a nameplate and a wall clock made of machine wastes to Governor Ganeshi Lal at the Rai Bhavan in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday OP PHOTO

was the Chief Guest on the concluding day as well.

The program was also graced by MSME Principal Secretary Ranjana Chopra, IPICOL and IDCO MD Bhupendra Singh Poonia, UNEP-India Head Atul Bagai, and Industries Director Sadique Alam. Senior representatives from Start-up Odisha, MSTC Odisha (MMRPT) and

Draft report on desertification and drought on COP15 table

This COP15, to be held from May 9 to 20, will bring together leaders from governments, private sector, civil society and other key stakeholders from around the world to drive progress in the future sustainable management of land, and will explore links between land and other key sustainability issues

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, May 10: A draft report about effective policy and implementation measures for addressing drought will be discussed during the ongoing session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP15, Tuesday.

Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Bhupender Yadav Monday night (India time) landed at Abidjan, CA'te d'Ivoire to attend

the COP15 of the UNCCD. India has been the president of this COP since the last Convention was held

against the backdrop of a stark warning issued by the UNCCD that up to 40 per cent of all icefree land is already degraded, with dire consequences for climate, biodiversity and livelihoods.

and implementation measures for

here in September 2019. Leaders are meeting in Abidjan

"An Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) on effective policy

addressing drought under the



United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was established at the COP14. A draft report has been prepared and will be discussed during the current session of COP15," said an official from MoEF&CC

In another significant development during India's presidency, the G-20 leaders recognising the importance of combating land degradation and creating new carbon sinks put up an aspirational goal to collectively plant 1 trillion trees, urging other countries to join forces with G20 to reach this global goal by 2030

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Drought, land restoration, and related enablers such as land rights, gender equality and youth empowerment are among the top items on the Conference agenda. "Through its decisions adopted by the UNCCD's 197 parties, the COP15 is expected to galvanise sustainable solutions for land restoration and drought resilience, with a strong focus on future-proofing land use," the officials said.

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SHORT TAKES

Doctor assaults pregnant woman

Jharsuguda: In a bizarre incident, a pregnant woman was allegedly abused and assaulted by a doctor at Jharsuguda district headquarters hospital (DHH) here. The matter came to the fore after the victim narrated her ordeal to the Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO). On the other hand, the doctor identified as Sachidanand Danta has refuted the allegations, "I had to administer an anesthesia injection to the patient. Soon after the injection, heartbeat and BP of the woman became low. So. I iust casually hit the woman on her head and face as per rules. It was just a routine check-up," Sachidanand said "I have received a complaint and have directed for a probe and necessary action will be taken accordingly," the CDMO Dolamani Patel said.

Techie's nail QR code creates buzz

Koraput: In a unique feat, a young engineer from tribaldominated area of Jeypore in Koraput district has developed a unique method which can be used to print a 'nano quick response (QR) code' on fingernails. The QR code can be used to easily access soft copies of personal documents as and when needed. Using this newly-developed method, young techie Sishir Kumar Mallick generates a QR code through computer programming that can be used either temporarily as a sticker on the fingernails or permanently tattooed. "In this age of technological advancements, efforts are on to make human life simple and easy. Everyone is using QR code for making payments at places like retail shops, showrooms, hospitals, restaurants, shopping malls and airports. So, I got the idea of developing a QR code for easy access to soft copies of personal documents," Mallick asserted.

Deer beaten to death: 1 held

Patana: A female deer that had straved into Kumulabahal village under Patana forest range in Keonjhar district was beaten to death by villagers Monday. Sources said the herbivore had straved into the village in search of water. At least 20 villagers chased the deer after stray dogs spotted it and beat it to death with sticks. Later, they were about to organise a feast with the deer meat in a forest when forest officials conducted a raid and seized the carcass from their possession. A case has been registered in this connection. While one villager was arrested. others managed to escape. Notably, poaching of wild animals is going on in some forests under this range, it was alleged.

from the regional office of State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) has already completed the investigation into the pollution caused by Ramco Cement in Dharmasala area of Jajpur district and submitted the report, but no action has been taken against the errant industry, locals alleged.

They also alleged that the report has been hushed up under pressure.

Reports said scores of industries have come up in Kalinganagar and Dharmasala areas. The industrialisation is being pushed by the government to create job opportunities for local youths, but the performance of the industrial units on this count has been dismal. Rather most of them are polluting air and water.

While the state government insists on pollution control and protection of greenery, some administrative officials and the pollution watchdog wing have turned a blind eye to the pollution caused by Ramco cement plant near Haridaspur under Dharmasala tehsil. Air pollution in the area has been acute while people of 10 peripheral villages have been affected by it. Many locals have expressed their concern over growing pollution levels and said days

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After repeated media reports about pollution from Ramco plant, a special team of scientists from the regional office

of SPCB has taken stock

of the situation are not far when pollution will be unbearable in the area.

They alleged that the sub-divisional magistrate has been apprised of the issue, but he is yet to

take action against the industry. Some residents- Bipin Bihari Sethi and Srikant Prusty of Sribantpur, Tuna Barik of Guaranga, Raju Mallick of Thanuala, Jagannath Parida of Jogada and others-lamented that the level of pollution triggered by Ramco cement plant is becoming unbearable by the day

"People have been living in a

'NO' TO CHILD MARRIAGE

The team came to know that the level of particulate matter10 (PM10) in the air is more than 120

About one and half months have passed since this report was submitted to the SPCB, Bhubaneswar, but the latter is sitting on the report

> toxic atmosphere with cement dust in the air, fumes and the deafening machine sound. In the last three years, some locals have died of diseases induced by air pollution," they said. After repeated media reports about pollution from Ramco plant, a special team of scientists from the regional office of SPCB has taken stock of the situation. The team came to know that the level of particulate matter10 (PM10) in the air is more than 120. It was suspected that the bag filter of the plant might not be working properly. A thick cloud of smoke and dust envelopes the en-

bodies. There are over 10 villages within the 500-metre periphery of the plant.

As per conditions of the SPCB there should be a green cover around the plant to ensure safety of the villages. Locals said that no such green cover has been created here. Besides, the plant has no solid waste management system as prescribed under Environment Protection Act.

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Earlier, upset over pollution, locals have approached the sub-divisional magistrate by furnishing documental evidence and violation of norms by Ramco cement plant, March 23.

Hearing the case March 28, the magistrate had directed the managing director and the public relations officer of the Ramco cement plant to appear before the court April 12 along with necessary documents. However, the officials had not appeared before the court, locals alleged and expressed their anger over it.

When asked, SPCB regional officer Pramod Kumar Behera refused to say anything about the Ramco pollution issue.

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Berhampur, May 10: Baidyanathpur police in Silk City Tuesday issued a notice to a junior doctor over alleged ragging of a second year MBBS student in the hostel premises of MKCG Medical College and Hospital.

The notice has been issued under Section-41 of CrPC on Dr Biswabikash Sahoo, a junior doctor-cum-house officer of MKCG Medical College and Hospital. In the notice, the doctor has been asked to present his defence in the case within a week at the police station.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case following a complaint filed by the dean-cum-Professor Dr Abanikanta Mishra. The accused doctor was served with a notice Tuesday after several evidences indicated his complicity in the case, the Berhampur SDPO said. Police during probe visited the hostel and questioned several students about the incident. According to police. Sahoo vis-

ited the junior student's hostel and allegedly tortured some students physically and mentally a few days back. The victim students later lodged a complaint with the anti-

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ragging cell of the college.

The college authorities hurriedly called a joint meeting on the issue and decided to check the CCTV footage in the hostel to verify the charges. Later, the authorities called a meeting of the hostel council and decided to file an FIR after enough evidences indicting the accused doctor were found from the CCTV footage, May 6.

Recently, a first year MBBS student Nishant Kumar, 19, of Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital (BBMCH) died after allegedly falling off the roof of the hostel April 23. 2022. It is alleged that his death is fallout alleged ragging by his senior students and some teachers

Boost to energy sector in Junagarh

Junagarh: Energy Minister Dibya Shankar Mishra Tuesday inaugurated state's first office of the Electric Sub-Division Officer and Customer Service at Junagarh in Kalahandi district TPWODL, a joint venture of Tata Power and the Odisha Government for power distribution in Western Odisha, has set up the facility. The minister, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, inaugurated the office and opened it for public. "Power sector will achieve a milestone soon in Junagarh," Mishra said during his speech. While Junagarh has a 33/11kv grid. Mishra made operational two other grids at Chicheiguda and Mahichala Tuesday and promised to do more in coming days. He also assured to ensure digging of deep bore wells to assist farmers in irrigation. "Soon, energy will be drawn from Indravati project to end the power-cut issues in the block," Mishra concluded.

Ganja worth ₹9cr seized; three held

MALKANGIRI: Police seized over 15 guintal ganja worth Rs 9 crore and arrested three people in Saptadhara forest area under Mathili police limits in Malkangiri district late Monday night. Acting on intelligence inputs, a police team led by SI Somnath Dalabehera raided Gobindapalli area where three persons were trying to smugale ganja packets to Jagdalpur area in Chhattisgarh. The three were arrested and 59 packets of ganja weighing 1,534 kg were seized. The contraband was valued at Rs 9 crore, SP Nitish Wadhwani said. In April, police ha

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This is to inform the general public that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Gol (MoEF&CC) has accorded Environment Clearance (EC identification No. EC22A008OR175569) with specific and general conditions to Vedanta Jharsuguda Limited, on 05.05.2022 for the



Collector Poma Tudu (middle in top row) and officials took a pledge against child marriage at a programme jointly organised by the district administration in Nayagarh and ActionAid, Tuesday

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men in the sea to return back before May 8.



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Notice is hereby given on behalf of my Client Suryoday Small Finance Bank Bhubaneswar for advancing lap loan to Sri Ramesh Chandra Srichandan, Umesh Chandra Srichandan on his property at Plot No.: 158, Khata No. 121, Area : AC. 0.266 decimals at Mouza : Nianmunba Tabasii - Bequina Dist Nianmunha, Tahasil : Begunia, Dist Khordha. But it was found that, he ha lost the Original deed bearing No. 3016 dtd. 03.09.1980, in favour of Sri Ramest Chandra Srichandan, Umesh Chandra Srichandan long since the year 2015 and inspite of best efforts he has not traced the same. Therefore, notice is hereby given to general public that if any body has got any right, title interest over the property on the missing document, they have to claim before the Suryoday Small Finance Bank, within 15 days from the date of publication and after that the document will lose its legal force and Suryoday Small Finance Bank will not be for any claim, what so ever inspite of best efforts he has not trace

responsible for any claim, what -so-ever on the property after 15 days.

Chhatrapur, May 10: With the threat of cvclonic storm Asani lurking near Odisha coast. over 60 fishermen had a close shave as they swam to the shore after their boats capsized in the turbulent sea at Aryapalli near here Tuesday.

The fishermen had gone to the sea for fishing despite repeated warning over rough sea conditions over the cyclonic storm Asani. The district administration had asked the fisher-

Reports said the fishermen were returning to the coast near Arvapalli in six fishing vessels after catching fish when one of their boats overturned about 200 metre from the fishing jetty while the rest five were damaged after being pounded by high tidal waves.

Among them, about 20 fishermen struggled hard and swam to the shore near Gopalpur Port jetty while some of them were rescued by the locals. The rest managed to cling to their



damaged boats and swam to safety. The incident has gone viral on social media.



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Jajpur, May 10: Nagada that had hogged the headlines in 2016 following death of over 20 children due to malnutrition is once again in news for wrong reasons, a report said.

As per sources, the cluster of hillv villages under Sukinda block of this district still paints a picture of neglect with the lifestyle of Juang tribals remaining unchanged even after so many years of the incident where many children died due to malnutrition

The death of the children shook the state government, which announced a series of welfare programmes to bring in development in Nagada villages. Meanwhile, the hilly villages have been connected with a road but the tribal clusters still lag behind in terms of socio-economic development. The villages are witnessing rise in child marriages and the resultant population growth while malnutrition continues to haunt the primitive tribals of the hilly villages.

Reports said Nagada is a cluster of hilly villages comprising Tala Nagada, Majhi Nagada and Upar Nagada under Chingudipal panchayat of Sukinda block in Jajpur district. The existence of the village came to public knowledge after the media highlighted the death of over 20 children due to malnutrition in April 2016.



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The reports that appeared in June 2016 rattled both the state government and Centre as senior officials made a beeline for Nagada.

Initially, the then state health and family welfare secretary Arti Ahuja had visited Nagada July 13, 2016 and recommended both short and longterm plans for the development of the tribal villages. Meanwhile, many short-term plans are being implemented here but the fruits of the developmental initiatives have remained a far cry, thanks to the negligent officials. The long-term plans

include construction of an all-weather road, educational institutions, power lines, drinking water and housing facilities. In her report, Ahuja also recommended for inclusion of the residents under Mamata scheme, Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), healthcare facilities, Mahatma Gandhi National **Employment Guarantee Scheme** (MGNREGS), National Food Security Act (NFSA) and agricultural schemes and adopt Nagada as a focus village.

Among these, some schemes have been implemented while healthcare services, agricultural schemes and MGNREGS still elude the residents. On the other hand, cases have been filed before the Lokayukta over severe irregularities in drinking water supply and road construction projects. Officials have failed to undertake awareness programmes for which 16 minor girls have been married off in the last two months.

Meanwhile, the state government has implemented food security scheme in Nagada, Ashram school, Anganwadi centre and Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana while supplying free seeds and agricultural equipment to farmers. These apart, kitchen garden scheme and easy bank loan facilities are also available for the residents.

Similarly, the population of Nagada is spiraling day by day. The total population of Nagada was 543 by June 2016 which has now reached at 760. This has happened due to lack of awareness programmes.

The Juang tribals were urged to undertake mushroom and vegetable cultivation for better earning and self-sufficiency. However, now the tribals have returned to their old ways of shifting cultivation for which they are often bearing the brunt of forest officials. Their food habit remains unchanged. They are still dependent on rice and wild tubers available in the jungles and are not consuming vegetables for which women and children are suffering from malnutrition and stunting.

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END OF HYPER-GLOBALISATION

The post-1990s era of hyperglobalisation is now commonly acknowledged to have come to an end. The COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's war against Ukraine have relegated global markets to a secondary and at best supporting role behind national objectives - in particular, public health and national security. But all the talk about deglobalisation should not blind us to the possibility that the current crisis may in fact produce a better globalisation.

In truth, hyper-globalisation had been in retreat since the global financial crisis of 2007-08. The share of trade in world GDP began to decline after 2007, as China's export-to-GDP ratio plummeted by a remarkable 16 percentage points. Global value chains stopped spreading. International capital flows never recovered to their pre-2007 heights. And populist politicians openly hostile to globalisation became much more influential in the advanced economies.

Hyper-globalisation crumbled under its many contradictions. First, there was a tension between the gains from specialisation and the gains from productive diversification. The principle of comparative advantage held that countries should specialise in what they were currently good at producing. But a long line of developmental thinking suggested that governments should instead push national economies to produce what richer countries did. The result was the conflict between the interventionist policies of the most successful economies, notably China, and the "liberal" principles enshrined in the world trading system.

Second, hyper-globalisation exacerbated distributional problems in many economies. The inevitable flip side of the gains from trade was the redistribution of income from its losers to its winners. And as globalisation deepened, redistribution from losers to winners grew ever larger relative to the net gains. Economists and technocrats who pooh-poohed the central logic of their discipline ended up undermining public confidence in it.

Third, hyper-globalisation undermined the accountability of public officials to their electorates. Calls to rewrite globalisation's rules were met with the retort that globalisation was immutable and irresistible - "the economic



With the end of post-1990s hyper-globalisation, scenarios for the world economy run the gamut. In the best case, achieving a better balance between the prerogatives of the nation-state and the requirements of an open economy might enable inclusive prosperity at home and peace and security abroad

equivalent of a force of nature, like wind or water." as US President Bill Clinton put it. To those who questioned the prevailing system, UK Prime Minister Tony Blair responded that, "You might as well debate whether autumn should follow summer.'

Fourth, the zero-sum logic of national security and geopolitical competition was antithetical to the positive-sum logic of international economic cooperation. With China's rise as a geopolitical rival to the United States, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, strategic competition has reasserted itself over economics.

With hyper-globalisation having collapsed, scenarios for the world economy run the gamut. The worst outcome, recalling the 1930s, would be withdrawal by countries (or groups of countries) into autarky. A less bad, but still ugly, possibility is that the supremacy of geopolitics means that trade wars and economic sanctions become a permanent feature of international trade and finance. The first scenario seems unlikely - the world economy is more interdependent than ever. and the economic costs would be huge – but we certainly cannot rule out the second

Yet, it is also possible to envisage a good scenario whereby we achieve a better balance between the prerogatives of the nation-state and the requirements of an open economy. Such a rebalancing might enable inclusive prosperity at home and peace and security abroad

The first step is for policymakers to mend the damage done to economies and societies by hyperglobalisation, along with other market-first policies. This will require reviving the spirit of the Bretton Woods era, when the global economy served domestic economic and social goals - full employment, prosperity, and equity -rather than the other way around. Under hyper-globalisation, policymakers inverted this logic, with the global economy becoming the end and domestic society the means. International integration then led to domestic disintegration.

Some might worry that emphasising domestic economic and social objectives would undermine economic openness. In reality, shared prosperity makes societies more secure and more likely to countenance openness to the world. A key lesson of economic theory is that trade benefits a country as a whole, but only as long as distributive concerns are addressed. It is in the self-interest of well-managed, well-ordered countries to be open. This is also the lesson of actual experience under the Bretton Woods system, when trade and long-term investment increased significantly.

A second important prerequisite for the good scenario is that countries do not turn a legitimate quest for national security into aggression against others. Russia may have had reasonable concerns about NATO enlargement, but its war in Ukraine is a completely disproportionate response that will likely leave Russia less secure and less prosperous in the long run.

For great powers, and the US in particular, this means acknowledging multipolarity and abandoning the quest for global supremacy. The US tends to regard American predominance in global affairs as the natural state of affairs. In this view, China's economic and technological advances are inherently and self-evidently a threat, and the bilateral relationship is reduced to a zero-sum game.

Leaving aside the question of whether the US can actually prevent China's relative rise, this mindset is both dangerous and unproductive. For one thing, it exacerbates the security dilemma: American policies designed to undermine Chinese firms such as Huawei are likely to make China feel threatened and respond in ways that validate US fears of Chinese expansionism. A zerosum outlook also makes it more difficult to reap the mutual gains from cooperation in areas such as climate change and global public health, while acknowledging that there will necessarily be competition in many other domains.

In short, our future world need not be one where geopolitics trumps everything else and countries (or regional blocs) minimise their economic interactions with one another. If that dystopian scenario does materialise, it will not be due to systemic forces outside our control. As with hyper-globalisation, it will be because we made the wrong choices.

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or the first time in its history since the former British colony was handed d over to China in 1997, Hong Kong has got a police officer of China as its new Chief Executive through an election May 8. The 64-year-old John Lee will take charge July 1. The election is not a democratic exercise through universal suffrage, but the product of Hong Kong's new electoral policies unveiled last March. Under the new system, the voting was done by a 1.500-member Electoral Commission stacked with nominees from Beijing. Lee is a favourite of Beijing for his repressive measures taken during pro-democracy protests in 2019 to stifle the voice of protest. Predictably, he got 99 per cent of the votes. He was the deputy chief of Hong Kong's police force and was instrumental in the brutal crackdowns on pro-democracy activists and closure of some media outlets known for taking a stance independent of Beijing.

As the sole Beijing-approved candidate to replace the incumbent Carrie Lam, Lee's victory was a foregone conclusion the moment he announced his candidacy. Previous elections had seen multi-cornered contests with several candidates for Hong Kong's top job. But this year, Lee was the only person Beijing apparently deemed sufficiently loyal to China's Communist Party under its new electoral policies for Hong Kong.

Since 2019, the Chinese government has instituted laws and policies which have eroded the relative autonomy that Hong Kong enjoyed after the territory was returned from the UK to China. Protests erupted against changes to extradition laws that would allow Hong Kong residents involved in alleged crimes to be extradited to mainland China for trial. The protesters were infuriated since that form of extradition only meant they would be subjected to China's autocratic laws contrary to the freedom they had so long enjoyed. Those protests were effective and they delayed the extradition laws. But, eventually a National Security Law was enacted and pro-democracy activists, Opposition politicians and business leaders were arrested. Since then a "climate of fear" has been prevailing in the city, breaking the backbone of democratic resistance movement.

The government in mainland China also instituted several reforms to Hong Kong's governing structure, which only strengthened China's iron grip over Hong Kong. Twelve pro-democracy candidates were barred from running in the 2020 Legislative Council (Hong Kong's legislature) elections, which were then postponed until December 2021. In the meantime, China's Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), with Lam's help, instituted changes to Hong Kong's Basic Law — the city's governing charter — ensuring that a greater proportion of seats would be allocated to those friendly towards China. The Standing Committee of the NPC also created an institution to vet potential political candidates. This is called the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC). Lee was the chair of the CERC till April 7.

Lee had worn more than one hat for managing affairs in Hong Kong as Beijing's most trusted hand. After performing the tasks he had been assigned as deputy chief of police force, he was elevated to the position of Chief Secretary for Hong Kong Administration. This was the second-most powerful position in the government. During his tenure, Hong Kong police were strongly criticised for using excessive force, such as deploying rubber bullets, tear gas, and water cannons, while occasionally using live ammunition against protesters. Of course, Lee had his defence and made it clear that the use of force and the response to the protest, including the National Security Law, had helped "restore stability from chaos." He has spelt out his plan to enact legislation that will "prohibit any act of treason, secession, sedition, subversion," which is legal under Hong Kong's Basic Law, to banish the thoughts of "Hong Kong independence, violence and extremism."

For his coercive policies undermining Hong Kong's autonomy and restricting freedom of expression or assembly of the citizens of Hong Kong, the US Treasury Department imposed sanctions on him, Lam and other government officials. His role in arresting, detaining and imprisoning individuals as per the provisions of the National Security Law was widely condemned.

As Chief Executive, Lee will have to rebuild Hong Kong's economy reeling under the effects of the National Security Law and the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. His lack of experience in such tasks may be a great handicap for him. The American Chamber of Commerce last year showed that 40 per cent of expatriates were considering leaving Hong Kong due to the National Security Law and many international companies moved their operations elsewhere. The pandemic shut off the city. The zero-COVID policy employed by the Chinese government has added to the exodus, with more than 150,000 people leaving since the beginning of 2022.

As per indications. Lee is said to try and tide over these difficulties by link ing Hong Kong to the trade and commerce circuits of mainland China far more aggressively than before. It appears the Sinofication of Hong Kong will be accelerated under Lee. However, historically Hong Kong has occupied a unique position in global trade and commerce for centuries. The geographical position of the island and its status as an independent territory had helped it achieve the coveted position that it was known for. When the British left the administration of the island after the expiry of the term of agreement with China, the world hoped that Hong Kong will be safeguarded by Beijing. The policies of the People's Republic of China looked more relaxed and tolerant two decades ago. The situation seems to have changed for the worse. An intolerant China in relation to Hong Kong seems similar to a war mongering Russia in relation to Ukraine.



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Subprime

his term dates back to the 1920s and is originally and mainly American. It his term dates back to the 1920s and is originary and many and appears first in the obvious sense of something, often food, that is below the highest quality or grade, inferior. By the 1970s it had begun to be linked with finance, at first in the sense of a commercial lending rate lower than the prime rate, one that was typically offered only to the most desirable borrowers. At that time to be offered a subprime loan was a mark of your creditworthiness and financial stability, ironic in view of what happened later. The word began its slide into notoriety in the early 1990s. It started to mean a loan, often on unfavourable terms, to borrowers who didn't qualify because of a poor credit history or other circumstances - those who in plain language would be called bad risks, who had court judgements against them, who had financial problems due to redundancy or divorce, or who were simply poor. Though subprime could be used for borrowing money for any purpose, the most significant use has been for mortgages. There have always been firms who were prepared to lend money to people in these groups, at a price, but in the nineties established lenders moved into this market. A surprisingly large number of euphemisms were coined, including sub-standard, impaired credit, B-paper, non-conforming, near-prime, and second chance, but subprime has become the most common. Lenders wanting to offset the risks of such loans began to package them into complex and ingenious financial instruments which they sold on to banks and hedge funds, who were keen to acquire them. Unfortunately, the rising levels of mortgage foreclosures in the US during 2006 and 2007 has left many of these instruments valueless and created a worldwide crisis in banking. Shares in Bradford & Bingley today tumbled 13% after it admitted to larger-than-expected losses from investments on the subprime mortgage market. -- Evening Standard, 13 Feb. 2008 Immortalized as the practice of making loans to borrowers with deficient credit histories, subprime lending has led to more than 100 major mortgage lenders closing their doors. -- La Prensa (San Diego), 16 Nov. 2007



just took a 15-minute afternoon nap and feel amazingly refreshed. I'm ready to tackle the rest of my day-iust as soon as I take another 15-minute nap.

Thirty minutes seems ideal for a nap, don't you think?

Actually, my favourite naps are about an hour long. But naps as short as 15 minutes have refreshed me, especially when they're perfectly placed during half-time of a football match.

That's why I applaud the initiative of Wakefit Solutions, the Bangalore-based startup company that offers mattresses, beds and other furnishings. Wakefit cofounder Chaitanya Ramalingegowda recently sent an internal email to employees telling them that they will now be granted the "right to nap" from 2 to 2.30 pm. This time slot will be blocked off as "official nap time" on employee calendars, making Wakefit mv "official favourite company' in the mattress industry. If I were seeking a mattress-related job,

there is no other company I would want to nap for.

I wouldn't be surprised to learn that Wakefit has been inundated with millions of job applications. Who wouldn't want to work for a company that allows you to sleep on the job? Even government workers don't get an "official nap time."

Research has shown that afternoon naps help with memory, concentration, creativity and productivity, as Ramalingegowda noted in his email. "A NASA study reveals that a 26-minute catnap can enhance performance by 33 per cent, while a Harvard study shows how naps prevent burnout," he wrote, adding that Wakefit is planning to introduce "cozy nap pods and quiet rooms in the office to create the perfect nap environment for employees.'

The company conducted a survey in 2019 and found that 70 per cent of respondents did not have a nap room at work. The survey also found that 80 per cent have felt sleepy at work for at least one day

a week. I usually get sleepy between 2 and 4 p.m., so the "official nap time" at Wakefit would be perfect for me. But for it to be truly effective, Wakefit will need to im-

pose some "official nap time rules": 1. Employees may engage in solo or group naps, but must maintain a safe distance from each other. Any type of touching, whether consensual or not, is strictly prohibited, even with eyes closed.

2. Employees who choose not to nap may use the time to snack, read or pray, but must refrain from working, as this may result in other employees feeling like "slackers."

3. Employees who choose to pray or use their phones during nap time must do so quietly. The only sound permitted during nap time is the sound of snoring.

4. Anyone who snores too loudly may be asked to nap in a special room with other snorers. Please do not take this personally. No record of your snoring will be entered in your official personnel file. 5. We will supply mattresses to all employees to use during nap time. A new mattress will be provided each day, so we can sell mattresses to the public using a special label: "Employee-Tested."

6. Nap time must begin no earlier than 2 p.m. and end no later than 2:30 p.m. Anyone who naps too early or too late will be deemed to be "sleeping on the job." A record of such violations will be entered in your official personnel file. Any appeals may be made in writing to either the Director of Human Resources (HRD) or the Employee Napping Director (END).

7. Anyone who has trouble napping may seek assistance from department heads or go all the way to the END. Sleeping pills will not be permitted at work, but at the discretion of the director, napping pills may be allowed.

8. If pills are not effective, the director may organise special meetings during nap times, as many of our employees have shown a strong inclination to fall asleep during meetings.

Lankan lessons

Sir, This refers to 'Mahinda steps down,' Orissa POST, May 10. The months of protests by civilians in the island nation turned ugly - resulting in killings of several civilians including a ruling party's MP. The unprecedented civilian violent protests have been triggered by the acute shortage of essentials including food, fuel and cooking gas. The Sri Lankan government hasn't been able to import the commodities in the wake of plummeted forex reserves. Add to this, the governance at the top was very unusual, to say the least. Four brothers became the President, the Prime Minister, and Ministers for Finance and Agriculture, and a fifth -- the Minister for Sports -- was a nephew. How can one expect sound democratic governance in an atmosphere of nepotism like this? The economic turmoil in Lanka, however, should hold lessons for other nations in the region, including India. India's 1991 crisis itself was the culmination of profligate fiscal policies tipped over by the Gulf War of 1990, high oil prices leading to a full-fledged currency crisis. And, some of the debt and deficit policies pursued by individual state governments are becoming unsustainable, if not outright crisis-prone. Also, it is a cause for concern as the Centre's debt-to-GDP ratio is now at 61.7% and interest payments were 45% of revenue receipts in 2021. While populism and large welfare spending is rising, we can't ignore what happens to economic resilience when fiscal caution is thrown to the winds. Policymakers need to recognise that populism and N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE fiscal recklessness have no happy ending.

Outdated law

Sir, Authorities have brought sedition charges against citizens on flimsy grounds in the last five years. A law originated in the colonial era is now abused by governments to quell dissent and free speech. Chief justice of India NV Ramana had expressed his concern about its misuse. Arbitrary enforcement of such an outdated law has sparked off a debate. What is the logic of using a law used by the British to suppress dissent and imprison freedom fighters in the post-Independent India? Critics of sedition law say that such a draconian law is a threat to democracy. People have the right to free speech and expression. Instead of trying to suppress public criticisms, a democratic government must introspect, realise its mistakes and move in the right direction. Punishing people who oppose wrong policies is against democratic principles. It is worrisome that several sedition cases have been filed after protests against wrong policies of the government. Venu GS, KOLLAM





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The National **Population Register** should be implemented in the state only in its 2010 format NITISH KUMAR | BIHAR CM

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

Former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala has cleared his Class 10 and 12 exams at the age of 87. He received his mark sheets from the Haryana board in Chandigarh Tuesday





I can only say that it was upon the initiative of the RJD and Lalu ji that resolutions were twice passed by the

assembly and the legislative council and an all-party delegation met the prime minister to press the demand for the caste census

TEJASHWI YADAV RJD LEADER

This government will give ₹2,500 as monthly pension to the patients suffering from stages 3 and 4 cancer, thalassaemia and haemophilia

MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR HARYANA CM

Increasing inflation and unemployment are going to create a situation of crisis in the country but no leader is ready to speak on the issues

SATYA PAL MALIK MEGHALAYA GOVERNOR

SHORT TAKES

Two militants, civilian killed

Srinagar: Two militants and a civilian were killed while two others, including a soldier, injured in separate gunfights in Jammu and Kashmir, police said Tuesday. Giving details, a police spokesmar said a cordon and search operation was launched on Monday evening by security forces in the Pandoshan area of Shopian district following information about the presence of terrorists there. As the search party was establishing the cordon around the area, the hiding terrorists started indiscriminate firing on it, he said. The spokesman said the security forces exercised maximum restraint to save and evacuate the civilians present in the area.

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Pooja Singhal

Rahul slams PM for creating 'two Indias'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dahod (Gujarat), May 10: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of creating two Indias, one for the rich and another for the poor, and claimed that the resources of the country are being given to a few wealthy people. Launching his party's campaign

for this year's Gujarat Assembly elections at an "Adivasi satyagrah rally' in tribal-dominated Dahod district. Rahul Gandhi said he was confident that Congress will come to power in the state.

This is the first public rally of the Congress party in Gujarat in the run-up to the 2022 state elections, due in December: "In 2014. Narendra Modi ii became the Prime Minister of India. Before that, he was the chief minister of Gujarat. The work he started in Gujarat, he is doing in the country. It is called the Gujarat Model," Rahul Gandhi said

Today, two Indias are being created, one India of the rich, a few select people, billionaires and bureaucrats who have power and money. The second

people," he said. The Congress party does not want two Indias but

everyone, which it had

Shah was given water bottle worth ₹850 during Goa trip: Minister

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panaji, May 10: Citing an example that during the recent visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, when he asked for Himalaya mineral water and the bottle cost ₹850, Goa Civil Supply Minister Ravi Naik said that in future water will be as expensive as gold and diamonds.

Naik, who also holds the agriculture portfolio, was speaking during the inauguration of the administrative building for agriculture in Ponda, south Goa. "One of the American newspapers has published that in the future the rate of water will come at the same level of gold and diamonds. Hence, we need to preserve water." he said.

He said that the state records around 120 inches of rain every season, hence it won't be difficult to preserve water. "The government can build dams across the state wherever there are mountains and store water," he said. Ravi Naik had earlier said that water could be supplied to the rest of the country and could even be exported to other countries. "When Amit Shah was in Goa, he asked for a Himalaya water bottle. It was then brought from Mapusa (around 15 km from Panaji). It cost ₹850,' Naik said.

SELLING PAK MBBS SEATS IN J&K Court frames charges against Hurriyat leader, seven others

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, May 10: A special court here Monday framed charges against eight persons, including a prominent Hurriyat leader, for selling Pakistani MBBS seats in Jammu and Kashmir to fund terror activities

Special judge NIA court, Srinagar, Manjeet Singh Manhas, framed the charges against Hurriyat leader and chairman Salvation Movement Mohammad Akbar Bhat alias 'Zaffar Akbar Bhat' and seven other residents of Kashmir for committing offences under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The case was registered against the "unscrupulous persons" by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) on July 27, 2020.

They were hand in glove with some educational consultancies for arranging admission of Jammu and Kashmir residents in MBBS and other professional courses in various colleges, institutions and universities in Pakistan, officials said.



The case was registered against the 'unscrupulous persons' by the State **Investigation Agency** July 27, 2020

Besides Akbar Bhat, others accused in the case are Fatima Shah. Altaf Ahmad Bhat (at present in Pakistan), Qazi Yasir (absconding), Mohammad Abdullah Shah, Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Shah (at present in Pakistan) and Mohammad Iqbal Mir, who was released on bail because he was suffering from a terminal disease, they said.

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The court framed the charges after hearing detailed arguments from a battery of lawyers from the side of the defence and the counter arguments of the SIA, which was represented by a special public prosecutor, in 11 hearings spread over five months, an official said.

He said huge amount of money was received in lieu of such admissions from parents of students, and this was ploughed into supporting terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the course of investigation, searches in the houses of the accused persons and at other places were undertaken by sleuths of the SIA after obtaining search warrants from the court, the official said.

The documents and other material seized during the search were analysed and it was found that deposits in the accounts of accused persons were made on account of providing admissions in various technical and professional courses in Pakistan, including MBBS, he said.

Railways unveils 'baby berths' in Lucknow Mail

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: To make train journey more comfortable for women passengers travelling with infants, the railways has fitted foldable "baby berths" on the side of lower main berths of the Lucknow Mail as part of a pilot project.

Based on the feedback of passengers on the "new product", plans will be drawn to expand the concept to other trains, officials said. The "baby berth", which are hinged to the lower main berths, can be folded and secured with a stopper when not in use. It has been aligned to the main berth.

On the AC-3 coach of Lucknow_ Mail, two "baby berths" of 770 mm in length, 255 mm in width and 76.2 mm in height were fitted to berth number 12 and 60 of the second cabins on both ends of coaches on April 27.

PTI PHOTO

Farmers wash radishes after harvesting them at a village on the outskirts of Jammu

(tribals) have to snatch your equality for every rights and then only you one, he said. Rahul will get what is yours Gandhi said Congress RAHUL GANDHI wanted proper distribu-CONGRESS LEADER tion of resources for

ensured when in power in the past. "In the BJP model, people's resources such as water, forest and land which belong to tribals and other poor people, are being given to a few," he said.

The Congress leader also said that the BJP-led government in Gujarat had deprived tribals of their rights. "The BJP government will not give you anything, but take away everything from you. You (tribals) have to snatch your rights and then only you will get what is yours," he said.

Rahul Gandhi said that tribal people worked hard to build roads,

coronavirus," he alleged. photo of Narendra Modi, or any actor, actresses, but will say noth-

ing about the truth," he said.



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flash your mobile lights

"You did not get oxygen, you

pandemic in the country. During the pandemic, the prime minister told you to bang

when three lakh people died in Gujarat. The Ganga river was filled up with bodies. Between 50 to 60 lakh people died in the country due to

did not get medicine, you were treated outside hospitals as no space was available and they told you to bang pots and pans," Rahul Gandhi said. He alleged that only a few people run the Central government and the people are silent and scared. "For 24 hours, the media keeps distracting, showing the

WHICH IT HAD ENSURED WHEN IN POWER IN THE PAST bridges, buildings and infrastructure in Gujarat but didn't get anything in return, including good education and health service. He also slammed PM Modi over handling the coronavirus

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being

felicitated with a bow and arrow by

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party workers in Dahod

pots and pans (from balconies) and

New Delhi: Jharkhand mining secretary Pooja Singhal was questioned for about nine hours Tuesday as she appeared before the ED here along with her husband in a money-laundering probe linked to alleged embezzlement of MGNREGA funds in Khunti and other charges, officials said. She has been called again Wednesday for a fresh round of grilling. The federal agency recorded the statement of the 2000batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). They said the statement of he businessman husband Abhishek Jha was also recorded, a third time.

9 pilots, 32 cabin-crew members failed alcohol tests

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: Nine pilots and 32 cabin-crew members failed their pre-flight alcohol tests between January 1 and April 30, India's aviation regulator DGCA said Tuesday.

"Of them, two pilots and two cabin-crew members have been suspended for a period of three years for being positive for the second time," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a statement.

The remaining seven pilots and 30 cabin-crew members were suspended for three months as they tested BA (breathalyser) positive for the first time, it added



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According to the DGCA, four pilots and 10 cabin-crew members of IndiGo, one pilot and five cabincrew members of Go First, one pilot and six cabin-crew members of SpiceJet, one pilot of Air India Express and four cabin-crew members of AirAsia India failed the preflight alcohol tests in the said period. One pilot and two cabin-crew India resumed full scheduled international flights March 27 after 2 years of Covid-induced suspension

members of Vistara, one pilot of Alliance Air and five cabin-crew members of Air India also failed the test, the aviation regulator said. The DGCA had stated last month that airlines must ensure that 50 per cent of their cockpit and cabincrew members are subjected to preflight alcohol tests on a daily basis.

Before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, all crew members were required to undergo preflight alcohol tests. When the pandemic struck, the tests were suspended for a couple of months. Subsequently, the tests were resumed but for only a small percentage of crew members.

"During the period of four months commencing from January 1, the DGCA has carried out 48 enforcement actions for violations of various requirements of the regulation regarding testing of crew for the consumption of alcohol." the aviation regulator said. Apart from the action against the

41 crew members (nine pilots and 32 cabin-crew members), the DGCA has also acted against seven crew members for "missing BA tests or not furnishing the declaration".

"This has been done on a trial basis and will be expanded once we get positive feedback from passengers. Once we try it out more and record the feedbacks, we will put the necessary details on CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems) where it can be booked on request," an official of the Northern Railway said.

'The (booking) system will be like the one we currently use to offer senior citizens lower berths. So, once, a passenger says yes to travelling with a child, we will offer the berth to them. However, it is now at a nascent stage," the official said.

Currently, there is no mechanism to book the lower berth for women who are travelling with infants

Former Andhra minister arrested

Amaravati: Former Andhra Pradesh minister P. Narayana was arrested Tuesday in the Class 10 question paper leak case. An Andhra Pradesh Police party arrested Narayana from his residence at Kondapur in Hyderabad and brought him to Chittoor, where a case was registered against him. Narayana, a leader of opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP), is the founder chairman of Narayana Group of institutions.

Rajasthan HC stays arrest of journalist

Jodhpur: The Rajasthan High Court Tuesday stayed the arrest of Noida-based journalist Aman Chopra who was booked by the state police over a TV debate on the demolition of a temple by civic authorities in Alwar district. Further hearing in the case is now listed for Wednesday before the high court's Jodhpur bench.

ITBP to induct women canine squad handlers among CAPFs

THE EIGHT WOMEN ARE PART OF A 25 PERSONNEL TEAM WHO WILL JOIN TRAINING IN THE LAST WEEK OF THIS MONTH AT THE ITBP-RUN NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR DOGS (NTCD) IN THE BHANU AREA OF HARYANA'S PANCHKULA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: Border guarding force ITBP has decided to induct a batch of eight women personnel who will be the first among the central paramilitary forces to be trained as handlers for canine squads deployed in various security theatres, including anti-Naxal operations.

Dog handlers in the central armed police forces (CAPFs) are an all-male domain right now. The selected women Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel are in the rank of constable and belong to the 'animal transport' cadre of the mountain-warfare trained force that was raised in the wake of the 1962 Chinese aggression along India's eastern front.

The force is primarily tasked to guard the 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain like conducting anti-Maoist operations and carrying out antisabotage checks during high-profile events and VVIP visits.

The eight women are part of a 25 personnel team who will join training in the last week of this month at the ITBP-run National Training Centre for Dogs (NTCD) in the Bhanu area in Haryana's Panchkula

"This will go a long way in breaking barriers, changing mindsets and proving that there is absolutely no job in the security forces that women cannot do. The ITBP has truly broken the proverbial glass ceiling by inducting ladies in the K9 (canine) wing," ITBP Deputy Inspector General (Veterinary) Sudhakar Natarajan said.

He said the eight women personnel, in an average age bracket of early to mid-20s, would be first put under training for two to three months as they begin rearing the Malinois breed of pups. This ini-

tial course will be followed by another three months of a 'tactical obedience course' and the final leg would be to undergo three to four months of 'dual purpose dogs' or PEDD (patrol and explosive de-

tection dogs) training.

The officer said he feels women "would be more successful in the dog handling domain due to their motherly instincts and feeling of empathy"."I have seen during my

stint in the United Nations with NATO forces that dogs were more receptive to the feminine voice, as a dog processes the commands based on frequency alone and therefore, a female voice frequency will enhance trainability,' Natarajan said.

A senior CAPF officer said this was probably the last work profile where women were not engaged in the central forces."Police forces of Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra have already inducted women as dog handlers in their canine wing. The performance of these women personnel should encourage more and more forces to do the same," the officer said.

The ITBP also has the credit to be the first security force in the country to have inducted the Malinois breed of dogs, a litter of an Israeli male Malinois crossed with an American bitch, in 2009.

The coarser looking breed is the most preferred by security forces for infantry patrol duties and commando operations because of its ability to perform and deliver good results in challenging, difficult terrain and harsh climate areas.







UP POST POLLS SCENARIO

Most parties 'headless' after Assembly election

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Gandhi Vadra's coterie.

about working under Priyanka

The party remains in a state of

inertia in Uttar Pradesh since the

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the state.

AGENCIES

Lucknow, May 10: Major political parties in Uttar Pradesh are 'headless' even after it has been two months since the Assembly results were announced.

The BJP, Congress, Rashtriya Lok Dal are among the parties that do not have a state head at present.

Most parties are working out caste arithmetic for the next Lok Sabha elections before they appoint a state head. Some are even waiting for rival parties to announce their state presidents before they do so.

The BJP, for instance, is working out caste equations before it announces the name of its state president.

The present state president Swatantra Dev Singh has been inducted into the council of ministers and the party, for all practical purposes, is headless

As the BJP strictly adheres to the principle of 'one man one post', a new face is sure to take command of the state organisation soon.

The party's focus is on managing caste balances for the 2024 elections and it is this factor that will decide the name of the new state chief.

Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu was asked to resign in March after the party faced its worst ever debacle in Uttar Pradesh.

Party sources claim that some leaders have even been shortlisted to revive the party, but most of them have expressed reservations

fore leaving he BJP, Congress, Rashtriya The RLD leadership, since then, Lok Dal are among the

has not found a suitable successor to Dr Masood Ahmad and the party also remains headless

If sources are to be believed, the Samajwadi Party (SP) is also planning a major revamp. SP state president Naresh Uttam Patel is expected to be elevated to the national level and the party wants a younger and more energetic leader to head the state.

The decision on this is pending. The Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Lohia (PSPL) is also headless at the moment.

PSPL president Shivpal Yadav past two months and even the general secretary in-charge Priyanka had dissolved all organisational Gandhi Vadra has kept away from units a few weeks ago. Last week he appointed heads of various Rashtriya Lok Dal state president frontal units, but did not name a new Dr Masood Ahmad had resigned imstate president.

Sources said that Shivpal would mediately after the announcement of the Assembly results in March. first decide his future course of action in politics before naming a He levelled serious allegations against the party leadership bestate president.

UP TO MODERNISE OVER 2K RICE MILLS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, May 10: In a first, the Uttar Pradesh government will undertake the task of modernising over 2,000 rice mills across the states to ensure quality- control, so that the finished rice fetches a better price.

According to Sorabh Babu, Commissioner, Food and Civil Supplies, the private rice mills will be modernised and, in this regard, some mandatory provisions will be made by the government. The department will soon hold a meeting with the UP Rice Millers Association and millers to encourage them toward the same. Rice milling is the oldest and the largest agro-processing industry in the country.

There are about 757 large mills having a milling capacity of 4 tonnes per hour or more in the state, while the number of smaller units is about 1,157 having less



The move is aimed at achieving the state government's goal of self-sufficiency in food and nutrition security, employment creation, and wealth generation

than 4 MT per hour milling capacity. The smaller scale mills are equipped with the traditional machine due to which the quality of rice deteriorates and does not fulfill the norms and standards of FCI (Food Corporation of India).

PRESIDENTIAL POLL

How Kerala will vote is a foregone conclusion

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Thiruvananthapuram, May 10: The election to the office of President is likely to be held in the last week of July, and there is no suspense on how Kerala will vote as it will be against the candidate fielded by the NDA.

In Kerala, the Left with 99 seats is ruling the state while the opposition UDF led by Congress has 40 seats in the 140- member assembly. One seat has fallen vacant after the death of Congress legislator PT Thomas and the by-election to the Thrikkakara seat which he represented is to take place May 31.

Senior leader of the CPM and special invitee of party Central Committee, S Ramachandran Pillai told IANS, "The CPM is a political party that is stiffly against the BJP. We will be taking a stand for the president election according to our policies. However, the party has to take a decision on the same office in the days to come.3

The senior leader, however, said that the party committees have to finalise the decision. He did not comment on whether the party will be voting along with the Congress from Kerala.

While the CPM and the Congress are jointly opposing the BJP at the Centre, in Kerala, the two are opposed to each other and hence the CPM and the Left parties will have to tread a cautious line while voting in the presidential elections. The Congress party in Kerala is of the opinion that the strategy

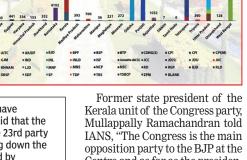
THE PREZ POLL MATH: I How the numbers add up for non-NDA, non-UPA partie Total Vote Value

he Left parties have categorically said that the main agenda of the 23rd party Congress is to bring down the BJP government led by Narendra Modi at the Centre

his is a clear indication that This is a clear mulcation that the party will all out oppose the candidate put up by the NDA for the presidential elections

With the BJP or the NDA not having any legislators from Kerala, the vote for the candidate put by the BJP led NDA in the presidential election will be zero

regarding the election to the President post will be decided only after the Congress Working Committee meeting.



Centre and as far as the presidential election is concerned, the election will be held in July last probably and hence the party has time for that." The CPM and CPI, the two major

Left parties, will take a decision only after the Politburo and Central secretariat meetings respectively but by and large, the leaders agree that the main agenda will be to defeat BJP's presidential candidate.

With Kerala having no BJP representation or for that matter from the NDA, the candidate put up by the NDA for the post of president is certain to get no votes in the state.

Six Dhanwantri Mega Health Parks in UP soon

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, May 10: The Yogi Adityanath government will soon set up six Dhanwantri Mega Health Parks with an investment of about ₹30,000 crore in the state.

The government has set in motion processes to further improve and develop the health infrastructure in the state.

According to a government spokesperson, these Mega Health Parks will make the state self-reliant by enhancing big time the production of health and medical facilities like surgical instruments and medicines. Along with this, under the Maharishi Sushruta Health Infrastructure Mission, health infrastructure will also be improved at every level at a cost of more than ₹10,000 crore in the state. The state government will be doubling the number of seats for medical courses in the state and more than 6,000 doctors and 10,000 paramedical staff will be appointed in various healthcare facilities across the state. Along with this, doubling the number of ambulances equipped with state-of-the-art life support facilities in Uttar Pradesh, dialysis centres in every district, expanding the network of Jan Aushadhi Kendra, making Uttar Pradesh a TB-free state by 2025 and availability of affordable essential medicines will be ensured.

Olympics, Asian Games medal winners to be appointed in UP govt



A committee under the chief secretary will select these sportspersons. This will help in developing a sports culture in the state SURESH KUMAR KHANNA UP'S FINANCE MINISTER

posts in nine departments". The nine departments where these appointments will be made are rural development, secondary education, basic education, home de partment, panchayati raj department, youth welfare department, transport department, forest department, and revenue department." Girish Chandra Yadav, minister of state (independent charge) Sports and Youth Welfare, called the step "historic". "This will help promote sports in the state, and will give a boost to the sportspersons. Similar scheme is currently operational in other states of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Bihar," he said. Yaday said the decision will consider sportspersons who won medals by September 1, 2020 for the scheme. The posts been kept outside the ambit of the Public Service Commission by the department of Personnel, the government said in a statement here





PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, May 10: The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to appoint international sports medal winners, including those who won them in Olympics, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games, on 24 posts in nine departments of the state.

The state cabinet also gave its consent to hold the session of the UP Legislature from May 23

Briefing reporters here, UP's Finance minister Suresh Kumar Khanna said, "The sportspersons, who have a domicile of Uttar Pradesh, and have won medals in international sports events, will be posted on gazetted posts on 24

Commuters use scarves to shield themselves from the heat while riding a two-wheeler on a summer day in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

Sister Lismy: Kerala's cinematographer nun

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thrissur (Ker), May 10: Wearing the long traditional habit and hold ing a rosary in hand, the nun roamed around the sprawling grounds of the famed Vadakkunnathan temple here with her video camera seeking good angles and shots.

Though she did not go inside the shrine, dedicated to Lord Siva, the Catholic nun shot charming visuals around the temple from outside and captured the excitement, anticipation and spirit of the upcoming "Thrissur Pooram" with ease and grace recently.

For Sister Lismy Parayil, wield ing the camera for a video album on a Hindu temple festival was also part of her service to the God as she believed that she was presenting the beauty of His creations transcending religious divide through the initiative.

An inmate of the Congregation of Mother of Carmel (CMC) for the last 22 years, this intense pas-



Sister Lismy Parayil

sion and worship for video cameras has helped the 37-year old to take up a career as a professional cinematographer along with her spiritual service.

Basking in the recent recognition of the India Book of Records as the first nun professional cinematographer, Sister Lismy said she was seeing her love for camera

and technology as a Godgiven talent to propagate His goodness in the society.

She also whole-heartedly thanked the CMC Nirmala Province here, her convent, for extending support to enable her chase her dreams.

"I got the first chance to operate a camera according to my imagination after I joined the convent, she told PTI.

The tech-savvy nun still cherishes the vivid memories of shooting videos using the tiny mo-

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Sister Lismy

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tion camera brought **Over** from Rome by her su-1,500 professional perior nuns.

videos including music albums, short films, documentaries and devotional songs in the nun's credit earned her the status of first "cinematographer nun" of Kerala, perhaps the only Kester, gave her-

one in the country self a reassurance also in her inborn talent as well as helped to gain

the trust of her superiors.

FUNNY, BUT TRUE WASPS FOIL SUICIDE **BID BY WOMAN IN KER**

PTI PHOTO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Alappuzha(Ker), May 10: Wasps prevented a suicide attempt by a woman in Kerala's coastal district of Alappuzha a day ago.

The woman Monday evening had climbed a BSNL mobile tower in Kavamkulam here threatening to jump off it if her baby was not returned by her husband.

Attempts by the police and the fire force personnel to talk her out of it did not fructify and that is when nature intervened.

Visuals of the incident on TV channels showed that as the woman was busy climbing to the top of the mobile tower, she disturbed a wasp nest there and predictably,

sensing a threat to them, the wasps swarmed around her with some stinging her.

Panicked and stung, the woman abandoned her suicide attempt and started to rapidly climb

down the ladder on the side of the tower, screaming all the way as the wasps swarmed around her. As she neared the bottom, she jumped the last few feet into the rescue net being held at the base of the tower

by the fire force personnel. The rescue personnel were heard saying in the video that if

not for the wasps, the woman would not have come down. An officer from Kayamkulam police station said the woman, a native of Tamil-Nadu, was hospitalized after the incident and was under observation.





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BJP people are fake people. In order to ensure that issues like rising inflation and unemployment are not discussed, the BJP sponsors people who instigate fights. Sometimes, BJP people mislead the public by raising the issue of the Taj Mahal and sometimes the mosques AKHILESH YADAV SP PRESIDENT

HEARING POSTPONED

Hearing on the plea seeking a fact-finding inquiry into the "history" of the Taj Mahal filed in the Allahabad High Court was deferred to Thursday as lawyers boycotted work



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The case will come up

for final hearing July 5

after the summer break

who was held in connection with

a case registered against him in

Mohali last month. In its plea, the

Puniab government had alleged

that when Punjab Police was tak-

ing Bagga to SAS Nagar (Mohali)

to produce him before the area

magistrate, the Haryana Police

stopped them midway and brought

them to the Kurukshetra where

his custody was given to the Delhi

Delhi Police, which reports to

the Union Home Ministry, on May

6 took Bagga's custody and later re-

Punjab Police in connection with

Bagga's arrest. Punjab Police,

while taking Bagga to Mohali

from Delhi, was stopped midway

by the Haryana Police after Delhi

Police registered a kidnapping

case on the complaint of father of

the BJP leader.

It also lodged two cases against

leased him after legal process.

Police

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Launcher used in Mohali attack recovered: Cops Bagga gets reprieve

important aspect in the Lakhimpur "farmer massacre" was the "threatening" speech of Minister of State

The most

for Home Ajay Mishra and the BJP government bolstered his support instead of standing with farmersss PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA CONGRESS LEADER

Assam was earlier known as a 'disturbed' area. Development was very slow. Even after being in power for over 60 years Congress couldn't do anything to

resolve the problems. But after Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, he has achieved much success in resolving most of the problems SARBANANDA SONOWAL UNION MINISTER

It is most important to bring Punjab's youth out of drug addiction. Now, there is an honest government in

to drug peddlers. Strict action will be taken against them ARVIND KEJRIWAL DELHLCM

SHORT TAKES

Hemant Soren seeks extension

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren Tuesday sought a four-week extension from the Election Commission to reply to its notice over charges that he issued a mining lease in the state in his favour, but the poll panel gave him 10 days. The EC had sought Soren's response after it had received a representation that he was allegedly misusing the office of chief minister and therefore he should be disqualified as a member of the assembly. Soren has rejected the charges. The EC had issued the notice to Soren on May 2 asking him to reply by May 10, but the JMM leader had sought four more weeks. citing his mother's ill health among other reasons.

Municipal official

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, May 10: A day after a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at its intelligence wing headquarters in Mohali, the Punjab police Tuesday said it has recovered the launcher used in the attack and that a number of suspects have been rounded up.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the strictest punishment will be meted out to those trying to spoil the state's atmosphere. Director General of Police (DGP) V K Bhawra said they have got a few leads and the case will be solved soon.

"A number of suspects have been rounded up and questioned. The launcher used in the attack has been recovered by the police and all leads developed in the case are being pursued meticulously," a statement issued by the Mohali police said.

The rocket-propelled grenade was fired at the third floor of the highly-guarded building in Mohali's Sector 77 at 7:45 pm on Monday, following which an alert was

A case under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Explosives Act has been lodged at Mohali's Sohana police station in connection with the incident.

The case was registered on the basis of the statement of sub-inspector Balkar Singh, the security in-charge of the intelligence wing headquarters. In his statement. the sub-inspector said he heard the sound of an explosion on the



third floor of the building and when he went there, he saw smoke coming out of room number 41. He said a projectile, after hit-

ting the wall and breaking the window panes, hit the roof of the room before falling on a chair. Earlier in the day, the chief minister held a meeting with the DGP and top officials of the intelligence wing and directed the state police chief to probe the matter thoroughly.

Mann said nobody would be allowed to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Punjab, adding that a few inimical forces are constantly trying to foment trouble across the state, but they will never succeed in their nefarious designs. During the meeting, the DGP

apprised the chief minister that a few suspects have been taken into custody for interrogation. "Some arrests have been made and more will be made," Mann said

after the meeting, apparently referring to the people who have been rounded up for questioning.

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"Whoever tries to spoil the atmosphere of Punjab will not be spared and the strictest punishment will be given to them, which their coming generations will remember," the chief minister said. Later, after a meeting with senior officials at the intelligence wing headquarters, Bhawra told reporters in Mohali that a projectile had hit the building and the explosive used in it seems to be TNT (trinitrotoluene).

'There was nobody in the room

when the incident occurred. The impact was on the wall." he said. "But it is a challenge and we are making all-out efforts to solve the case," the DGP added. To a question on whether it was a terror attack or there was a Khalistani angle in it Bhawra said whatever comes out of the investigation, "we will let you know"."We have leads and we will soon solve the case," he said.

A preliminary investigation pointed towards the involvement of two men who came in a car and fired the RPG at the building.

The incident is being seen as a major intelligence failure as the building houses the state counterintelligence wing, the special task force, the anti-gangster task force and some other units. Police are also suspecting the involvement of gangster-turned-terrorist Harvinder Singh Rinda, who is believed to be in Pakistan, in the incident.

Rinda has been taking the help of local gangsters to carry out antinational activities here, police sources said. His name figured when a terror plot was foiled recently with the arrest of four suspected Pakistan-linked terrorists in Haryana's Karnal.

Rinda's involvement was also detected in a hand-grenade attack at the Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) office in Nawanshahr last month.

The incident took place days after the arrest of the four suspected Pakistan-linked terrorists in Karnal and the arrest of two people that led to the recovery of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) packed with 1.5 kg RDX from Punjab's Tarn Taran district.

ER SIDE

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, May 10: In a major reprieve to BJP leader Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga, the Punjab and Haryana High Court Tuesday ordered continuation of his interim protection.

But Justice Anoop Chitkara questioned Punjab on filing of a habeas corpus plea in the case. The case will come up for final hearing July 5 after the summer break. Additional Solicitor General Satva Pal Jain refuted the allega tions of illegal detention and said not even a single officer was detained.

An affidavit in this regard has already been filed by the Delhi Police. The High Court last week stayed the arrest of Bagga and directed the Punjab government to not take any coercive action against him until the next hearing which was scheduled for May 10. The BJP leader moved the High Court while challenging a non-bailable arrest warrant issued against him by a Mohali Court on May 7.

The Punjab government, in its habeas plea, had moved two applications: one for making the Centre a party to the case and the second for direction to Delhi and Harvana Police to preserve the CCTV cameras.

The state had filed the habeas corpus petition against the Haryana government, alleging that 12 Punjab Police officers involved in the arrest of Bagga have been detained by Haryana police in Kurukshetra. Punjab also sought the custody

of Bagga, the national secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha,



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kochi, May 10: Former seventime MLA and Kerala Janapaksham Chairman P.C.George, who was arrested and released for making communal remarks, has a new hate speech case registered against him here.

Earlier this month, he was granted conditional bail by a local court in the state capital city for a similar offence. Kochi City Police Commissioner C.H.Nagaraju said that George will be arrested as he has committed the same crime

again, which is a violation of the

George has been going hammer

and tongs against the Muslim com-

munity which has landed him in

trouble yet again. On May 1, George

was arrested over hate speech

charges from his house and granted

conditional bail later by

Thiruvananthapuram Judicial

first class magistrate court(ii),

Justice Asha Koshy

Of late, in his political speeches,

bail conditions.

44 activists detained for reciting 'Hanuman Chalisa'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, May 10: The Delhi police Tuesday detained 44 right wing activists from outside Qutub Minar in the national capital after they reached there to recite the 'Hanuman Chalisa' (a Hindu prayer).

A total of 50 people affiliated to right wing groups had gathered outside the world heritage site Qutub Minar to recite Hanuman Chalisa on a call given by United Hindu Front (UHF) Working President, Jai Bhagwan Goyal.

Deputy Commissioner of Police

Minar complex. United Hindu Front (UHF) president Jai Bhagwan Goyal, who had given a call to reach the complex at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, said that he was placed under house arrest since morning at his residence in Delhi's Shahdara area. "At least 10-15 police personnel were outside my house. They were not allowing me to leave," the UHF president said. When IANS contacted Delhi Police, a senior official said Goval has not been placed under house arrest. "We received









sounded in Punjab.

suspended

Bhopal: An obscene dance performed by a woman during a government-organised event in Madhya Pradesh has prompted the state administration to suspend the chief municipal officer, said an official Tuesday. The local administration had organised a programme - 'Maa Mahishasur Mardini Devi Mela' in Shamgarh town, some 70 km from the Mandsaur district headquarters. During the event, an allegedly obscene dance was performed on the stage by a woman.

3 dead, 26 injured

New Delhi: Three persons died while 26 others were iniured after a mini-truck carrying a marriage party fell off a culvert in Madhva Pradesh, the police said Tuesday. The incident occurred late Monday when a mini-truck carrying a marriage party from Jhabua towards Chandra Shekhar Azad Nagar in Aliraipur fell off a culvert. Chandra Shekhar Azad Nagar is a village named after freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad.

to the activists to gather there. "The 50 people that gathered there belonged to United Hindu Front and Rashtravadi Shiv Sena," the DCP said. Of them, 44 activists were detained under section 65 (Persons bound to comply with the reasonable directions of police officers) of the Delhi Police Act. Meanwhile, there was heavy police deployment outside the Qutub

(south Delhi) Benita Mary Jaiker the Qutub Minar," official sources said no permission was granted said, adding that the police has been deployed just to ensure that Goval does not reach Qutub Minar. "He is not under house arrest,'

the source said. The origins of Qutub Minar are shrouded in controversy. Some believe it was erected as a tower of victory to signify the beginning of the Muslim rule in India. Others say it served as a minaret for the muezzins to call the faithful to prayer.



Members of right-wing organisations recite Hanuman Chalisa outside the Qutub Minar demanding to rename the monument as Vishnu Stambh, in New Delhi



Rajya Sabha Secretariat employees enact a play during a cultural event on the Rajya Sabha Day, at GMC Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament, in New Delhi PTI PHOTO

India will need 1 lakh drone pilots: Scindia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: A total of 12 central ministries are trying to boost the indigenous demand for drone services and India will need approximately one lakh drone pilots in the coming years. Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said Tuesday.

"We are taking the drone sector forward on three wheels. The first wheel is of policy. You have seen how fast we are implementing the policy." Scindia said at a Niti Aayog event here. The second wheel is to create incentives, he said.

"The PLI (production-linked incentive) scheme, which has been implemented under the leadership

One in four adults have hypertension in India: Report



of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will give a fresh boost to manufacturing and services in the drone sector," the minister added.

The PLI scheme was introduced in September 2021 as a followthrough of the liberalised Drone Rules, 2021 released by the ministry on August 25 last year. Scindia

said the third wheel is to create indigenous demand and the 12 ministries have tried to create that demand.

Today, someone who has passed the Class-12 exam can be trained as a drone pilot and no college degrees are required for it, he pointed out. "With two-three months of training, this person is in his or her job as a drone pilot with a monthly salary of around Rs 30,000," the minister said.

'We need close to a lakh drone pilots in the years to come. So the opportunity is tremendous," he added. Scindia had, on September 16 last year, said the Indian drone industry will see a turnover of up to Rs 15,000 crore by 2026



He was then charged under IPC Sections 153 A and 295 A and just the other day George repeated the same mistake while speaking at Vennala, near here at a Thrikkakara by-election meeting. Nagaraju said it's only natural to arrest George again as he done the same crime, for which a case has been registered.

The police are now looking into the audio and video recordings of the meeting. Meanwhile, George is understood to have approached a lower court, here to seek anticipatory bail but the Kerala Police has filed a petition seeking cancellation of his bail granted on May 1 and will be heard in the state capital on Wednesday. On May 1, after securing the bail, George told mediapersons: "The Judiciary in India is for justice and the Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, and his police had arrested me as a Ramzan gift to Islamic terror groups."

George, who has been a legislator for seven terms, had lost the 2021 Assembly elections from his home constituency Poonjar and the one major reason why he lost is he antagonised the Muslim communityin his constituency, who for long has been his mainstay.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Tirupati: In a shocking incident, a Class 12 student collapsed and died while waiting outside an examination centre in Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati district Tuesday. Satish (17), a student of intermediate second year, was waiting outside the examination centre in Guduru town. The student died before he was shifted to a hospital. Doctors suspect he suffered cardiac arrest. Hailing from Kammavaripalli village, Satish was a student of a private college in Guduru.

Student dies

New Delhi, May 10: It is estimated that at least one in four Indian adults have hypertension in India, but only about 10 per cent of them have their blood pressure

under control, according to a report. The India Hypertension Control Initiative report, released by Indian Council of Medical Research Director General, Dr Balram Bhargava, emphasised at making

hypertension a national priority. The IHCI is a multi-partner initiative with the Union Health Ministry, the ICMR, and WHO Country Office for India, which was launched to achieve the gov-

ernment's goal of 25 per cent relative reduction in raised blood pressure in 2017. In the first year, IHCI covered 26 districts across the states of Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, and Maharashtra. By October 2021, it was expanded to 100 plus districts across 19 states.

We compared the key indicators in 2020 and 2021 for the initial 26 Phase I districts. The quarterly cohort blood pressure control rates declined in the second and third quarters of 2020 due to Covid-19-related disruptions; control rates started improving in the first quarter of 2021," the report underlines. The community-level hyper-



tension control improved in 21 project districts in 2021 compared to 2020. Among the estimated 46 lakh hypertensives across initial Phase I 26 districts, BP control

increased more than four-fold, although from a very low baseline 6.1 per cent achieved BP control in first quarter of 2021 compared to 4.9 per cent in Q1 of 2020

and 1.4 per cent in Q1-2019. Overall, the number of patients

with controlled BP continued to increase over three years (2,83,457 in Q1-2021; 2,18,340 in Q1-2020 and 64,704 in Q1-2019). The numbers declined in Kerala due to poor documentation during the pandemic and inability to provide medication refills at the subcentre level, the report said, adding that six districts achieved more than 10 per cent community level BP control.

The report also highlights scalable key strategies, which include patient centred care, standard treatment protocols, access to drugs, simple information system to ensure treatment and control of high BP.







international

The international community would hold to account those responsible for the killing of civilians in the Ukrainian town of Bucha during Russia's war ANNALENA BAERBOCK GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER

China closely

following situation

Beijing: China Tuesday said it is "closely following" the violent

turn of events in Sri Lanka,

investments, and asked the

resignation was seen as a

investments, disregarding

concerns from India and

criticism from the US and

and other parts of the country.

Earlier The Ministry of Defence

said it has ordered the tri-forces to

open fire on anyone looting pub-

lic property or causing harm to oth-

ers. A curfew is in force across

the island nation after mobs burned

down the ancestral home belong

ing to the ruling Rajapaksa fam-

ily amid mounting anger at the

Anti-government protesters

have also set up a checkpoint on

the road leading to the

Bandaranaike International

Airport in Colombo to prevent

the Rajapaksa family loyalists

from fleeing the country.

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Chinese nationals working in the

island nation to be alert and on

guard against risks. Rajapaksa's

where it has substantial

PFIZER TO BUY REST OF BIOHAVEN FOR \$11.6 BLN

Pfizer Inc. Tuesday said it agreed to buy the rest of Biohaven Pharmaceutical Holding Co. for about \$11.6 billion, giving the New York drugmaker full ownership of the Nurtec ODT migraine franchise



Pakistan will continue its efforts to enhance cooperation with China through CPEC, to advance its nationa

implementation of SDGs, in addition to participating actively in the work of the GDI Group of Friends to promote the common aspiration of a peaceful, prosperous and shared future for all mankind

BILAWAL BHUTTO ZARDARI PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER



POPE FRANCIS | HEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SOVEREIGN OF THE VATICAN CITY

The ultimate goal is to maintain stability on the continent. Relving on the EU only is not enough

EMMANUEL MACRON FRENCH PRESIDENT

SHORT TAKES

18 migrants found dead

Rabat: Eighteen migrants were found dead and 203 others rescued by the Moroccan navy off the country's coasts, state-run MAP news agency reported. Citing a military source, MAP said in its report that the migrants were rescued in the week of May 2 in operations in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, most of whom are sub-Saharans, including women, reports Xinhua news agency.

Delivery workers go on rare strike

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Dubai: Food-delivery workers protesting meager pay and inadequate protections have walked off the job across Dubai, their company confirmed Tuesday, marking the second strike in as many weeks in an emirate that outlaws dissent.

Heavy fighting

Colombo, May 10: Sri Lanka's Ministry of Defence Tuesday ordered the Army, the Air Force and the Navy personnel to open fire on anyone looting public property or causing harm to others amidst violent protests in the island nation over the unprecedented economic and political crisis.

The order came after embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa urged people to stop "violence and acts of revenge" against fellow citizens and vowed to address the political and economic crisis facing the nation.

Sri Lanka's Defence Secretary General (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne Tuesday urged protestors to exercise calm and not resort to violence. He warned if looting and property damage continues, the Ministry of Defence will be compelled to strictly enforce the law against the violators

"I appeal young men and women to refrain from engaging in violence. Do not set fire to public and private property, and engage in your struggle in the democratic & peaceful manner," he said. The Defence Secretary warned

that looters have taken the opportunity to commit crime under the guise of the peaceful protests,

Marcos Jr wins **Philippine presidency**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manila (Philippines), May 10: The namesake son of late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos appeared to have been elected Philippine president by a landslide in an astonishing reversal of the 1986 "People Power" pro-democracy revolt that ousted his father.

Marcos Jr. Had more than 30.8 million votes in the unofficial results with more than 97% of the votes tabulated as of Tuesday afternoon. His nearest challenger, Vice President Leni Robredo, a champion of human rights, had 14.7 million votes in Monday's election, and boxing great Manny Pacquiao appeared to have the third highest total with 3.5 million.

His running mate, Sara Duterte, the daughter of the outgoing president and mayor of southern Davao city, had a formidable lead in the separate vice presidential race.

The alliance of the scions of two authoritarian leaders combined



he crisis is caused in part by a lack of foreign

olence that erupted after sup-

porters of then prime minister

Mahinda Rajapaksa attacked anti-

government protesters here

Monday. Though Mahinda

Rajapaksa, 76, has quit as prime

minister, this has failed to bring

calm. The anti-government pro-

testers are also seeking the res-

ignation of President Gotabaya

Rajapaksa, the younger brother

jured in the violence in Colombo

Nearly 250 people have been in-

of Mahinda Rajapaksa.

currency, which has meant that the country

Sri Lankan soldiers stand guard next to burnt buses

🧲 ri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since gaining cannot afford to pay for imports of staple foods and fuel, leading to acute shortages and independence from Britain in 1948 very high prices

adding that it is a very unfortunate situation.

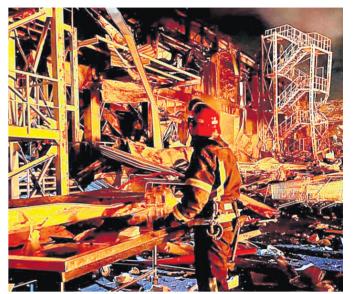
His stern warning came amid reports that anti-government protesters were demonstrating outside the Trincomalee Naval Base where former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his family have reportedly taken refuge. Gunaratne also appealed religious leaders to advice the youth on peaceful conduct.

Meanwhile, the death toll rose to eight in the unprecedented vi-

GRAND EVENT



SL forces ordered to open fire on rioters Ukraine pushes Russian troops back



UKRAINE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE COULD SHIFT WAR'S MOMENTUM UKRAINIAN FORCES SEEKING TO CUT OFF RUSSIAN SUPPLY LINES SETBACK FOR MOSCOW AT MOMENT WHEN PUTIN HAD AIMED FOR VICTORY

REUTERS

Kharkiv, Ukraine, May 10: Ukraine said Tuesday its forces had recaptured villages from Russian troops north and northeast of Kharkiv, pressing a counter-offensive that could signal a shift in the war's momentum and jeopardise Russia's main advance.

Tetiana Apatchenko, press officer for the 92nd Separate Mechanized Brigade, the main Ukrainian force in the area. confirmed that Ukrainian troops had recaptured the settlements of Cherkaski Tyshky, Ruski Tyshki, Borshchova and Slobozhanske, in a pocket north of Kharkiv in recent days.

Yuriy Saks, an adviser to Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov said the successes were pushing Russian forces out of range of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, which has been under perpetual bombardment since the war began. "The military operations of the Ukrainian armed forces around Kharkiv, especially north and northeast of Kharkiv, are sort of a success story," Saks told Reuters. "The Ukrainian army was able to push these war criminals to a line beyond the reach of their artillery.'

The counterattack could signal a new phase in the war, with Ukraine now going on the offensive after weeks in which Russia mounted a massive assault without making a breakthrough. By pushing back Russian forces who had occupied the outskirts of

vasion, the Ukrainians are moving into striking distance of the rear supply lines sustaining the main Russian attack force further south. "They're trying to cut in and behind the Russians to cut off the supply lines, because that's really one of their (the Russians') main weaknesses," said Neil Melvin of the RUSI think-tank in London. 'Ukrainians are getting close to the Russian border. So all the gains that the Russians made in the early days in the northeast of Ukraine are increasingly slipping away." CHALLENGES

Kharkiv since the start of the in-

The setbacks near Kharkiv deal a blow to Moscow's war plans at precisely the moment when Western capitals believe President Vladimir Putin had been hoping to announce a major victory for a holiday marking the end of World

War Two. On Monday, Putin presided over a huge Red Square military parade for Victory Day. Western countries had worried that, in the absence of major battlefield success to announce, he might instead order a nationwide mobilisation. In the event, he did neither - exhorting Russians to keep fighting but giving no indication about his further strategy.

US Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines said on Tuesday Washington believes Russia still plans for a long war, aiming to capture more of Ukraine than just the eastern Donbas region that has been the main focus of its assault this month

erupts in Yemen

Sanaa: Heavy fighting broke out between forces of the Yemen government and the Houthi militia despite a twomonth truce brokered by the UN, a military source said. The fighting took place Monday at the frontline in the al-Balak al-Sharki mountain, a few kilometres to the south of the government-controlled city of Marib, capital of the namesake province, as pe source.

43 inmates killed in prison riot

Quito: The number of prisoners killed in a predawn prison riot in Ecuador's north-central province of Pichincha climbed to 43, the national Prosecutor's Office confirmed. "So far 43 inmates have died" as a result of the melee at the Regional Prison in the town of Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas, the agency said via Twitter.

the voting power of their families' political strongholds in the north and south but compounded worries of human rights activists



Dozens of anti-Marcos protesters rallied at the Commission on Elections, blaming the agency for the breakdown of vote-counting machines and other issues that prevented people from casting their votes

Election officials said the impact of the malfunctioning machines was minimal.

A group of activists who suffered under the dictatorship said they were enraged by Marcos's apparent victory and would oppose it.

Duchess of Cornwall, right, and Prince William during the State Opening of Parliament, in the Houses of Parliament, in London. The speech, which sets the government's legislative agenda for the year ahead, is traditionally delivered by the monarch. But with 96-year-old Queen Elizabeth II experiencing some mobility issues, her 73-year-old son and heir was deputed to read out the agenda to a gathering of members of Parliament and peers of the House of Lords

Will support if NK denuclearises: Yoon Suk

North Korea's advancing nuclear program is a vexing security challenge for Yoon Suk Yeol, who won the March 9 election on a promise to strengthen South Korea's 70-year military alliance with the United States and build up its own missile capability to neutralise North Korean threats

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seoul, May 10: Yoon Suk Yeol, a conservative political neophyte, took office Tuesday as South Korea's new president with a vow to pursue a negotiated settlement of North Korea's threatening nuclear program and an offer of "an audacious plan" to improve its economy if it abandons its nuclear weapons

Yoon is starting his single fiveyear term during one of the most

challenging situations of any recent new president, facing a mix of significant security, economic and social problems that are besetting the world's 10th largest economy. There's widespread skepticism that an increasingly belligerent North Korea will give his offers much consideration, and South Korea's deep political and social divides, as well as growing worry about the state of the pandemic-hit economy, are reflected in a recent poll showing that Yoon faces lower



popularity numbers than the departing liberal president, Moon Jae-in. Yoon had promised a tougher stance on North Korea during his campaign, but he avoided harsh rhetoric during his inaugural speech amid growing worries that the North is preparing its first nuclear bomb test in nearly five years.

North Korea has rejected similar overtures by some of Yoon's predecessors that linked incentives to progress in its denuclearization.

'While North Korea's nuclear weapons programs are a threat, not only to our security but also to Northeast Asia, the door to dialogue will remain open so that we can peacefully resolve this threat," Yoon told a crowd gathered outside parliament in Seoul.

"If North Korea genuinely embarks on a process to complete denuclearization, we are prepared to work with the international community to present an audacious plan that will vastly strengthen North Korea's economy and improve the quality of life for its people," he said.

UK, US, EU accuse **Russia** of series of cyberattacks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, May 10: Russia has been behind a series of cyber-attacks linked with its conflict with Ukraine earlier this year with wide-ranging impact across Europe, the European Union (EU), the UK and the US said Tuesday.

The western allies said the most recent attack was on the communications company Viasat in Ukraine, which had a wider impact across the European continent, disrupting wind farms and internet users in central Europe.



Black hole hunters cast gaze at center of the Milky Way galaxy

THE RESEARCHERS INVOLVED IN THIS INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION HAVE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE NATURE OF THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT AHEAD OF SCHEDULED NEWS CONFERENCES BUT ISSUED A NEWS RELEASE CALLING IT A "GROUNDBREAKING RESULT ON THE CENTER OF OUR GALAXY"

REUTERS

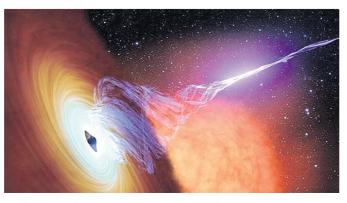
Washington, May 10: Residing at the center of our spiral-shaped Milky Way galaxy is a beast - a supermassive black hole possessing 4 million times the mass of our sun and consuming any material including gas, dust and stars straying within its immense gravitational pull.

Scientists have been using the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT), a global network of observatories working collectively to observe radio sources associated with black holes, to study this Milky Way

denizen and have set an announcement for Thursday that signals they may finally have secured an image of it. The black hole is called Sagittarius A*, or SgrA*.

The researchers also have focused their work on Sagittarius A*, located about 26,000 light-years - the distance light travels in a year, 5.9 trillion miles (9.5 trillion km) from Earth.

"One of the objects that we hope to observe with the Event Horizon Telescope... is our own black hole in our own backyard,' Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics astrophysicist Sheperd



Doeleman, the former EHT project director, said during a July 2021

scientific presentation. Black holes are extraordinarily

dense objects with gravity so powerful that not even light can escape. There are different cate-

gories of black holes. The smallest are so-called stellar-mass black holes formed by the collapse of massive individual stars at the ends of their life cycles. There also are intermediatemass black holes, a step up in mass. And finally there are the super massive black

holes that inhabit the center of most galaxies. These are thought to arise relatively soon after their

galaxies are formed, devouring enormous amounts of material to achieve colossal size. The EHT project

was begun in 2012 In 2019, the Event to try to directly **Horizon Telescope** observe the immediate enviteam unveiled the ronment of a first-ever photo of a black hole. A black hole's event black hole horizon is the point of no return be-

> yond which anything - stars, planets, gas, dust and all forms of electromagnetic radiation - gets dragged into oblivion.

The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) assesses that the Russian Military Intelligence was "almost certainly" involved in the January 13 defacements of Ukrainian government websites and the deployment of a destructive malware called Whispergate.

"This is clear and shocking evidence of a deliberate and malicious attack by Russia against Ukraine which had significant consequences on ordinary people and businesses in Ukraine and across-Europe," said UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.



business

MERCEDES-BENZ DRIVES IN C-CLASS SEDAN

German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz Tuesday said it has launched the all new version of the C-Class sedan in India, priced between ₹55 lakh and ₹61 lakh (ex-showroom). The company has launched the new C-Class in three trims; petrol powered C 200 is priced at ₹55 lakh while diesel powered C 220d and 330d are tagged at ₹56 lakh and ₹61 lakh, respectively.



individuals to address them

MADHUSUDAN GOPALAN P&G INDIAN

We will continue to

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SUBCONTINENT CEO

awareness on issues that

matter and partner with

expert organisations and

leverage the voice



At the industry (level), we are engaging with the government and have submitted a presentation on how 30 per cent tax and

more than that, 1 per cent TDS is detrimental to the growth of the industry SUMIT GUPTA COINDCX CEO & CO-FOUNDER

As a company, our focus has been to strengthen our aftersales services to ensure a hassle-free experience for our D2C and B2B customers SOHINDER GILL HERO ELECTRIC CEO

The domestic corporate travel has opened across segments, and we expect that the growth will accelerate in the times to come

RAJESH MAGOW MAKEMYTRIP CO-FOUNDER & GROUP CEO

SHORT TAKES

BoB hikes lending rate

New Delhi: State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) Tuesday announced an increase in its lending rate by up to 10 basis points (0.1 per cent), joining its peers that have raised rates after the surprise tightening of monetary policy by the RBI last week. The bank has hiked the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 0.1 per cent on various tenures effective May 12, BoB said in a regulatory filing. The 1-year MCLR -- the rate to which a majority of consumer loans are linked -- has been revised to 7.40 per cent from 7.35 per cent, an increase of 5 basis points. Similarly, MCLR for three-month and six-month tenures has been increased by 5 basis points to 7.15 per cent and 7.25 per cent, respectively.

Sony's profit surges 67%

Tokyo: Sony's fiscal fourth guarter surged 67 per cent to 111.1 billion yen (USD 852.7 million) from the previous year, as the Japanese entertainment and electronics company racked up profits in video game and movie divisions. Tokyobased Sony Corp.'s January March quarterly sales edged up 1 per cent to 2.26 trillion yen (USD 17 billion), as its music operations also did well boosted by the popularity of streaming services, the company said Tuesday. For the full fiscal year ended in March, Sony racked up a profit of 882 billion yen (USD 6.8 billion). down 14 per cent despite the success of "Spider-Man: No Way Home," which contributed to theatrical revenue.



REUTERS

Bangalore, May 10: India's retail inflation likely surged to an 18-month high in April, largely driven by rising fuel and food prices and staying well above the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit for a fourth consecutive month, a Reuters poll found.

The jump has been long anticipated following the Indian government's decision to wait until after key state elections in March to hike fuel prices. Energy prices globally have soared since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February.

Food inflation, which accounts for nearly half the consumer price index (CPI) basket, reached a multimonth high in March and is expected to remain elevated due to higher vegetable and cooking oil prices globally.

These factors likely pushed inflation in Asia's third-largest economy to 7.5% on an annual basis in April, according to a May 5-9 Reuters poll of 45 economists, from 6.95% in March. If realised, that would be the

highest inflation rate since October 2020 and well above the RBI's upper 6% limit.

Forecasts for the data, due to be released at 1200 GMT May 12, ranged



between 7.0% and 7.85% "CPI inflation appears to have

surged higher still in April on the back of higher food and fuel prices. The bulk of the impact of the recent fuel prices hikes will be felt in April," said Shilan Shah, senior India economist at Capital Economics. 'We wouldn't be surprised if

core inflation has risen too. The risk is that sustained higher inflation drives up inflation expectations, which push core inflation even

higher.' To make matters worse, the local price of oil, India's biggest import, has also been subject to upwards pressure from the roughly 4% drop in the rupee this year, with the

currency touching a record low on Monday.

The elevated price outlook pushed the RBI - which only recently changed its focus to price stability from growth - to hike its repo rate for the first time since 2018, lifting it 40 basis points to 4.40% in a surprise unscheduled meeting last week, with more expected to follow. The move came just ahead of

the US Federal Reserve's 50 basis point rate hike later the same day. "Inflation could remain above the

RBI's target band for three consecutive quarters, marking the first official 'failure' of the monetary framework," noted Rahul Bajoria, chief India economist at Barclavs.

Govt warns taxi aggregators over unfair trade practices

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: Cab aggregators, including Ola and Uber, have been warned of strict action unless they improve their systems and redress rising consumer complaints, a senior government official said Tuesday.

The government held a meeting Tuesday with the ride-hailing platforms amid a rise in consumer complaints of alleged unfair trade practices by them, including ride cancellation policy, as drivers force customers to cancel trips after accepting bookings, which results in customers paying cancellation penalties. "We told them about the rising consumer complaints against their platforms. We gave them the statistics also. We have asked them to improve their system and redress the consumer complaints otherwise the competent authority will take strict action, Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh said after the meeting

unhappiness against the cab aggregators, he said the complaints on the Jago Grahak Jago helpline are just the tip of the iceberg.

Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare said the cab aggregators should immediately come out with solutions.

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Equity MFs' inflow dips 44% month-on-month

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dropped to ₹11,863 crore in April

compared to ₹12,328 crore in March.

counts stood at all-time high in

April at 5.39 crore. During the

month under review, 11.29 lakh

Apart from equities, the debt

segment saw a net inflow of ₹69,883

crore in April after witnessing a net

outflow of ₹1.5 lakh crore in the

Also, gold exchange traded funds

Overall, the mutual fund in-

experienced a net inflow of ₹1,100

crore in the month under review.

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₹72.846 crore last month as com-

pared to a net withdrawal of ₹69,883

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However, the number of SIP ac-

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tive," Chaturvedi said.

over ₹2.000 crore net infusion.

This was followed by large- and

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AGENCIES

New Delhi, May 10: Sustaining positive momentum for the 14th straight month, equity mutual funds attracted a net sum of ₹15.890 crore in April amid heightened volatility in stock market and consistent selling by foreign portfolio investors.

This was 44% lower compared to a record net inflow of ₹28,463 crore seen in the preceding month, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed Tuesday.

The lower quantum of net inflow from the previous month could be attributed to investors going slightly cautious given the ongoing challenges to the investment environment, Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director – Manager Research, Morningstar India, said.

Akhil Chaturvedi, Chief Business Officer, Motilal Oswal AMC, said that it will be interesting to see ongoing investment trends, given the intensity of volatility being very high, and expect positive trend to continue going forward though.

Equity schemes have been witnessing net inflow since March 2021, after the second wave of COVID-19 resulted in the correction in the markets, highlighting the positive sentiment among investors.

"It has been a good start to new Prior to this, such schemes had fiscal (FY23) with net flows for consistently witnessed outflows overall mutual funds schemes in for eight months from July 2020 to the positive territory and con-February 2021, losing ₹46.791 crore. tinued positive equity flows for All the equity-oriented cateconsecutive 12 months. Despite ories received net inflows in April market volatility in April 2022. with sectoral/ thematic funds catretail investor trust on mutual fund asset class continues to be egory being the biggest beneficiary with a net inflow of ₹3,843 crore. The strong," N S Venkatesh, Chief segment also saw a launch of a Executive, AMFI said.

BharatPe to sack several employees

REUTERS

Bangalore, May 10: Indian payments startup BharatPe said Tuesday its board had recommended several measures, following a corporate governance review, including termination of several employees and vendors and filing criminal cases against them for misconduct

IPO-hopeful BharatPe, which allows shop owners to make digital payments through QR codes, had initiated a corporate governance review in January hoping to soothe investor worries over a public spat involving personal investments by one of its co-founders.

Equities end lower for 3rd day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, May 10: Equity indices failed to hold on to their gains in see-saw trade Tuesday, ending in the red for the third straight session despite a tentative recovery in global equities.

The rupee too bounced back from historic lows, but the overall sentiment remained risk-averse amid concerns over economic recovery in a high interest rate scenario.

The 30-share BSE Sensex had a choppy start but gained momentum in mid-session trade. However, it succumbed to selling pressure towards the fag end to close 105.82 points or

0.19 per cent lower at 54.364.85. On similar lines, the broader

NSE Nifty declined 61.80 points or 0.38 per cent to finish at 16.240.05. Tata Steel was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, sinking 6.95 per cent, followed by Sun Pharma, NTPC, Titan, Bajaj Finance, Reliance Industries, Tech Mahindra and ITC.

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Hinting at the scale of customer

VIL losses narrow to ₹6,563 crore

New Delhi: Telecom operator Vodafone Idea Tuesday reported narrowing of its consolidated losses to ₹6,563.1 crore for the fourth quarter ended March compared to same period of the previous year, while its realisation per user or ARPU improved sharply on a sequential basis. The losses were at ₹7,022.8 crore in the year-ago period, according to a company filing. Its revenue from operations rose 6.6 per cent year-on-year to ₹10,239.5 crore in Q4 FY22. Seen sequentially, the revenue was up 5.4 per cent, supported by tariff hikes effective November 25, 2021, the company said in a statement. The realisation per user measured in terms of ARPU came in at ₹124, rising from ₹115 in the prior quarter. This resulted in sequential increase of 7.5 per cent in Average Revenue Per User (ARPU). For the full year FY22, the losses narrowed sharply to ₹28,245.4 crore, from ₹44,233.1 crore in the previous financial year. Revenue from operations for the year ended March 2022 came in at ₹38.515.5 crore.

The firm, which competes with apps including SoftBank's Paytm and Google Pay in India's booming payments market, came under intense investor and media scrutiny after co-founder Ashneer Grover sought damages from Uday Kotak, head of Kotak Mahindra Bank, alleging that the bank declined him financing for a personal investment.

In January, Reuters had reported that the audit would assess if BharatPe's senior executives are making proper internal disclosures about personal investments and check for conflicts, leading to a new code of conduct. After a detailed review of a report to determine wilful misconduct and gross negligence by a former founder over the last two months. the board of BharatPe has recommended several decisive measures that are being implemented, the firm said in a statement. BharatPe said it was introducing a new vendor procurement policy to mitigate any risk of em-

ployees indulging in suspicious

transactions to enrich themselves.

In contrast, HUL, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, UltraTech Cement, Maruti. Kotak Mahindra Bank and HDFC twins jumped up to 3.24 per cent.

Market breadth was negative, with 18 of the 30 Sensex stocks closing in the red.

'The resistance of Indian market has started to move in tandem with the world market. The support from DII and retail investors is reducing after the heavy selloff unsteadying their optimism. A fall in financial liquidity is expected to slow down the economy and the pricing of equities. Oil prices are declining further on worries of Chinese lockdown, rising dollar and risk of recession." said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge tumbled 2.11 per

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Investors poorer by ₹11.22L cr in 3 days

NEW DELHI: Equity investors have became poorer by over ₹11.22 lakh crore in three days following a sell-off in markets amid weak global cues. In three days, the benchmark has tumbled 1,337.38 points or 2.40 per cent. Weak trend in equities have eroded ₹11,22,389.2 crore from the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms in three sessions. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms now stands at ₹2,48,42,500.17 crore.

cent and midcap index dropped 1.98 per cent.

Among BSE sectoral indices, metal plunged 5.62 per cent, followed by utilities (4.57 per cent), power (4.33 per cent), realty (2.96 per cent), basic materials (2.67 per cent) Eicher Motors2.18 Hindalco -4.88

and energy (2.51 per cent). Bank, finance and FMCG ended modestly higher.

UltraTech C 2.30 JSW Steel

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Seoul ended lower, while Shanghai settled in the green. Equity markets in Europe were quoting higher in the afternoon session. Stock exchanges in the US had fallen sharply Monday.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 1.82 per cent to USD 104 per barrel.

"Wall Street plunged to its lowest level in more than a year on Monday, as markets were already hit by rising interest rates. Following the decline in global stocks, Indian equity indexes may face some pressure. Asian markets are trading down on expectations of an economic downturn as a result of growing inflation, higher interest rates and harsh COVID-19 lockdown restrictions in Shanghai," said Mohit Nigam, Head - PMS, Hem Securities.

Bol donates traffic barricades



BHUBANESWAR: Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Zone has donated 24 traffic barricades for creating traffic awareness. The barricades will be installed in different traffic check posts of Bhubaneswar. On this occasion, Zonal Manager Priyabrata Pattanayak handed over the traffic barricades to Swastik Panda, ACP Traffic, Bhubaneswar. Panda has expressed his gratitude to Bank of India for this initiatives.

Parag's wife Vineeta linked with Musk's Twitter takeover

Her role as general partner at Andreessen *Horowitz which has* agreed to pay \$400 million as part of Musk's new *\$7.1 billion financing* commitments is set to create a conflict of interest

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, May 10: Vineeta Agarwala, the wife of Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal, is now making headlines amid Elon Musk's \$44 billion takeover deal.

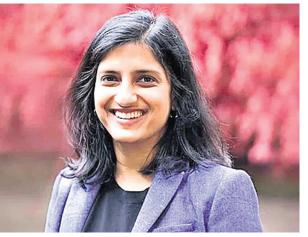
Her role as general partner at Andreessen Horowitz (a16z) -- a

top US VC firm which has agreed to pay \$400 million as part of Musk's new \$7.1 billion financing commitments -- is set to create a conflict of interest.

As a general partner at Andreessen Horowitz, she leads investments for the firm's bio and health fund across therapeutics. life sciences tools/diagnostics, and digital health, with a focus on companies leveraging unique datasets to improve drug development and patient care deliverv. Andreessen Horowitz is also one

of the biggest backers of Facebook (now Meta). Prior to joining a16z, Vineeta held many different roles in the healthcare space.

She was a physician taking care of patients, an operator at healthtech startups and as a ven-



ture investor on the Google Ventures life sciences team. She was an early data scientist

at Kyruus, a management consultant for biotech, pharmaceutical, and medical device clients at

McKinsey & Co; and a director of product management at Flatiron Health.

She has collaborated with academic researchers at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Broad Institute, where she did graduate work in computational biology and human genetics.

Vineeta holds a Bachelor of Science in biophysics from Stanford University, and MD and PhD degrees from Harvard Medical School/MIT.

She continues to see patients at Stanford as an adjunct clinical professor in the Division of Primary Care and Population Health.

BigHat Biosciences, GC

Vineeta serves on a number of portfolio company boards, including

Therapeutics, Memora Health, Thyme Care, Pearl Health, and Waymark. Parag studied BTech in

Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay and completed his PhD from Stanford University.

They have a son named Ansh and the couple is based in San Francisco, California.

Meanwhile, there are doubts over Parag's future once Musk takes over, as the Tesla CEO himself can become a temporary CEO of the platform. According to reports, Musk may have also lined up a new Twitter CEO.

Parag is likely to receive nearly \$39 million due to a clause in his contract once he leaves Twitter: His totalcompensation for 2021 was \$30.4 million, largely in stocks.





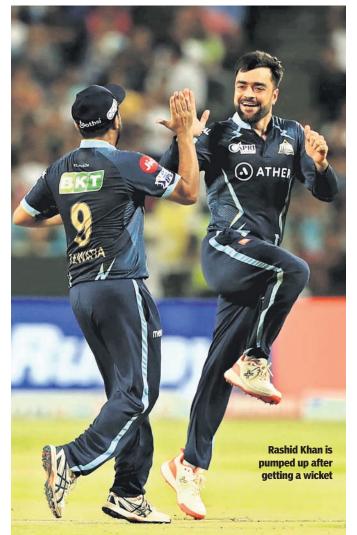








GT enter playoffs in style CAPITALS AIM TO BOUNCE BACK



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pune, May 10: Gujarat Titans returned to winning ways after backto-back losses and became the first team to seal their place in the playoffs by defeating Lucknow Super Giants by 62 runs in an IPL match here Tuesday.

Even though LSG did a decent job with the ball to restrict GT to 144/4 after being asked to bowl, the KL Rahul-led side flopped with the bat as they were bowled out for 82 in 13.5 overs. Rashid Khan (4/24) starred with the ball for GT, while Yash Dayal (2/24) and R Sai Kishore (2/7) picked up two wickets each. Earlier, opening batter Shubman

Gill hit a fine half century (63 n o, 49b, 7x4) but LSG produced a disciplined bowling effort to restrict GT to the modest score.

Gill lacked support from the other end. He was left stranded as GT's next highest scorer was David Miller (26). Avesh Khan (2/26) picked up two wickets for LSG, while Mohsin Khan (1/18) and Jason Holder (1/44) scalped one apiece.

GT sealed their playoff berth, reaching 18 points from 12 games. The defeat snapped LSG's fivematch winning streak but they are still comfortably placed in the second spot with 16 points and need just a win to book their last-four berth.

LSG made a slow start to their chase and their problems were further compounded after they lost Quinton de Kock (11) and skipper



Rahul (8) in consecutive overs to slump to 24/2 after four overs. Debutant Karan Sharma didn't help his cause either.

Introduced into the attack in the eighth over, Rashid struck with his third delivery, outfoxing Krunal Pandya with a googly and Saha was quick to whip off the bails. With wickets falling in quick succession from the start, LSG never got any momentum to their chase. reaching 58/4 at the halfway stage.

The ever-rising asking rate led to the downfall of Ayush Badoni (8). LSG's scorecard cut a sorry figure as the likes of Marcus Stoinis (2) and Jason Holder (1) too failed to rise to the occasion. Deepak Hooda top-scored for LSG with a struggling 26-ball 27.

Earlier, GT's decision to bat first after winning the toss backfired

big time as they lost Saha (5) and Matthew Wade (10) cheaply with the scoreboard reading just 24 inside five overs

With wickets tumbling from the other end, Gill went about his business cautiously and in the company of skipper Hardik Pandva shared 27 runs for the third wicket before the latter departed.

Gill then took the onus on himself and upped the ante. However, both Gill and Miller failed to open their arms as Mohsin and Krunal bowled tight line and length to stem the run flow.

Miller finally broke the shackles in the third delivery of the 16th over with a huge six off Holder over extra cover. Miller, however, perished in the final ball of the over, caught by Badoni as he slashed one straight to deep third man.

Gill, on the other hand, went about his innings in a smooth fashion. Once he reached his fifty, Gill opened up and struck Chameera for back-to-back boundaries to pick up 14 runs from the 17th over. Rahul Tewatia (22 n o) used the long handle to good effect in the final over, smashing Holder for three boundaries to take the score close to the 150-run mark

BRIEF SCORES

Gujarat Titans 144/4 (Shubman Gill 63 n o. David Miller 26. Rahul Tewatia 22 n o: Avesh Khan 2/26. Mohsin Khan 1/18) beat Lucknow Super Giants 82 (Deepak Hooda 27; Rashid Khan 4/24, R Sai Kishore 2/7, Yash Dayal 2/24, Mohammed Shami 1/5) by 62 runs.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

clash here Wednesday.

at the playoffs.

Navi Mumbai, May 10: Delhi

Capitals will aim to quickly re-

cover from their loss in the previ-

ous match to stay in the IPL play-

offs race while Rajasthan Royals will

be eager to hold on to their winning

momentum when the two teams

The Capitals have lost six of

their 11 games and although they

are fifth on the points table, they are

bunched alongside Sunrisers

Hyderabad and Punjab Kings, who

also have 10 points from as many

games. Delhi has the advantage of

a positive net run-rate (+0.150) but

the Capitals need to win all their

remaining three matches for a shot

Rajasthan, on the other hand,

are sitting on the third spot with

14 points and need just two wins to

be certain of qualification. They

have a healthy 0.326 NRR, which

could come in handy even if they

DC have been one of the most in-

consistent teams in the league this

season as they have struggled to

keep the winning momentum going.

After a morale-boosting win against

Sunrisers, they were handed a 91-

Their bowlers looked clueless

against Devon Conway, who was hit-

ting boundaries and sixes at will as

Delhi's bowling department has-

n't inspired confidence. While

Kuldeep Yadav is having a good

season, the left-arm spinner has

gone for runs aplenty in the pre-

The return of pace spearhead

Anrich Nortje has also not made

much of a difference as the South

African hasn't been able to repli-

cate his fiery performance from

the previous seasons. Khaleel

Ahmed has been economical while

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CSK set a 200 plus target.

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Axar Patel has bowled well

In the batting department, David Warner has enjoyed a good run but the Australian has got little assistance from his opening partners, who have ranged from Prithvi Shaw to Mandeep Singh to Srikar Bharat.

This biggest downer for Delhi has been Rishabh Pant's form. He has shown glimpses of his destructive power but the team would want more from its skipper who can single-handedly turn around any game. The Capitals will have to fire on all cylinders against a formidable Rajasthan side. The Royals have arguably the best bowling side in the competition.

With 22 wickets at 14.50 Yuzvendra Chahal leads the bowling charts this season and alongside R Ashwin, Trent Boult and Prasidh Krishna, the Rajasthan attack has the ability to defend any total. One of the positives for the Royals is that have been able to break the overdependence on Orange Cap holder Jos Buttler, who has had a quite couple of outings

Given a chance to play after over a month, young Yashasvi Jaiswal shone with a fine half-century against Punjab Kings, providing the otherwise faltering batting department a boost. But going ahead skipper Sanju Samson and Devdutt Padikkal need to shoulder more responsibility.

The Royals will miss the services of the big-hitting Shimron Hetmyer who flew back to Guyana for the birth of his child



Pant should bat in Russell mode: Shastri

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: Former India coach Ravi Shastri says Rishabh Pant must bat in the "Andre Russell mode" in T20 format and not change the tempo once he gets going so that he can win more matches for his side, Delhi Capitals.

The Southpaw has collected 281 runs in 11 matches at a strike rate of 152.71 but has struggled to convert his starts into meaningful contributions.

The 24-year-old wicketkeeperbatter is having an underwhelming IPL season. He has shown glimpses of his destructive power but could

not take the team over the line like he has done umpteen times in the past. "I feel once he gets the tempo going he shouldn't change, he should be in the Russell mould in this format of the game," Shastri said on ESPNcricinfo's 'T20 Time Out'.

"You get your eye in, you're striking it well - don't think too much. No matter who the bowler is, if it's there to be smacked, smack it. Who knows, you might win more matches than people expect you

Shastri feels what sets Rusell, one the most destructive batters in T20 cricket, apart from the other is

the clarity of mindest, which will also serve Pant, who is capable of

playing belligerent knocks, well. "Russell is very, very clear in his mindset. It is bang-bang-bang once he's in the mood. There's no stopping him, there's not even a negative thought that will peep through his system-it is (all about) smacking.

"Rishabh is totally capable of playing in that fashion, and I hope he thinks in that way because you'll see some special innings from him in T20 cricket.'

"He's getting off to starts and then getting out in a manner which he wouldn't like, but I don't think he should change his tempo," added Shastri.

Former New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori feels Pant is his best when he is reckless and pummelling the opposition. The Capitals have lacked a quality finisher and Pant has adopted a conservative approach out of a sense of responsibility.

The Capitals need to win all their three remaining matches to get to the playoffs and Shastri wants Pant to bat at No.3. "I'd like to see him bat at three for Delhi Capitals, especially now when the heat is on, when they've got to win. Let him go and smack it.



India in Uber Cup Final quarters Rourkela stadium 'to be -Aakashi Kashyap notched up a 21-

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangkok, May 10: Indian women's badminton team sailed into the knockout stage of the Uber Cup Final after humbling USA 4-1 in a lopsided Group D match here Tuesday. India, who had defeated Canada 4-1 in their opening tie, notched up a second successive win to cement their position in the top two spot in their group to qualify for the quarterfinals. PV Sindhu once again lead the proceedings with a 21-10, 21-11 win over Jennie Gai, doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Treesa Jolly then beat Francesca Corbett and Allison Lee 21-19, 21-10 before

18, 21-11 victory over Esther Shi as India took an unassailable 3-0 lead. Young doubles pair of Simran



completed by October'

Singhi and Ritika Thaker then went down fighting to Lauren Lam and Kodi Tang Lee 12-21, 21-17, 13-21 to salvage some pride for USA. In the final match, Ashmita Chaliha prevailed 21-18, 21-13 over Natalie Chi to wrap up the match.

Indian women's team, which has won two bronze medals in the past, will next face Korea Wednesday in their last group match. The Indian men's team also qualified for the knockout stage after ensuring their place in the top two in their group.

Nitu sparkles on debut at WWBC



Nitu (in red) lands a punch on her Romanian opponent during the bout

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 10: India's Nitu (48kg) put up a dominant display in her debut appearance at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships (WWBC) as she outpunched Romanian veteran Steluta Duta to enter the round of 16 in Istanbul Tuesday.

The two-time former youth World Champion Nitu continued her sublime form from the Stradia Memorial tournament earlier this year, where she clinched the gold medal in her maiden appearance, as she dominated all three rounds to win her opening bout by unanimous decision.

Both the boxers were aggres-

sive from the onset, landing punches on each other. But the young Indian proved too much for the 40-year-old Romanian. Nitu will take on Spain's Marta Lopez Del Arbol in the round of 16 Saturday.

The two continued to attack in the second round with Nitu using her height advantage as Duta, a three-time world championship silver medallist, struggled to keep her momentum going in the electrically charged round of 32 bout. The 21-year-old from Haryana

then landed a flurry of punches in the third round as the last three minutes were closely-fought between the two. But Nitu defended tightly and looked in control to emerge victorious.

Incidentally, all three of Duta's silver medals at the event came from losses against the six-time World Champion MC Mary Kom, who withdrew from the tournament.

Wednesday, 2019 Asian Championships bronze medallist boxer Nikhat Zareen will fight against Mexico's Herrera Alvarez in the 52kg opening round match.

Manisha (57kg), Parveen (63kg) and Saweety (75kg) will also begin their challenge in the round of 32 on the third day of the prestigious event

Indian archers claim 3 gold at Asia Cup Leg 2

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sulaymaniyah (Iraq), May 10: Indian archers were all on target, bagging three gold and a bronze to open their account at the Asia Cup Leg 2 here Tuesday.

It all began with Parneet Kaur, Aditi Swami and Saskhi Chaudhary clinching India's first gold medal of the continental meet, defeating Kazakhstan 204-201.

The men's team of Prathamesh Fuge, Rishabh Yadav and Jawkar Samadhan then followed it up with India's second gold when it downed Bangladeshi counterparts 224-218 in a lopsided final.

Samadhan also went on to bag his second medal when he overcame Sergev Khristich of Kazakhstan 147-145 in a tight bronze playoff.

Samadhan's bronze medal gave India a clean sweep in the compound men's individual section where Prathamesh Fuge and Rishabh Yadav will battle for the gold medal on Wednesday.

India bagged a third gold in the compound mixed team event when the duo of Fuge and Parneet Kaur downed Kazakh duo of Adel Zhexenbinova and Khristich 158-151

FIH to host test event prior to World Cup at India's largest hockey stadium

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Rourkela, May 10: Following the success of Men's Hockey World Cup 2018, Odisha is now gearing up to host the second consecutive Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

While the existing iconic Kalinga Hockey stadium in Bhubaneswar has 15,000 seating capacity, the state is building a new hockey stadium, the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela with 20,000 seating capacity making it India's largest hockey stadium.

A state government official Tuesday said that the construction work of the Birsa Munda stadium is still on and it will be completed by October this year. "Afterwards the FIH (International Hockey Federation) officials will come here for inspection and then there will be a test event, ahead of the World Cup, to clear it," the official said. Named after freedom fighter 'Birsa Munda', this stadium with all modern hockey facilities ever designed to host the hockey World Cup, will be a sporting marvel. The design is inspired by the Colosseum.

As per the project design, the new hockey stadium will be a model of green, functional, cost-effective design. Designed to deliver the best match day experience, each seat in the stadium will have uninterrupted sightlines. The spectators will be closer to the pitch than at any other hockey stadium in the world.

"The stadium is spread over 20 acres of land on the campus of Biju Patnaik University of Technology in Rourkela. It will set a new benchmark in global stadium design for hockey, offering one of the finest spectator experiences in the world.

"This Rs 200 crore stadium will



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vide a much-needed boost to the

hockey infrastructure of the place

paving the way for creating hockey

The foundation of this stadium

was laid down by Chief Minister

champions from this belt.

time

Naveen Patnaik in February 2021 and since then despite challenges of Covid, Cyclone and extreme summers, the work has been going on at full pace and will be ready on