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Sri Naveen Patnaik

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha
on

6th June 2022

Department of School & Mass Education



GISELE BUNDCHEN HAD SUFFERED ANXIETY, PANIC ATTACKS AT 22

Supermodel Gisele Bundchen has shared that she suffered anxiety and panic attacks at the start of her modelling career and admits she was downing a bottle of wine every night after hitting rock bottom at the age of 22.

RAPPER 50 CENT LIKENS MADONNA TO ALIENS

Despite issuing an apology to singer Madonna months prior for poking fun at her, rapper 50 cent mocked the pop icon once again by likening her to aliens.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
You may want to meet up with friends you haven't met in a long time, and the stars indicate that you will have great fun. Your enthusiasm will add a glow to whatever you do. Your sincerity in approach is what makes it special, says Ganesh.

TAURUS
You will put your heart and soul into whatever you do today, says Ganesh. But there may still be dark clouds hovering over the results. Don't let that bother you. You must keep up the hard work throughout the day. Finally, you will hit the deck with a feeling of happiness and satisfaction, predicts Ganesh.

GEMINI
You will let your personal likes and dislikes cloud your judgement today. Don't let that happen, or you may lose a worthy friend. You are likely to have a chance meeting with your soul mate or maybe even your ex-sweetheart. A romantic evening is on the anvil. But it remains to be seen whether it will be your past, present or future lover.

CANCER
Today may not be a productive day for you. Though there may not be any major loss, you may feel a little lost and would like to be left alone. If you have kids, you may suffer from the empty nest syndrome with your kids not at home.

LEO
Even an emperor, when struck with an ailment, is not a pretty sight. Bearing this in mind, today you shall make health your number one priority, says Ganesh. You will do wise to chart out some sort of a workout regime for yourself, and inculcate a sense of discipline in maintaining it, even if it is anything as simple as a thrice-a-week routine.

VIRGO
Get out of your self today, for a change, and try to look at things from a loved one's perspective. It's good to be confident, but over confidence is a different matter altogether, reminds Ganesh. Listening to others, absorbing their expressions and viewing things differently shall do you and your loved ones a world of good. With time, you shall also see your social image and rapport with others improving.

LIBRA
Today promises to be a joy ride for your hidden gourmand side. Relish what you eat, and thank God for the good luck. Career wise, however, you may find yourself standing at a crossroads. But, the good part about that is there shall be many paths to choose from. And, who knows the art of balancing better than you. The latter half of the day promises to bring some monetary gains.

SCORPIO
Ganesh feels that your intuitive feelings will rule your actions today. You will need to break past your stress threshold and tackle work with zeal and zest. Follow your instincts and relax to some good music when the burden of work is overwhelming. At the end of the day, it is not the thought that matters but how that thought was implemented into action.

SAGITTARIUS
A demanding day today, as you find yourself in charge of arranging and attending high-voltage meetings. Those dealing in stock and share will have profitable returns in the afternoon. But don't count your chickens before they hatch, says Ganesh.

CAPRICORN
If trouble happens to knock at your door today, your guardian angel will come to your rescue, foresees Ganesh. Unlike many others who waste life running after impossible goals, you will be content with your achievements.

AQUARIUS
The game is set; you are put up against those who are holding a grudge against you and are waiting for an opportunity to pull you down. But, you are confident, skillful, and know your strengths very well. No matter how hard the opponents try, they will be no match to you, predicts Ganesh.

PISCES
You will find yourself in a philosophical state of mind today. You will be able to see things for what they really are, rather than what they appear to be. You are unlikely to try and swim against the flow today, given your mental state. You will take things as they come to you, one at a time.

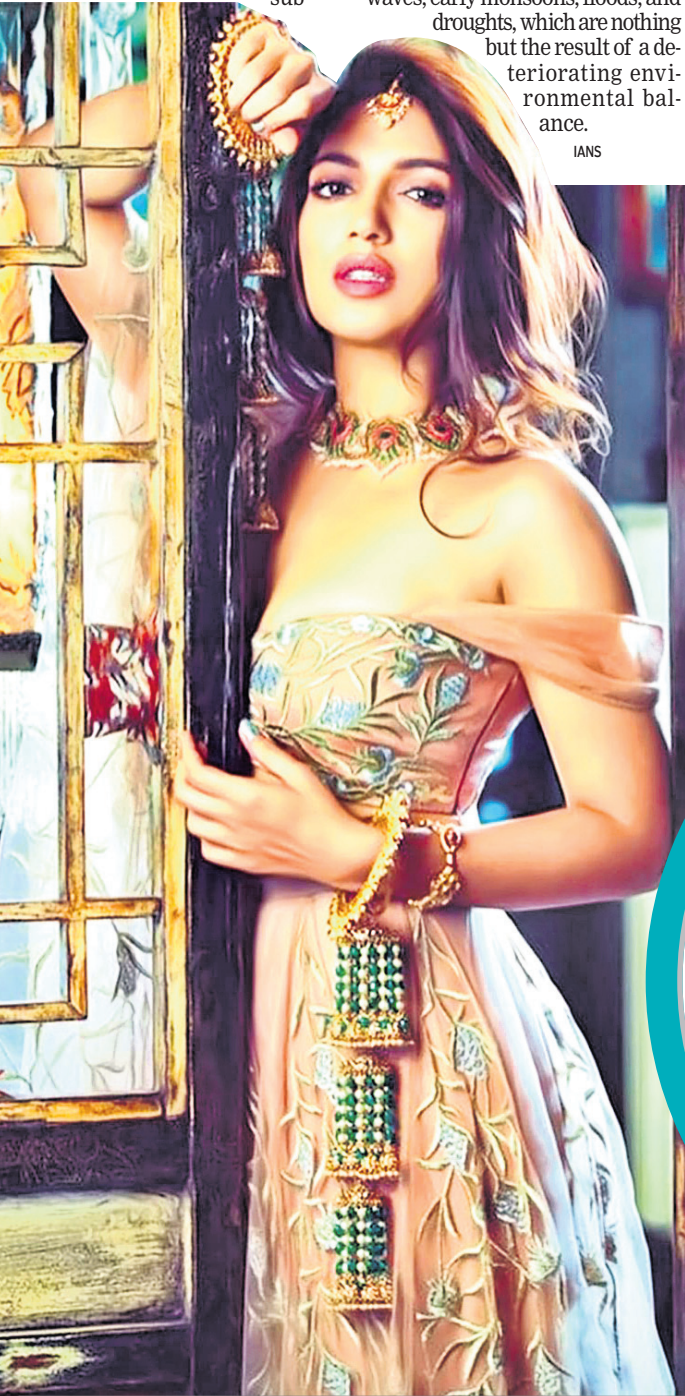
BHUMI talks about being climate conscious

Mumbai: Bhumi Pednekar is one of the Hindi film stars who never fear speaking their mind on any subject. Thus, on the occasion of World Environment Day, she had a chat with a news portal wherein she talked about being environmentally conscious and how has been the journey so far.

The actress said that subconsciously she had been working towards the cause since her school days. However, back then she didn't have many like-minded people with whom she could talk on the subject, and thus, it was a lonely journey for her. Fortunately, now people are more aware and understand the fact that climate change is real.

She said that now more and more people understand that climate change is the largest threat looming over humanity. People are recognising that all the humanitarian crises, be it in form of a virus outbreak or floor are a result of climate change only.

She also explained that in less than half a year, we have seen heat waves, early monsoons, floods, and droughts, which are nothing but the result of a deteriorating environmental balance.



Kiara shares her 'near-death' experience

Mumbai: Basking in the success of her last film *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*, Kiara Advani recalled her near-death experience in Dharamshala, following which she was left traumatised.

In a conversation with a portal, Kiara said, "When I was in college, my batchmates and I went to McLeod Ganj in Dharamshala, where we got stuck in the hotel for four days without any water or electricity. And on the last night, the chair in my room caught fire...it was a near-death experience! It was quite traumatizing."

However, she further added that such experiences make you look at life in a different light and appreciate it.

Kiara and her *Sher Shah* co-actor Sidharth Malhotra have been on the public radar since their stellar chemistry onscreen. The duo essayed the role of Vikram Batra and Dimple in the film; what's more, the on-screen couple has also made quite a times evident in public as they were spotted together giving fans some lovey-dovey goals.

KJo's party turns super-spreader event; SRK latest to test positive

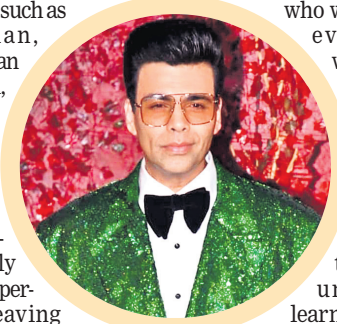
Mumbai: It was a grand affair when filmmaker Karan Johar turned 50 last month. The celebration saw the who's who of Hindi film industry such as Shah Rukh Khan, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Hrithik Roshan, among many others, attending his big party.

However, a media report states that KJo's celebration has reportedly turned out into a super-spreader event leaving over 50 guests infected with Covid-19 with Shahrukh being the latest to join the list.

The news about SRK contracting the virus comes right after Hindi film actors such as Kartik Aaryan, Katrina, Aditya Roy Kapur had

tested positive.

Though Kartik was not present at Karan's party, he got the virus from one of his heroines who were there at the event and with whom Kartik was promoting his film, the report added.



According to sources, the list of others who contracted the virus is still unknown; it is learnt that it does include several renowned Hindi film stars.

Karan's close friends from the film industry are Covid-infected after the party, although they are not revealing that they've tested positive.



PC, Hrithik slam perfume ad

Mumbai: Actors Priyanka Chopra took to her social media to slam a perfume commercial for its absurd idea which allegedly promoted rape culture.

Replying to Richa Chadha's tweet who too had called out the same commercial, Priyanka wrote, "Shameful and disgusting. How many levels of clearances did it take for this commercial to be green-lit. How many people thought this was ok? I'm so glad that it was called out and now the ministry has taken it down. Appalling!"

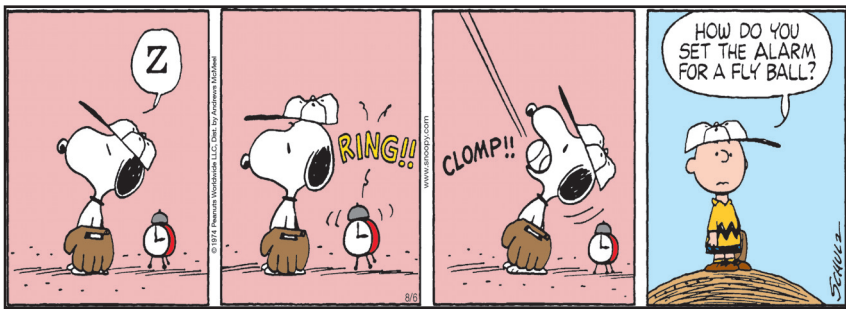
Earlier, the *Fukrey* actress had penned a strong-worded note which read, "This ad is not an accident. To make an ad, a brand goes

through several layers of decision-making. Creatives, script, agency, client, casting... DOES EVERYONE THINK RAPE IS A JOKE? Revelatory! This brand, the agency that made this ad need to be sued for the filth they're serving."

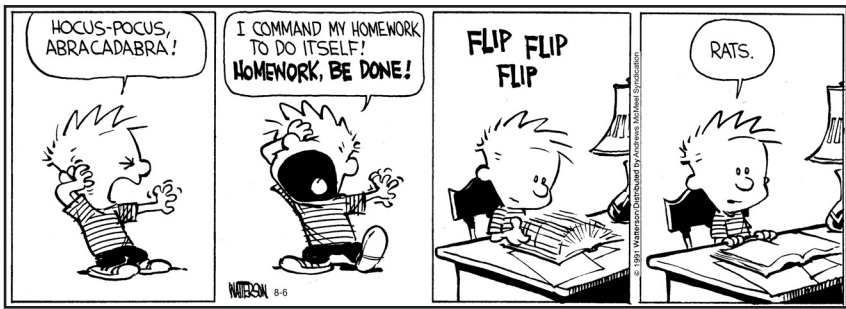
Hrithik also took to his Instagram stories, to call out the ad. "How could the entire team associated with this project think this was OK to make and showcase?" the actor asked. He also added, "Kudos to the viewers for calling it out & the regulatory bodies for taking appropriate action," the actor further said in his post.

Soon the Information and Broadcasting Ministry asked YouTube and Twitter to take down the advertisements from their social media platforms.

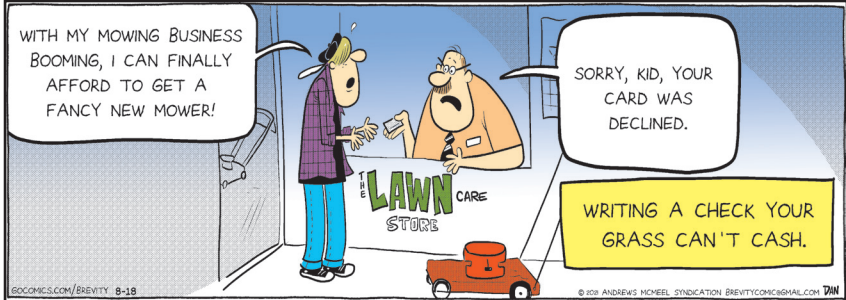
PEANUTS



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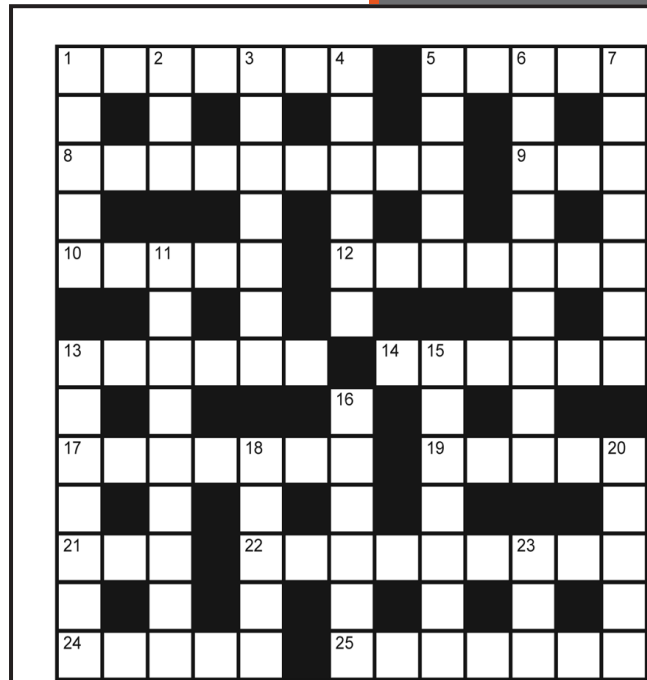


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FUN post

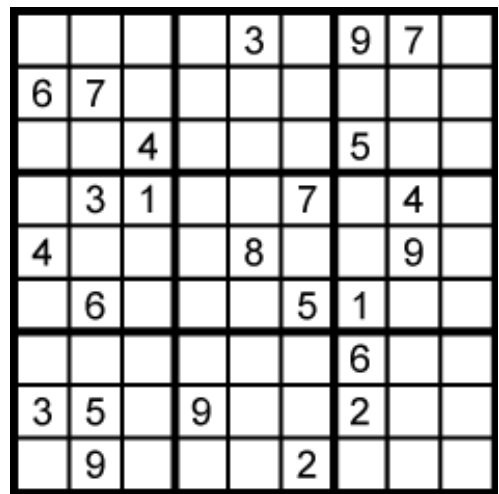
CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 High-powered
 - 5 Ancient Italian deities
 - 8 Offensive
 - 9 "This means ___!"
 - 10 Prize money
 - 12 Perfect
 - 13 Grinding tool
 - 14 Pico de Orizaba locale
 - 17 Peace pipe
 - 19 African tribesman
 - 21 Caustic substance
 - 22 Robert Hooke, e.g.
 - 24 Passé
 - 25 Detectives
 - 6 Disinclined
 - 7 Dust storm
 - 11 Able to bounce back
 - 13 Preserved, like pigs' feet
 - 15 Like the Gobi or Kalahari
 - 16 Moral principles
 - 18 Pondered
 - 20 Hairy humanoid, maybe
 - 23 Follower's suffix

SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CROSSWORD

SUDOKU

CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



CLIMATE CONSCIOUS

Bhumi Pednekar says she has been working towards the cause of environment since her school days

LEISURE



RUSSIA HITS KYIV

Russia struck Ukraine's capital Kyiv with missiles early for the first time in more than a month

INTERNATIONAL P8



14TH TITLE FOR RAFA

Spain's Rafael Nadal wins the French Open men's singles title for the 14th time beating Casper Ruud

SPORTS BACK PAGE

To lead people, serve people: Naveen

21 ministers take oath in biggest ever Cabinet reshuffle during CM Naveen Patnaik's regime

7 first timers, 5 old faces inducted into the Council of Ministers

9 ministers retained, while 11 dropped



Governor Ganeshi Lal administers the oath of office and secrecy to the newly-inducted ministers in presence of CM Naveen Patnaik, senior BJD leaders and state government officials @NAVEENPATNAIK/TWITTER

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 5: Eyeing for the big fight in 2024, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has formed his new Council of Ministers with the induction of 21 MLAs.

All the 21 ministers took the oath of office and secrecy in a glittering ceremony here Sunday. Governor Ganeshi Lal administered the oath of office and secrecy to the newly inducted ministers in presence of the Chief Minister, senior BJD leaders and officials of the state government.

Thirteen MLAs have been sworn in as Cabinet ministers while eight others took oath as Ministers of State (MoS). There were 20 members in the last Council of Ministers.

Patnaik has retained nine ministers of his last Council of Ministers. They are Jagannath Saraka, Niranjana Pujari, Ranendra Pratap Swain, Prafulla Kumar Mallik, Naba Kishore Das, Ashok Chandra Panda, Samir Ranjan Dash, Tusharkanti Behera and Tukuni Sahu in his new team.

Similarly, legislators Pramila Mallik, Usha Devi, Pratap Keshari

CABINET MINISTERS	
Jagannath Saraka	ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare, Law
Niranjana Pujari	Finance, Parliamentary Affairs
Ranendra Pratap Swain	Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development
Pradip Kumar Amat	Forest & Environment, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Information & Public Relations
Pramila Mallik	Revenue & Disaster Management
Usha Devi	Housing & Urban Development
Prafulla Kumar Mallik	Steel & Mines, Works
Pratap Keshari Deb	Industries, MSME, Energy
Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak	Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Co-operation
Naba Kishore Das	Health & Family Welfare
Tukuni Sahu	Water Resources, Commerce & Transport
Ashok Chandra Panda	Science & Technology, Public Enterprises, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability.
Rajendra Dholakia	Planning & Convergence

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)	
Samir Ranjan Dash	School & Mass Education
Aswini Kumar Patra	Tourism, Odia Language, Literature & Culture, Excise
Pritiranjana Gharai	Rural Development, Skill Development & Technical Education
Srikanta Sahu	Labour & Employees' State Insurance
Tusharkanti Behera	Electronics & Information Technology, Sports & Youth Services along with MoS, Home
Rohit Pujari	Higher Education
Rita Sahu	Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts
Basanti Hembram	Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti

Deb, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak and Pradip Kumar Amat, who have served as ministers during earlier tenure of Patnaik also got placed in the new council. Seven legislators - Rajendra

Dholakia, Aswini Kumar Patra, Rohit Pujari, Srikanta Sahu, Pritiranjana Gharai, Basanti

Hembram and Rita Sahu have been inducted as Ministers for the first time in their political careers.

During this reshuffle, Jagannath Saraka and Ashok Panda got promoted to the Cabinet rank from MoS. Patnaik has increased the representation from western Odisha in his council to seven as the ruling BJD is facing challenge from the BJP in the region.

The CM has dropped 11 ministers from his new council. The ministers who were dropped from the Cabinet are - Bikram Keshari Arukha, Padmanabha Behera, Pratap Jena, Arun Kumar Sahoo, Sudam Marndi, Susanta Singh, Dibya Shankar Mishra, Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, Premananda Nayak, Raghunandan Das and Padmini Dian.

Soon after the swearing-in ceremony, the CM distributed portfolios to ministers. The Governor issued an order distributing various departments among the ministers.

Sharing a picture of all new ministers in his Twitter handle, the CM said, "The only way to lead the people is to serve the people." (Contd...P4)

ROW OVER PROPHET REMARKS

Qatar, Kuwait and Iran summon Indian envoys

AGENCIES

Doha, June 5: Qatar, Iran and Kuwait Sunday summoned India's Ambassadors and the key Gulf nations expressed their strong protest and condemnation of the controversial remarks of a BJP leader against Prophet Mohammed.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry said Sunday that it has summoned Indian Ambassador Deepak Mittal here and handed over to him an official note on what the Gulf country called "total rejection and condemnation" of the controversial remarks of a BJP leader against Prophet Mohammed.

In a press release, a spokesperson of the Indian Embassy here said that the Ambassador had a meeting in the Foreign Office in which concerns were raised with regard to some offensive tweets by individuals in India denigrating the religious personality.

"Ambassador conveyed that the tweets do not, in any manner, reflect the views of the Government of India. These are the views of fringe elements," the spokesperson said. Earlier, Sultan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the State, handed the note to the Ambassador of the Republic of India, the ministry said in a statement.

It welcomed the statement issued by the ruling party in India in which it announced the suspension of the party's leader and said Qatar is expecting a public apology and immediate condemnation of these remarks from the Government of India.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Foreign Ministry said that the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Sibi George was Sunday summoned and handed over an official protest note by the Assistant Secretary of State for Asia Affairs expressing Kuwait's "categorical rejection and condemnation" of the statements issued by an official of the ruling

BJP removes spokespersons



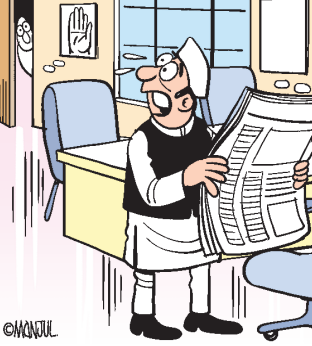
NEW DELHI: The BJP Sunday suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal for their alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammed, as it sought to defuse the row over the issue. Amid protests by Muslim groups over the remarks, the party also issued a statement aimed at assuaging the concerns of minorities and distancing itself from these members, asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces the insult of any religious personality. While Sharma's comments during a TV debate aimed at the founder of Islam have drawn the ire of Muslim groups, Jindal also posted objectionable tweets, deleted later, and has been accused of often posting inciting comments. The comments by Sharma and Jindal sparked a Twitter trend calling for boycotting Indian products in some countries of the Arab world.

party against the Prophet. The ministry welcomed the statement issued by the ruling party in India, in which it announced the suspension of the leader. In Tehran, Indian Ambassador to Iran Dhamu Gaddam was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Director General of South Asia where a strong protest was registered by the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Indian ambassador expressed regret and called any insult to the Prophet of Islam unacceptable.

Salman, father receive threat

MUMBAI: Days after Punjab singer Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead, an anonymous letter issuing threats to actor Salman Khan and his father writer Salim Khan, was found on the Bandra Bandstand promenade earlier Sunday. A source revealed that the letter was found by Salim's guards at a place where he usually takes a break after his morning walk. The Bandra Police have registered an FIR against unknown persons. Earlier too, Salman had received threat calls and letters. Reportedly, gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, who has admitted his gang's rivalry with Sidhu Moosewala, had also threatened to kill Salman in Rajasthan where the latter was appearing in a court for the blackbuck case.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



No news of any of our party member switching to BJP today. Find out if our party is still there

HEATWAVE ROASTS WESTERN ODISHA

TITILAGARH BURNS AT 44.6 DEGREE CELSIUS

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, June 5: A blistering heatwave baked parts of western Odisha Sunday even as people in other regions of the state got some respite due to rain, the Met office said.

At least 13 weather stations recorded a maximum of over 40 degrees Celsius even as the temperatures fell by 1-2 notches in some places due to rainfall Monday night, the Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre said. Heatwave prevailed in Bolangir, Boudh, Subarnapur and Bargarh. The conditions are likely to continue in these districts over the next two days, according to a bulletin.

Intense heat scorched Bolangir as the maximum temperature rose to 44.3 degrees Celsius in the district



headquarters and 44.6 degrees Celsius in Titilagarh, the highest in the state, a bulletin stated. Subarnapur recorded 44.7 degrees Celsius, followed by 44.3 in Boudh and 43.7 in Sambalpur. Bargarh and Bhawanipatna recorded 43 degrees Celsius each, while the mercury climbed up to 42.8 in Jharsuguda, three levels above normal, it said. The temperature in state capital Bhubaneswar dropped by three notches below average to settle at 33.8, while it was 34 degrees Celsius in Cuttack, the department said.

25 killed as bus falls into gorge in Uttarakhand

AGENCIES

Uttarkashi, June 5: Twenty-five pilgrims from Madhya Pradesh died and three were critically injured Sunday evening when the bus in which they were travelling fell into a deep gorge en route to the Yamunotri temple in Uttarakashi.

The accident took place near Rikhavu khadd on the way to the Himalayan shrine around two kilometres from Damta on NH-94, Uttarkashi District Disaster Management Officer Devendra Patwal said.

The pilgrims were from Panna district in Madhya Pradesh, Additional Chief Secretary Radha Raturi said. Besides the driver and the helper, there were 28 passengers on the bus. Seventeen bodies have been recovered so far, and a search is on for the rest, Patwal said.

49 perish in Bangladesh blaze

AGENCIES

Dhaka, June 5: At least 49 people were killed and over 450 injured in a massive fire caused by an explosion that swept through a private chemical container depot in southeastern Bangladesh, officials said Sunday.

Saturday night, the fire broke out at BM Container Depot in the Kadamrasul area in Sitakunda Upazila in Chittagong.

"So far 49 bodies have been brought to the morgue," Sitakunda Shahadat Hossain, a senior government official, was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune.

"Over 450 people have been injured in this incident of which, at least 350 are at state-run Chattagram Medical College Hospital (CMCH)," Istakul Islam, chief of the Health & Service Department at Red Crescent Youth Chittagong was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune.



"The death toll could be more at other hospitals," Islam said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina mourned the death of people and ordered the mobilisation of all facilities for the salvage campaign. Officials formed a high-powered investigation committee demanding it to submit a report in the next three days.

A fire broke out at the container depot around 9 pm Saturday, Sub-Inspector Nurul Alam stationed

at CMCH said.

As Fire Service units worked to put it out, there was an explosion and then the fire spread.

Nurul added that initially it was being suspected that the container depot caught fire due to chemicals, the report added.

Around 11:45 pm, there was a massive explosion and the fire spread from one container to another due to the presence of chemicals in one of the containers.

Rising water spread: Report on India paints grim picture

■ The CSE report says 45 to 64 per cent of India's forest cover is likely to become climate hotspots by 2030

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Twenty-five glacial lakes and water bodies in India, China and Nepal have recorded over 40 per cent rise in their water spread areas since 2009, posing a grave threat to five Indian states and two Union territories, a new report stated.

According to the report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the seven states and Union Territories which are under threat are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

However, it is not just the rise in water spread that is concerning. The data published in the report 'State of India's Environment 2022: In Figures' tell a worrying tale.

It said that over a third of India's coastline witnessed some degree of erosion between 1990 and 2018. West Bengal is the worst hit with over 60 per cent of its shoreline under erosion.

An increase in the frequency of



cyclones and rise in the sea level, and anthropogenic activities such

as the construction of harbours, beach mining and building of dams

are some of the reasons for coastal erosion, it said.

Citing government data, the report said three out of every four river-monitoring stations in India have recorded alarming levels of heavy toxic metals - lead, iron, nickel, cadmium, arsenic, chromium and copper.

In one-fourth of the monitoring stations, spread across 117 rivers and tributaries, high levels of two or more toxic metals have been reported. Of the 33 monitoring stations in the Ganga, contaminant levels in 10 are high. The report said 45 to 64 per cent of India's forest cover is likely to become climate hotspots by 2030. By

2050, almost the entire forest cover of the country is likely to become a climate hotspot.

"The severity, in terms of damage due to climate change, is set to increase in 2085," the CSE report stated.

A climate hotspot refers to an area that is likely to face severe impacts of climate change.

The report revealed that India recycled 12 per cent and burnt 20 per cent of the 3.5 million tonnes of plastic waste it generated in 2019-20.

There is no information on the remaining 68 per cent of plastic waste, which most likely would have ended up in dumpsites and landfills, it stated.

WEATHER		
	BHUB	CTK
TEMP	MAX 33.8°C	34.0°C
	MIN 22.9°C	24.0°C
Humidity	76%	76%
Rainfall	NIL	NIL
Forecast	Clear sky mainly	

CRUT adds 4 new routes in Cuttack



Old buses have been refurbished and upgraded into Mo Bus standard. These buses have been equipped with modern technology and safety measures. The new fleet of Mo Bus will be on the road to serve the public from June 8

SANJAY KUMAR SINGH | MANAGING DIRECTOR, CRUT

Bhubaneswar, June 5: The Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) Sunday introduced Mo Bus services on four new routes in Cuttack by adding 30 more buses to its existing fleet.

According to a notification issued by the CRUT, Mo Bus services will be introduced between Biju Patnaik Park, Cuttack to Charbatia (Route No 80); Barabati Stadium to Salepur (Route No 81); Bhubaneswar Railway Station to SCB Medical College and Hospital (Route No 82); and Dhableswar to Kandarpur (Route No 83).

"Old buses have been refurbished and upgraded into Mo Bus standard. These buses have been equipped with modern technology and safety measures. The new fleet of Mo Bus will be on the road to serve the public from June 8,"

CABINET RESHUFFLE IN STATE

Newcomers pledge to carry CM's vision forward

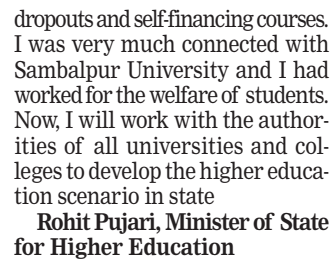
Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inducted several new faces into his cabinet, Sunday. While talking to Orissa POST, the newly-appointed ministers expressed their gratitude towards the Chief Minister and pledged to work for the betterment of the common people



I would like to thank Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on behalf of people of Nuapada for appointing me as a Cabinet Minister. I am ready for whatever task is given to me by the government

Rajendra Dholakia, Cabinet Minister for Planning and Convergence

My predecessor Arun Kumar Sahoo had worked tirelessly to improve the higher education system in Odisha. I will try my best to move forward in this regard. The implementation of the New Education Policy will be an important task for us. We will also look into issues related to college dropouts and self-financing courses. I was very much connected with Sambalpur University and I had worked for the welfare of students. Now, I will work with the authorities of all universities and colleges to develop the higher education scenario in state



It's an honour for me to be appointed as a minister by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and given the task for working towards the welfare of women in Odisha. We will ensure that all welfare schemes reach the women. The Mission Shakti scheme of the state government is a huge success. We will utilise the scheme to empower more and more women in the state. The Chief Minister always puts emphasis on women empowerment that is why he has inducted several women legisla-

My predecessor Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi had worked hard for development of the tourism sector in Odisha. I will try my best to maintain this momentum. Steps would be taken for the development of Odia as a classical language

tors into his new cabinet
Basanti Hembram, Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Mission Shakti



It's a great honour for me that the Chief Minister has reposed his faith in me. It's a new experience and I will work for the development of rural areas of the state. We will ensure that the benefits of various government schemes reach the grassroots

Pritiranjana Gharai, Minister of State for Rural Development, Skill Development & Technical Education

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Ashwini Kumar Patra, Minister of State for Tourism, Odia Language Literature and Culture



It's really a great feeling to get a call from the Chief Minister for appointment as a minister. We will work for the people of Odisha. Our priority would be to carry the benefits of various developmental schemes to all sections of the society.

Srikanta Sahu, Minister of State for Labour and Employees' State Insurance

I am thankful to the Chief Minister for giving me a place in his cabinet. The Chief Minister always puts emphasis on women empowerment. My predecessor Padmini Dian had done a great job. I will try to improve the living standards of our weavers and artisans

To lead people, serve people, says Naveen

Continued from P1

As per the order, ministers Naba Kishore Das, Samir Ranjan Dash, Ashok Panda and Prafulla Mallik continue with their departments while Jagannath Saraka and Tusharkanti Behera have been given additional departments.

Ranendra Pratap Swain has been given Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development departments while Pradip Kumar Amat will head Forest & Environment, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Information & Public Relations departments.

Revenue & Disaster Management department will remain with Pramila Mallik whereas Usha Devi is the new Housing & Urban Development Minister, Pratap Keshari Deb -- Industries, MSME & Energy, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak -- Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare & Co-operation and Niranjan Pujari -- Finance & Parliamentary Affairs.

Two important departments -- Water Resources and Commerce & Transport have been given to Tukuni Sahu while first time Minister Rajendra Dholakia has been given the Planning & Convergence department.

Similarly, a few important departments have been given to young ministers Pritiranjana Gharai, Srikanta Sahu, Rohit Pujari and Basanti Hembram.

KIMS doctors create device to gauge pain

Though heart rate and blood pressure have been used to assess pain, there has been a lack of any robust study for objective assessment of pain, according to experts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 5: A team of doctors at the City-based Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) has developed a device to measure the pain in a human being, much like a thermometer that is used to measure the body temperature.

The prototype, called Objective Pain Score (OPS), lends a level of accuracy to the ache, soreness or discomfort endured by a patient and helps physicians prescribe medicines or procedures accordingly and manage pain effectively during consultation or even intensive care.

The breakthrough is the outcome of a research work carried out by Sailaja Sukanya, Post-Graduate Resident at the Department of Anaesthesiology, KIMS, a KIIT constituent.

The study was conducted under the guidance of Amit Pradhan while Ashok Kumar Badamali formulated the OPS which could be validated with the physical condition of the patient or Visual Rating Scale (VRS).

The scientific paper was titled 'Development and Validation of an Objective Pain Scoring System (OPS) and its correlation with VAS score for evaluation of postoperative pain in patients undergoing cardiac surgeries'.

The new method would bring in a new approach in the domain of pain management, said KIMS Medical Superintendent RC Das.

He said the study evoked wide appreciation from experts who attended the (National Conference of Indian Society for Study of Pain) ISSPCON-2022, held here recently. Sailaja Sukanya presented her research work at the event.

"The algorithm created by this research can help conceptualise a device for automatic delivery of analgesics or painkillers in patients corresponding to their objective pain score during surgery and mechanical ventilation in ICU," Das said.



Children were taught to make seed balls in Unit-IV area of Bhubaneswar, where trees had been felled for construction of MLA quarters, on the occasion of World Environment Day, Sunday

State reports 19 new Cov cases

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, June 5: Odisha recorded 19 new Cov cases Sunday, seven more than the previous day, with the tally rising to 12,88,504, the Health department said in a bulletin.

The death toll remained at 9,126 as no new fatality due to the infection was reported in the last 24 hours, it said. Besides, 53 other coronavirus patients have died due



to comorbidities so far. Odisha now has 90 active cases, while 12,79,235 people have recovered from the disease, including

eight on Saturday, the bulletin said. The daily positivity rate stood at 0.20 per cent as the new infections were detected from 9,358 sample tests.

On Friday, Odisha had reported two cases of swine flu after more than two years. The two cases were confirmed after their samples tested positive for H1N1 and their condition is stated to be out of danger by the hospital

Muduli govt chief whip in Odisha Assembly

Bhubaneswar: Senior BJD lawmaker from Jagatsinghpur, Prasanta Kumar Muduli, was Sunday appointed as the government chief whip in Odisha Assembly, an official notification said. Muduli replaced Pramila Mallick, who earlier in the day was inducted into the Council of Ministers as the in-charge of Revenue and Disaster Management. BJD's Patnagarh MLA Saroj Meher was appointed as the deputy chief whip, the notification issued by the Parliamentary Affairs Department said.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Plant trees, reduce carbon footprint: CM

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 5: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sunday, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik urged people to plant trees and reduce carbon footprint as it would help keep the planet healthy for future generations.

This year, the World Environment Day (WED) is being celebrated with 'Only One Earth' as the theme, focussing on 'Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature.'

Taking to Twitter, Naveen said, "We have #OnlyOneEarth, our only home. On #WorldEnvironmentDay, let's all pledge to protect mother nature and keep our shared planet healthy for future generations by planting more trees and reducing carbon footprint."

The state-level WED was celebrated by the Forest, Environment and Climate Change department at

Rabindra Mandap here. A science exhibition by school students was held to mark the event. Additional chief secretary to Forest, Environment and Climate Change Mona Sharma graced the event as chief guest and conferred Prakruti Mitra award on 200 institutions of the state for their exemplary work towards environmental protection.

While appraising the audience regarding various measures taken by the state government towards environmental protection, Sharma said, "Loss of biodiversity, environmental pollution, greenhouse gas emission, rise in global temperature and climatic variations are some of the major causes of degradation of our environment." Similarly, Orissa Environmental Society (OES), Jayadev Walkers Club (JWC) and Odisha Forest Development Corporation also celebrated the day in the City.



Dogs can detect Covid faster than rapid antigen test: Study

Dogs are more effective at detecting Covid-19 infections through human sweat samples than the existing rapid antigen tests, according to a study.

The study, published in the PLOS ONE, showed that dogs were 97 per cent effective at detecting Covid infection compared to PCR tests - the most accurate Covid test. On the other hand, the nasal antigen tests detected 84 per cent of positive Covid infections.

The findings suggest a potentially less invasive and quicker Covid testing alternative.

For the study, researchers at the Assistance Publique-Hopitaux de Paris included PCR and sweat samples from 335 people and antigen tests



from 234 people recruited in Paris from March 16 and April 9, 2021. The researchers examined five dogs trained to sniff out Covid-19 by examining both positive and negative tests to see if they could tell. They

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They found canines were 100% accurate in detecting positive Covid cases in asymptomatic individuals compared to PCR test results

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"Non-invasive detection of SARS-CoV-2 infection by canine olfaction could be one alternative to nasopharyngeal swabs RT-PCR when it is necessary to obtain a result very quickly according to the same indications as antigenic tests in the context of mass screening," the researchers wrote in the paper.

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Rash driving led to Kalinga Ghati tragedy: Probe report

POST NEWS NETWORK

Chhatrapur, June 5: A joint probe report pinned the blame on rash and speedy driving and negligence in maneuvering the curves as the reasons behind the bus accident that led to death of six persons and injured 42 persons at Durgaprasad on National Highway-157 at Kalinga ghati bordering Ganjam and Kandhamal districts, May 24.

The driver drove the vehicle at very high speed ignoring the curves on the ghati road which resulted in the mishap, the report submitted 12 days after the accident, said. The probe was conducted by a joint team comprising an expert and members of the Bhanjanagar Regional Transport Office.

The report said that the bus carrying tourists from West Bengal was on its way to Daringbadi in Kandhamal district. When the bus was on way to Visakhapatnam from Daringbadi, the driver lost control of vehicle and hit a road-



FILE PHOTO

side stone block and a utility pole and overturned.

The report suggested that driving the bus at great speed and ignoring sharp curves on the ghati road resulted in the mishap. Moreover, absence of any traffic signage, road markings and stud reflectors also contributed to the accident. These factors apart, crash barriers were also found in broken and dilapidated conditions, that also contributed to the mishap.

Several accidents have taken place prior to this mishap which has turned travelling on the ghati road a risky proposition.

Commerce and Transport department principal secretary Bishnupada Sethi has also written to the authorities of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Works department and the Ganjam district collector asking them to put up these traffic systems in proper place on ghati roads, sensitive points and accident prone zones of the highway. He has also instructed the Works department to take up survey of ghati roads and accident prone zones and take remedial and preventive steps to save the life people in future.

BSF jawans recover IED, Gelatin sticks in Malkangiri forest

POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, June 5: Acting on a tip-off, Border Security Force (BSF) jawans Saturday evening recovered an improvised explosive device (IED) inside tiffin box on the foothills of Bejangiwada village under Kalimela police limits in Malkangiri district.

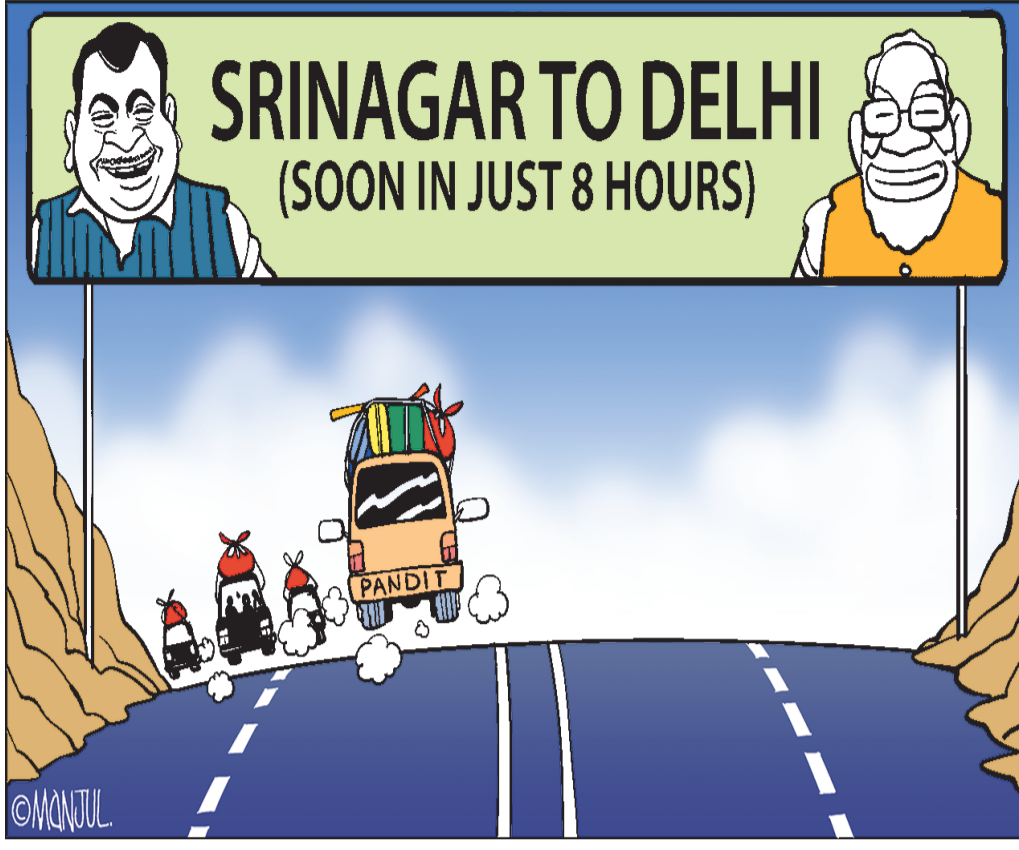
The raid team in a joint operation with Malkangiri police also recovered as many as four bags of Gelatin sticks from a rocky crevice near near Tekguda village. The bags contained at least 736 Gelatin weighing around 89 kg, reports said.

Meanwhile, BSF has issued a statement that they are fully alert to avert any Mao threat.

"The effort is to demotivate Maoist sympathisers and enhance public support for the security forces. Kalimela area has been a Maoist hotbed and Bejangiwada used to be the hideout of the Red rebels and their sympathisers," read a statement issued by BSF.

Earlier in January this year, the BSF jawans had recovered explosive dump in the area.

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FOR SL. NO.: 1 TO 9 - DATE&TIME OF E-AUCTION : 22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.
FOR SL. NO.: 1 TO 9 - LAST DATE & TIME OF EMD SUBMISSION : 18.06.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.
FOR SL. NO.: 1 TO 9 - DATE & TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES : 17.06.2022 FROM 11.00 AM TO 04.00 P.M.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name & Addresses of the Borrowers / Guarantors in Account	Description of Movable / Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagers of Property(ies))	A) Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	B) Outstanding Amount as on 30.04.2022	C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	D) Nature of Possession Symbolic / Physical / Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs)	B) EMD (in Lacs)	C) Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	JAJPUR ROAD BRANCH (170520)	Borrower: M/s. Laxmi Enterprises, Prop.: Mr. Parsuram Rai, S/o: Madhabananda Ray, At/P.O.: FC Project, Rampas, Laxmi Nagar, Jajpur-755020 / Guarantor/ Mortgagee: Mr. Kalish Chandra Pahi, At: Patharapada, P.O./P.S.: Panikoli, Dist.: Jajpur-755043	All that part and parcel of immovable property in the name of Parsuram Rai, S/o: Madhabananda Ray as per sale deed No. 885, dated: 07.03.2011 of Sub Registrar: Dolipur, Plot No.: 293, Area: Ac.0.173Dec. and Plot No.: 294, Area: Ac.0.130Dec., respectively with Total area of two plots Ac.0.303Dec., Vide Khata No.: 333/394 situated at Mouza: Unit-3, Padampur, P.S.: Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur-755019	A) 01.12.2021 B) ₹1,44,14,133.52 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 16.02.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹95.00 Lacs B) ₹10.00 Lacs C) ₹1.00 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
2.	PNB BAUNSAADIHA (052320)	Borrower: Shri Shaktipada Pandey, S/o.: Madan Mohan Pandey, At/PO.: Karihanda, Via: Kamarda, Dist.: Balasore - 756035	All that part and parcel of the immovable Property of Residential Property in the name of Shaktipada Pandey as per sale deed No.: 10101001712 dated 23.06.2010 of Kamarda, Dist.: Balasore - 756035 SRO: Jaleswarpur, having Plot No.: 910/2640, 911/2641, 909/2616, 909/2318/2642, vide Khata No.: 565/293, Measuring Area: Ac.0.26 Dec., Mouza/Village: Karihanda, Via: Kamarda, PS.: Kamarda, SRO: Jaleswarpur, Dist.: Balasore - 756035	A) 26.08.2021 B) ₹21,38,615.06 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 12.11.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹27.30 Lacs B) ₹2.80 Lacs C) ₹ 0.10 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
3.	PNB KEONJHAR (407600)	Borrower: Pradeep Kumar Mahanta, S/o.: Maheswar Mahanta, At: Saras, P.O.: Ranki Mahanta, At: Saras, P.O.: Ranki (Infront of Saras UP School), PS.: Keonjhar Sadar, Dist.: Keonjhar - 758002/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee: Smt. Meena Mahanta, W/o.: Maheswar Mahanta, At: Saras, P.O.: Ranki (Infront of Saras UP School), PS.: Keonjhar Sadar, Dist.: Keonjhar - 758002	All that part and parcel of the immovable property in the name of Mrs. Mina Mahanta, W/o.: Mr. Maheswar Mahanta, Plot No.: 316, Khata No.: 83/62, PS.: Keonjhar Town - 01 Ac.0.16 Dec., PS.: Keonjhar Town - 01	A) 18.08.2021 B) ₹34,73,458.88 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 27.10.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹40.50 Lacs B) ₹4.50 Lacs C) ₹ 0.50 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
4.	PNB JALESWAR (675800)	Borrower: M/s. Joy Bharat Poultry Firm, Prop.: Mr. Gagan Kumar Pati, At/PO.: Remu, Mohanpur, Paschim Medinapore, West Bengal-721457/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee: Smt. Manjumala Pati, W/o.: Gagan Kumar Pati, At/PO.: Remu, Mohanpur, Paschim Medinapore, West Bengal- 721457	All that part and parcel of the property (Land and Building) LR Khata No.: 660, LR Plot No.: 1274, 1275, 1276 & 1277 with Area: 0.15 Acre, in the name of Smt. Manjumala Pati, W/o.: Gagan Kumar Pati, comprising of Residential House situated at Vill./PO.: Remu, PS.: Mohanpur, Dist.: Paschim Midnapore, West Bengal - 721457, Bounded by North: Land of Suman Pati, East: Land of Suman Pati, South: Road, West: Land of Swapan Pati	A) 04.06.2021 B) ₹17,10,427.92 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 18.09.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹39.87 Lacs B) ₹ 4.00 Lacs C) ₹ 0.50 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
5.	PNB - BARIPADA (025020)	Borrowers: 1) Mr. Gouri Shankar Behera, S/o.: Sristidhar Behera, 2) Mrs. Dipali Behera, W/o.: Sristidhar Behera, bearing Khata No.: 37, Plot No.: 191, Area: Ac.0.060Dec., at Mouza: Sripadganj, P.O./P.S./Tahasil: Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Bounded by East: Batakruhna Nayak, West: Dharambeer Sharma, North: Narendra Pradhan, South: Road	All that part and parcel of the immovable property (Land & Building) in the name of Mrs. Dipali Behera, W/o.: Sristidhar Behera, bearing Khata No.: 37, Plot No.: 191, Area: Ac.0.060Dec., at Mouza: Sripadganj, P.O./P.S./Tahasil: Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Bounded by East: Batakruhna Nayak, West: Dharambeer Sharma, North: Narendra Pradhan, South: Road	A) 31.08.2021 B) ₹11,86,571.14 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 07.01.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹27.88 Lacs B) ₹ 2.80 Lacs C) ₹ 0.10 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
6.	PNB CHARAMPA (024920)	Borrower: M/s. Satyabham Poultry Feeds, Prop.: Mr. Satya Ranjan Pandua, At/PO.: Rahanja, Dist.: Bhadrak, Odisha - 756111/ Guarantor: Mr. Sarat Rout, S/o.: Baidhar Rout, At/PO.: Charampa, Station Road, Dist.: Bhadrak- 756101 / Mortgagees: 1) Mr. Babaji Charan Pandua, At/PO.: Rahanja, Dist.: Bhadrak, Odisha - 756111, 2) Mr. Madan Mohan Pandua, At/PO.: Rahanja, Dist.: Bhadrak, Odisha - 756111	All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing L R Khata No.: 599, L R Plot No.: 1539, 1542 & 1543, Measuring Area: Ac.0.80 Dec., situated at Mouza: Rahanja, P.O.: Rahanja, Dist.: Bhadrak standing in the name of Babaji Charan Pandua, S/o.: Late Kunja Pandua & Madan Mohan Pandua, S/o.: Late Kunja Pandua	A) 05.07.2021 B) ₹22,20,322.70 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 01.10.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹16.47 Lacs B) ₹1.70 Lacs C) ₹ 0.10 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
7.	PNB BALASORE (098310)	Borrower: M/s. Maa Laxmi Modern Rice Mill, Prop.: Mr. Ashutosh Mohanty, S/o.: Late Aswini Kumar Mohanty, At: Kharidippal, PO.: Dahamunda, PS.: Bhogarai, Dist.: Balasore - 756079	1) EOM of land and building over Khata No.: 389/249, Plot No.: 674, 675, 1310, 1312 & 1321, Measuring Area: Ac.1.550 Dec., at Kharidippal PO.: Dahamunda, Balasore, standing in the name of Ashutosh Mohanty, S/o.: Late Aswini Kumar Mohanty 2) All that parts and parcel of the Plant & Machinery at M/s. Maa Laxmi Modern Rice Mill, Dahamunda, Balasore	A) 19.12.2017 B) ₹1,39,48,852.06 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 01.05.2018 D) Symbolic	A) ₹76.40 Lacs B) ₹8.00 Lacs C) ₹0.50 Lacs A) ₹9.41 Lacs B) ₹1.00 Lacs C) ₹0.20 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
8.	PNB - BARIPADA (025020)	Borrower: M/s. Shree Jagannath Sanitation, Prop.: Samir Kumar Nayak, Ward No.: 10, Satya Sai Chak, Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj-757001 / Guarantors/ Mortgagees: 1) Mr. Samir Kumar Nayak (Prop. of M/s. Shree Jagannath Sanitation), Ward No.: 10, Satya Sai Chak, Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj-757001, 2) Smt. Prangya Paramita Nayak, W/o.: Samir Kumar Nayak, Ward No.: 10, Brahma Mandir Sahi, Satya Sai Chak, Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj-757001	All that part and parcel of immovable property (Residential Land & Building) in the name of Smt. Prangya Paramita Nayak, W/o.: Samir Kumar Nayak, bearing Khata No.: 300/218, Plot No.: 23/1606, Area: Ac.0.110Dec., Mouza: Baripada Town, Unit No.: 10, Brahma Mandir Sahi, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Odisha, Bounded by North: Plot No.: 24, South: Plot No.: 21 (Road), West: Plot No.: 23(P)	A) 06.03.2021 B) ₹14,87,089.51 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 07.01.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹70.19 Lacs B) ₹7.02 Lacs C) ₹0.10 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
9.	PNB BAUNSAADIHA (052320)	Borrower: Ranjan Kumar Jena, S/o.: Jitendra Nath Jena, At: Nahara, PO.: Kamarda, Dist.: Balasore	Equitable Mortgage of Land and Building situated at Plot No.: 1019/2508, Khata No.: 733/396, Kissa: Gharbari, At: Nahara, PO.: Kamarda, Dist.: Balasore, Tahasil: Bhogarai No. 285 in the name of Mr. Ranjan Kumar Jena, S/o.: Jitendra Nath Jena.	A) 01.07.2017 B) ₹44,61,521.01 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 09.02.2018 D) Symbolic	A) ₹11.35 Lacs B) ₹1.50 Lacs C) ₹0.10 Lacs	22.06.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						

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10.	JALESWAR BRANCH (675800)	Borrower: M/s. Uma Rani Textiles, Partners: 1) Mrs. Uma Rani Das, 2) Mr. Shasank Sekhar Das, All are At: Bago, P.O.: Nachinda, Via: Kamarda, Dist.: Balasore-756035	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building situated at Plot No.: 1332, Khata No.: 469/340, Area: Ac.0.28 Dec., Mouza: Jaladha, PS/Tahasil: Bhogarai, SRO: Jaleswar, Dist.: Balasore Standing in the name of Smt. Uma Rani Das, W/o: Sasanka Sekhar Das.	A) 27.12.2021 B) ₹15,12,068.46 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 15.03.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹67.77 Lacs B) ₹7.00 Lacs C) ₹1.00 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
11.	BALASORE BRANCH (024720)	Borrower: Basanti Fabrication, Prop.: Sukra Charan Padhiary, At: Bampada, Birlatyars, Near Vigilance Office, Koroda, Dist.: Balasore- 756056	All that part and parcel of immovable property standing in the name of Mr. Sukra Charan Padhiary, At: Bampada, Birlatyars, Near Vigilance Office, Koroda, Dist.: Balasore - 756056	A) 01.12.2021 B) ₹11,37,044.51 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 17.02.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹27.75 Lacs B) ₹3.00 Lacs C) ₹0.50 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
12.	BALASORE BRANCH (024720)	Borrowers: 1) Mr. Sk. Jamal, S/o.: Md. Siddique, At: Samalpur, P.O.: Ballia, Dist.: Balasore - 756001, 2) Mr. Sk. Kamal, S/o.: Md. Siddique, At: Samalpur, P.O.: Ballia, Dist.: Balasore-756001	All that part and parcel of the immovable property standing in the name of Sk. Jamal & Sk. Kamal situated at Mouza: Samalpur, PS.: Industrial Estate, Tahasil/ Dist.: Balasore, over Plot No.: 288/1391, Khata No.: 245/1318, Area: Ac.0.050 Dec.	A) 03.12.2021 B) ₹4,56,751.42 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 17.02.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹26.64 Lacs B) ₹3.00 Lacs C) ₹0.50 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
13.	CHANDIKHOLE BRANCH (056320)	Borrower: Sai Stone Cruhsr, Prop.: Anupama Mohanty, At: Chahedhara, PO.: Dankari, Dist.: Jajpur	EM of Immovable Property at Mouza: Manjuri, Plot No.: 266, Khata No.: 302/206, Area: Ac.0.42 Dec., P.O.: Naguan, PS.: Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur, standing in the name of Mohini Mohan Sahoo, D/o.: Late Dura Sahoo	A) 21.05.2013 B) ₹28,26,190.07 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 31.08.2013 D) Symbolic	A) ₹74.15 Lacs B) ₹7.50 Lacs C) ₹1.00 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
14.	BARIPADA BRANCH (025020)	Borrower: Sudarshana Nanda, S/o.: Gopal Krishna Nanda, Village: Bathudibandha, PO.: Pratappur, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Odisha, PIN - 757103	Equitable Mortgage of Residential property situated at Mouza: Bathudibandha, PS.: Badasahi, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Khata No.: 189/112, Plot No.: 524/1286, Measuring Area: Ac.0.050 Dec. & Plot No.: 1049, Measuring Area: Ac.0.230 Dec. standing in the name of Mr. Aswani Kumar Nanda, S/o.: Gopal Krishna Nanda	A) 28.06.2021 B) ₹12,95,654/- as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 15.09.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹16.95 Lacs B) ₹2.00 Lacs C) ₹0.10 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
15.	BARIPADA BRANCH (025020)	Borrower: S.S. Textiles, Prop.: Suresh Singh Rathore, At: Ward No.: 09, Anand Bazar, PO./P.S.: Baripada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj	EM over Residential property situated at Mouza: Jamunadeipur, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, Khata No.: 191/369, Plot No.: 443/1656, Measuring Area: Ac.0.070 Dec. standing in the name of Suresh Singh Rathore	A) 20.03.2017 B) ₹28,26,190.07 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 20.01.2020 D) Symbolic	A) ₹6.30 Lacs B) ₹0.60 Lacs C) ₹0.10 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
16.	BAUNSAADIHA BRANCH (052320)	Borrower: M/s Maa Laxmi Modern Rice Mill, Prop.: Narayan Chandra Bhuyan / S/o.: Late Prasanna Bhuyan / Paschimania, P.O.: Kamarda, Tahasil: Bhograi, Dist.: Balasore bearing Khata No.: 388/1, Plot No.: 80/1204, Area: Ac. 0.150 Dec., Plot No.: 80/1216, Area: 0.650 Dec., Khata No.: 182, Plot No.: 56, Area: Ac. 0.090 Dec., Plot No.: 57, Area: 0.200 Dec., Plot No.: 59, Area: Ac. 0.080 Dec., Plot No.: 61, Area: Ac. 0.230 Dec., Respectively total measuring an Area of Ac. 1.400 Dec.,	Equitable Mortgage of property standing in the name of (1) Sri Narayan Chandra Bhuyan, (2) Sri Gopal Chandra Bhuyan, (3) Sri Nityananda Bhuyan, (4) Sri Radhasthyan Bhuyan All are S/o.: Late Prasanna Bhuyan situated at Mouza: Paschimania, P.S.: Kamarda, Tahasil: Bhograi, Dist.: Balasore bearing Khata No.: 388/1, Plot No.: 80/1204, Area: Ac. 0.150 Dec., Plot No.: 80/1216, Area: 0.650 Dec., Khata No.: 182, Plot No.: 56, Area: Ac. 0.090 Dec., Plot No.: 57, Area: 0.200 Dec., Plot No.: 59, Area: Ac. 0.080 Dec., Plot No.: 61, Area: Ac. 0.230 Dec., Respectively total measuring an Area of Ac. 1.400 Dec.,	A) 20.03.2017 B) ₹28,26,190.07 as on 30.04.2022 + further interest, charges C) 20.01.2020 D) Symbolic	A) ₹6.30 Lacs B) ₹0.60 Lacs C) ₹0.10 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
17.	BASUDEVPUR BRANCH (E-OB/C)	Borrowers: 1) M/s. Maruti Cloth Store, Prop.: Mr. Rajendra Prasad Jena, S/o.: Chakradhar Jena, 2) Mr. Rajendra Prasad Jena, S/o.: Chakradhar Jena, Both are At/P.O.: Barandua Betada, Dist.: Bhadrak-756125 / Guarantor/Mortgagee: Sh. Upendra Prasad Biswal, At: Chandanpur, P.O.: Betada, Basudevpur, Dist.: Bhadrak-756125	EM of immovable property in the name of Mr. Rajendra Prasad Jena, S/o.: Chakradhar Jena situated at Plot No.: 157, Khata No.: 127/14, in Area: Ac.0.82dec. in Village: Nachhibinda-47, Dist.: Bhadrak-756125, Bounded by North: Road, South: Mr. Budhiram Panda, East: Nala, West: Nayanjohri	A) 17.09.2021 B) ₹25,72,573.42 as on 31.05.2022 + further interest, charges C) 10.12.2021 D) Symbolic	A) ₹110.70 Lacs B) ₹11.5 Lacs C) ₹1.00 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						
18.	BASIPITHA BRANCH (E-UNI)	Borrower: 1) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, S/o.: Babulal Gupta, 2) Mr. Rajesh Gupta, S/o.: Babulal Gupta, Both are At: Kirikchia, PO.: Khunta, Mayurbhanj, Odisha - 757019	All that part and parcel of the immovable property at Mouza: Bahananda, PO./P.S./Tahasil: Khunta, Dist.: Mayurbhanj standing in the name of Sanjay Kumar Gupta, S/o.: Babulal Gupta & Rajesh Gupta, S/o.: Babulal Gupta, Plot No.: 276, Khata No.: 20, Area: Ac.0.15 Dec.	A) 10.01.2022 B) ₹31,77,012.71 as on 31.05.2022 + further interest, charges C) 25.03.2022 D) Symbolic	A) ₹ 22.80 Lacs B) ₹ 2.28 Lacs C) ₹ 0.50 Lacs	12.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.						

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THE MOTHER



Thus Far, No More

It is incredible to hear that the Emirate of Qatar has demanded a public apology from the Government of India. The Indian ambassador to Qatar, Deepak Mittal, had been summoned to the foreign office where he was reportedly given a note in which Qatar had stated that it 'outright rejects and condemns' the recent statements of some BJP leaders. Reportedly, Kuwait and Iran have also acted similarly a little later. This rebuke referred to BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and some tweets of Delhi BJP media head Naveen Kumar Jindal which were considered denigrating and offensive towards Prophet Mohammed. It has resulted in the BJP clarifying that it 'respects all religions and denounces insult of any religious personalities of any religion.'

This single international threat seems to have made the BJP change its stance by slanting towards a secular position. The party has also been compelled to suspend Nupur Sharma and expel Naveen Jindal from the party's primary membership. Little do these frogs in a well realize that in their enthusiasm to draw the attention of their political bosses for personal political benefits, their every action is having a terribly negative impact on India's image. The push to be noticed as a Hindutva soldier seems to have galvanized many in the BJP to cross very many limits. In a world of social media, physical national boundaries as far as information travels have evaporated. People like Nupur do not have the depth to understand how international religious politics works. Her utterances demeaning the Prophet may have triggered an avalanche of condemnation of India by Moslem countries. All that one has to do is pick up a world map to understand how India is physically encircled by Moslem nations on all sides. The pan-Islamic mindset is no more limited to any particular geographical boundary. The high caste Hindus thinking of an Akhand (united) Bharat have to realize what demographic composition would result if India is amalgamated with Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Notwithstanding what thinkers like Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo of the past century opined, the world today is drastically altered. To consider the Indian Moslem citizen as a minority fit to be used as a punching bag is a clear sign of complete ignorance of the global situation. India has upset the West recently by supporting Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This might turn out to be a grave diplomatic faux pas should Russia lose the war. With the BJP's Hindutva supporters attacking Prophet Mohammed now, India has been dragged into a dangerous vortex.

It is immature to think that the poor Moslem tailor living in a nearby slum is a helpless individual fit to be dragged out and beaten. The Akhlaq kind of incident has been going on for a few years but international reactions had been muted till recently. Now with Nupur dragging in the name of the Prophet and demonstrating utter disrespect, the scenario has completely changed. This may remind some about the Charlie Hebdo magazine's cartoon on the Prophet and the resultant shooting and killing of its editor and many journalists of that publication by Islamic extremists in France. Therefore, when Nupur claims to have received death threats, one may tend to believe her. The suspension of the BJP's national spokesperson Nupur and expulsion of its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal would have put the aggressive Hindutva leaders of the BJP in a quandary. It may become difficult for them to gauge now how far they can go in their Moslem slamming game and still get protection. The BJP's leadership may now seem to them as being weak and inconsistent. First instance of the leadership's mixed signals was when these 'fringe elements' vehemently opposed the farmers' strike and labeled the farmers Khalistanis and anti-nationals but yet they had egg on their faces when the Union government withdrew its own controversial farm laws without any excuse. This time, again, the party has been forced to act stern with senior leaders under international pressure.

'Thus far and no more' may be a difficult concept to explain and even more tricky to follow for the BJP hard liners who will, henceforth, find it tough and confusing to decide how far the party and the Union government will go to save them when counter pressure mounts.



Shivaji Sarkar

A COMBINATION OF DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET IS A NECESSITY TO CREATE THE BUFFER FOR ECONOMIC SHOCKS

The Indian economy is growing. GDP numbers are improving and so are tax numbers. Exports and a supposed wonder show India as having better trade with the US than China. The numbers are interesting - GDP growing at 4.1 per cent in the last quarter of 2021-22, corporate tax rising, though yet not to the level of 2010-11 of 3.9 per cent and inflation giving a boost to GST collections at a record ₹1.68 lakh crore in April surpassing the ₹1.5 lakh crore mark for the first time since the introduction of the tax regime in 2017.

The Finance Ministry attributes this to its tightened compliance and crackdown on GST evaders and fake bills, which traders say is not possible. GST collection may not represent the actual economic activity. A study by a group Ambit says that one of the key reasons for record collections was the surge in imports, which rose 54 per cent year-on-year in 2021-22 driven by higher commodity prices and which made integrated GST on imports the largest contributors of GST growth. On domestic inflation, the report also says high retail and wholesale prices pushed GST collections up. Nominal GDP growth and GST collections have a strong co-relation. That means surge in prices contributed majorly to higher GST collections. That is a matter of concern and busts the myth that higher tax revenue is an indicator for better economic activity. The flip side is that such high tax collections could also add to further inflation. It also impacts purchasing power of the common man.

There is another aspect. India's merchandise trade is growing at \$418 billion exceeding the Centre's target by about 5 per cent and 4 per cent growth over previous year. It has grown with China and the US. Of late, the Federation of Indian Exporters' Organisation (FIEO) has said that India's trade with the US surpassed that with China. The trade with the US touched \$119.42 billion against

FOCUS ECONOMY

TURBULENCE AHEAD?



Can India rethink on how the safety valves worked and the means to reintroduce them for the good of the poor people whose numbers have doubled during the pandemic

\$80.51 in 2020-21. India has trade surplus with the US of \$32.8 billion.

The FIEO maintains that India-China bilateral trade was \$115.42 billion. China counters that saying total trade is at \$125 billion. It only shows that the trade level with the US and China is growing. India exports high value diamond, precious stones along with IT services to the US. The major items of import from China are computer hardware, electronic components, organic chemicals and drug intermediates.

There are problems with farm product exports. India tea exports declined 6.8 per cent to 195 million kg fetching ₹5246 crore in 2021 despite a void by Sri Lanka. Tea Exporters Association Chairman A Kanoria says it has high pesticide content. Similarly, Indian wheat is also rejected by Turkey for detection of Indian Rubella disease.

Apart from these it also should be noted that in a pre-globalised India many shocks were domestically absorbed by a robust parallel economy and through insulation of the system from the possible malignant impact. In the new world, neutral countries also

are forced to pay for the sin of others. India has not much exposure to Ukraine. It is neither a part of NATO. Its relations are good with the US and Russia. India is neither a provocateur for the war nor it wants sanctions. It suffers for sanctions on Russia and Iran. These are causing global inflation and India can do little but suffer.

The crude oil basket prices because of the war have risen to \$115.9 per barrel May 30 against an average of \$97.2 in March. This may cause further price upset. Similarly, tax numbers confirm profit-led recovery. Corporate tax collections have increased 55 per cent. It reflects that recovery is led by large groups at the cost of smaller competitors.

That's the reality But can India rethink on how the safety valves worked and the means to reintroduce them for the good of the poor people whose numbers have doubled during the pandemic and have to survive on doles - a drain on resources to keep the people survive in a tricky situation. Centralisation of transactions through banks has added to the costs, which the cash economy used to absorb. Can we move away

SPECTRUM CONFLICT

Ukraine will build back better



Paul Grod

THWARTING RUSSIA'S IMPERIAL AMBITIONS AND REBUILDING UKRAINE IS A CHALLENGE THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE MUST NOT FACE ALONE

After 100 days of intense fighting, it is difficult to begin thinking about rebuilding Ukraine when Russian bombs are still raining down on innocent civilians. But it is precisely during times of crisis and disaster that we must consider what comes next. Above all, leading Western powers need to play a central role in supporting the country's reconstruction.

To that end, the European Commission recently proposed establishing a 'Rebuild Ukraine' facility to channel grants and loans to the country. But Ukraine's large financial needs will require the European Union to identify new funding sources, which should include the Russian central bank's frozen foreign-exchange reserves, as well as funds previously confiscated from Russian state enterprises and assets seized from sanctioned Russian oligarchs.

Reconstruction experts recommend looking at the rebuilding task through the lens of a natural disaster such as an earthquake or a flood. In the initial triage phase of the response, the government needs to stop the bleeding - as Ukraine is doing. That means fighting back and ejecting the Russian invaders from the entire country, including the occupied Donbas region and Crimea. It is becoming clearer by the day

that Ukraine's defenders - whether from the volunteer territorial defense forces or the military itself - have the bravery, resolve, and moral fortitude to win this war. Unfortunately, Ukraine has so far not received enough military assistance or humanitarian aid to tip the balance decisively in its favor. The EU announced its reconstruction plan on the same day as some 1,000 Ukrainian fighters were evacuated from the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol - an economically vital center of Ukraine's metals production after defending it for over 80 days.

Since Russia launched its brutal invasion February 24, Ukraine has been fighting this war on Europe's front line with one hand tied behind its back. Many of Ukraine's allies have made grand pronouncements of support, and condemned Russia, but either have not sent or have been inexcusably slow in delivering the weapons Ukraine needs. Ukrainians are fighting Europe's war by defending the continent's values and holding back an imperialist Russia. Unfortunately, many European states act as if their own security is not also threatened.

Even as Ukrainians fight the invaders, those in liberated areas, such as the towns and villages north of Kyiv, have begun rebuilding their homes and their lives. But they cannot do it alone.

We are grateful for the estimated 4.1 billion of EU assistance to date, and we welcome the additional 9 billion in macro-financial support recently proposed by the Commission. But this war is costing Ukraine hundreds of millions of dollars a day. The EU estimates that, by the time the conflict is over, the repair bill for physical infrastructure alone could run to at least 100 billion.

When Ukraine is free again, its industrial hubs, ports, and cities will need to be rebuilt. The country will need a Marshall Plan-style postwar stimulus package that provides an immediate cash injection to jump-start its economy, as well as jobs for Ukrainians and contracts for European, US, and Canadian firms. But Ukrainians will not just rebuild what the Russians have destroyed. They will build back better.

Our eventual victory in this war will be an opportunity to turn a disastrous moment in the country's history into an epic vision of a free, modern, European Ukraine. By fighting this war, Ukraine has shown that it will be a strong and reliable member of the EU and NATO. When Ukrainians rebuild their country, they will do so in a way that aligns with the European project. Ukraine will be a lasting demonstration of a tolerant and open society, a country committed

to defending its people and values.

Moreover, Ukraine's reconstruction will adhere to a vision of environmental sustainability. Part of the country's European future will include ending its dependence on Russian fossil fuels. Ukraine has already begun to integrate its power grid with Europe's. As rebuilding gathers pace, policymakers intend to integrate the country's energy infrastructure fully with European networks, diversify imports, and boost renewables. In fact, Ukraine will become a clean-energy powerhouse fully in the spirit of the EU's European Green Deal.

It is encouraging to see that the EU is considering how to help Ukraine rebuild. Committing to a Marshall Plan for the country will be the best way to show Russian President Vladimir Putin that his brutal aggression will not be rewarded. I hope that our European and NATO friends realize that supporting Ukraine's freedom and recovery will benefit global peace, security, and prosperity. Thwarting Russia's imperial ambitions and rebuilding Ukraine is a challenge the Ukrainian people must not face alone.

The writer is President of the Ukrainian World Congress.
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If you are depressed you are living in the past. If you are anxious you are living in the future. If you are at peace you are living in the present.

LAO TZU

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

MARK TWAIN

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

STEPHEN HAWKING

WORDSWORTH

■ Technosis

The word technosis was invented by Erik Davis in an article in 1994 and used as the title of his 1998 book, subtitled Myth, Magic and Mysticism in the Age of Information. His is not the easiest book to read or mysticise - Publisher's Weekly called it a "deluge of information and theory" - because he ranges very widely over spirituality and its interaction with technology. He argues that for many Net users there's a spiritual component to their links with it, and that valid comparisons can be made with earlier technological developments that also became metaphors for our view of the world. He cites the example of the Extropians, a Californian sect which believes it may one day be possible to download the essence of the human mind into a computer and so achieve immortality, and suggests this has elements in common with the Christian belief in the afterlife. He argues this spiritual feeling is a high-tech update of gnosis, an early Christian belief, hence his title and the word technosis for its modern equivalent. The topic is technoscience and someone who studies the subject is a technoscience. Spelled with an internal capital, TechGnosis, it's the trading name of an American computer company. The moment you have that notion that we are really information instead of bodies or souls, then you have that possibility of technosis. -- Erik Davis, Technosis, 1998.

■ Teetotal

It's an odd-looking word. The first part makes no obvious sense, and as a result some people have assumed that it's a misspelling, suggesting that those who abstained from alcohol turned to tea for their refreshment, on which they became totally reliant - hence tea-total. Where it comes from has puzzled people to the extent that other odd stories exist. It has been argued that those who signed the pledge at temperance meetings had their names marked with the letter T to indicate their total abstention. Lansing, New York, is often quoted here, where it is said to have first happened in January 1827, but there's no contemporary evidence for it - the story only surfaced much later in the century. However, this story is not too far from the truth of the matter. It's accepted that the word, at least in the abstinence sense, was coined by Richard "Dicky" Turner in a speech he gave to a temperance meeting in Preston, Lancashire, in September 1833. Turner was an illiterate working man, a fish hawk, who had visited one of the early Preston temperance meetings in 1832 as a joke while half-drunk, but who came out of the meeting a convert. He was one of the founding Seven Men of Preston who signed the pledge and became a fervent advocate of that form of temperance that demanded total abstinence from all forms of alcoholic drink, not just spirits as some moderate reformers urged. There's no formal record of what he said at the meeting - one report had it that his words were "nothing but the tee-total would do" but it is also claimed that he said in his strong local accent, "I'll be reet down out-and-out t-t-total for ever and ever". Here's where it all gets a bit murky. Did Dicky Turner stutter, did he invent a new word by adding t as an intensifier to the front of total, or was he using one already known? We will probably never be entirely sure.

Connect with Kashmir

Sir, This refers to the report "Hybrid terrorism hits Kashmir hard," Orissa POST, June 4. At present hybrid terrorists are posing a great challenge to both the common people and the administration in Kashmir Valley. Hybrid terrorists are those who are radicalised at the encouragement of their handlers from across the border, they are local youth who complete the assigned tasks and after completion return to their normal existence. Their names do not figure in the list of militants and security forces find it difficult to locate them. These kinds of terrorists are killing ordinary people, Hindus and Muslims alike ranging from policemen on duty, women employees, teachers, artists, clerks, managers and labourers in the Valley. Not a day passes without a gory incident, a targeted killing, especially of a Kashmiri Pandit and hence the second exodus from the Valley reminiscent of the happenings of the 90s. A high-level meeting on the current security situation convened by the Union Home Minister has discussed targeted killings but was not inclined to mass relocation of Pandits to Jammu, lest that will signal playing into the hands of the external inimical forces. Immediate steps have to be taken to protect the commoners from getting killed. Ever since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, Kashmiri parties have been made redundant and no sane voices are being allowed to play their parts. BJP feels that such political parties have no utility in 'Naya Kashmir'. BJP's line of action has definitely brought some dividends but has multiplied agony and pain of the Kashmiri people. A multi-pronged political strategy should be adopted wherein BJP in conjunction with patriotic forces in the Valley saves Kashmir from going the militant way through political statesmanship, use of rational interlocutors, diplomacy, military protection and creating trust and connect with the people.

Parthasarathy Sen, DELHI

Engaging with Taliban

Sir, The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Joint Secretary JP Singh meeting the Foreign Minister of the Taliban government appears to be a move to curry favour with the Afghanistan militia. The Taliban returned to power in the war-ravaged country in August 2021 after regrouping in Pakistan and waging an insurgency against the United States-backed government in Kabul. The meeting focused on diplomatic relations, bilateral trade and humanitarian aid. This is the first time New Delhi has sent a delegation to Kabul after the Taliban grabbed power.

NJ Ravi Chander, BANGALORE

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day quote

India as the largest democracy in the world, and Senegal as one of the most stable democracies in Africa, are natural development partners

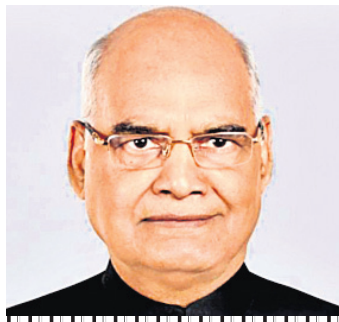
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Why Congress-ruled states have not been reducing the prices of fuel?

SMRITI IRANI | UNION MINISTER



India's cultural ethos has a common religious and spiritual foundation from east to west and north to south

RAM NATH KOVIND | PRESIDENT

FADNAVIS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

Senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis Sunday said he has tested positive for coronavirus and is in home isolation. Fadnavis, who is the leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly, had earlier also contracted the viral infection in October 2020



Ahead of Amarnath Yatra, 'sticky' bombs pose a threat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, June 5: With the Amarnath Yatra around the corner, security forces in Jammu and Kashmir are concerned over terrorist groups possessing "sticky bombs" -- explosives that can be attached to vehicles and detonated remotely -- and are reshaping their standard operating procedure for the pilgrimage, officials said Sunday.

According to them, interrogation of arrested terrorists and their sympathisers and other evidence suggest that while some "sticky bombs" have been recovered by security forces, many of them may have found their way into terror groups in Kashmir Valley.

Recently a drone flying in from Pakistan developed a technical snag and was spotted by people in Kathua. Later, the police recovered arms and ammunition, including seven magnetic bombs or



"sticky bombs", from the place.

Concerned over the development, the security agencies reworked their strategy, especially keeping in mind the Amarnath Yatra beginning June 30. About three lakh pilgrims are likely to take part in the pilgrimage to the cave shrine located in the upper reaches

of south Kashmir. It is expected to end on August 11.

It has been decided that vehicles of pilgrims as well as of security forces will be secluded during their movement, the officials said. Instructions have also been issued to the security forces as well as those managing the pilgrimage

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Sticky bombs, which were also used by the British forces during the World War II, can be put on any vehicle and detonated through a remote control or an in-built timer

when these were recovered from Samba of Jammu region, indicating initiation of a new phase of terrorism in the union territory.

It was the first such recovery of "sticky bombs", used largely in Afghanistan and Iraq. In India, it was used by suspected Iranian terrorists who targeted the vehicle of an Israeli diplomat in February 2012, resulting in injury to his wife.

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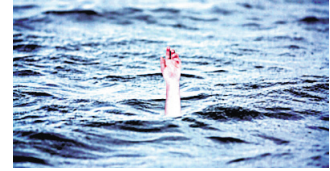
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is currently probing a mysterious blast on a passenger bus in Katra in Jammu last month that left four people dead. Though police had downplayed the incident but a little known terror group released a video claiming it to be their handiwork.

7 DROWN IN TN

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, June 5: In an unfortunate incident, seven girls drowned in a check dam across the Geddlam River Sunday afternoon.

The deceased are identified as A



Monisha, 16, M. Navaneetha, 18, K. Priya, 18, S. Sangavi, 16, R. Divya Darshini, 10, her sister R. Priyadarshini, 16, and M. Kummudha, 18. Police said that the girls who were neighbours and friends had entered the water at the check dam across Geddlam river to take bath when they got washed away with the undercurrent and drowned.

The girls belonged to A. Kuchipalayam near Nellikuppam in the Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu. Police said that the Fire and Rescue personnel at Cuddalore rushed to the spot and tried to save the girls but could not.

They retrieved their bodies later. The bodies have been sent to the Cuddalore district hospital for post-mortem.

RS polls: Congress appoints observers

While Kharge has been made the observer for Maharashtra, Baghel and Rajeev Shukla have been made observers for Haryana, and Pawan Kumar Bansal and T S Singh Deo for Rajasthan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Ahead of the June 10 Rajya Sabha elections, Congress president Sonia Gandhi has appointed senior party leaders, including Mallikarjun Kharge and Bhupesh Baghel, as observers.

While Kharge has been made the observer for Maharashtra, Baghel and Rajeev Shukla have been made observers for Haryana, and Pawan Kumar Bansal and T S Singh Deo for Rajasthan. The Congress is seeking to ensure that its candidates win the Rajya Sabha (RS) elections in Haryana, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, while the BJP has backed media baron Kartikeya Sharma as an independent. Sharma is the son of Venod Sharma and son-in-law of former Haryana Speaker Kuldeep Sharma. Both are considered close to former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

The Congress needs 31 votes to win the seat and has as many MLAs. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is banking on cross-voting. For the four Rajya Sabha seats in Rajasthan,

the Congress has fielded three candidates -- Randeep Surjewala, Mukul Wasnik and Pramod Tiwari.

While the Congress is sure to get two seats, it needs 15 more votes to win the third seat of Tiwari. The BJP has fielded its former minister Ghanshyam Tiwari, and backed media baron Subhash Chandra as an independent for the second seat.

In Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena and the BJP will battle it out for the sixth seat of Rajya Sabha as none of the seven candidates in the fray -- four of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and three of BJP -- withdrew their nominations on Friday. The Congress has also fielded another candidate Mansoor Ali Khan in Karnataka, where the election will be held on June 10 for four seats. Jairam Ramesh is the other Congress candidate.

The Congress is expecting three seats in Rajasthan and the BJP is expecting one of its own and is supporting an independent and Subhash Chandra for the fourth seat.

Meanwhile, nearly 70 Congress MLAs from Rajasthan are camping at a hotel in Udaipur ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections to the four seats in which the party fears horse trading by the opposition BJP, party sources said. The Congress, with its 108 MLAs in the state assembly, is set to win two seats.

After winning the two seats, the party will have 26 surplus votes, 15 short of the required 41 to win the third seat. On the other hand, the BJP has 71 MLAs in the state assembly and is set to win one seat after which it will be left with 30 surplus votes.

The Congress has also shifted its MLAs in Haryana to a resort in Raipur in Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh. Of the 57 vacancies in Rajya Sabha, 41 candidates in 11 states have so far been elected unopposed.



30% parents feel social media has positive impact on kids: Survey

OVER 3,100 PARENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRAZIL, CHINA AND INDIA PARTICIPATED IN THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE SURVEY

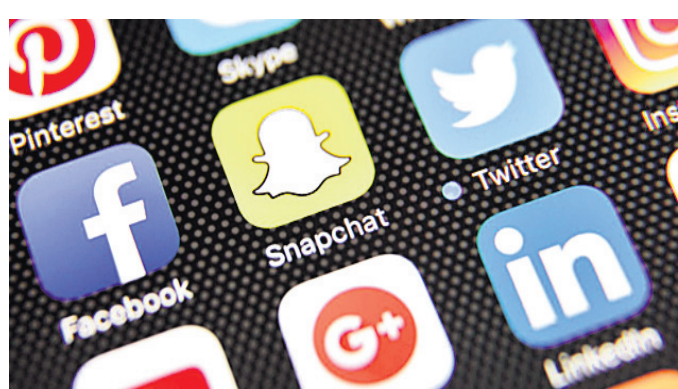
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Almost 40 per cent parents covered in a recent survey have said video games have

had a positive impact on their children's mental well-being, while 30 per cent have said social media has had a similar effect on their kids.

The Pearson's Global Learners Survey conducted in April found that 92 per cent parents globally think that schools should provide free mental health services to students and employees, and 53 per cent believe that children should be introduced to wellness and mental health awareness in primary school itself. Only 26 per cent parents have said their children's schools share mental health resources directly with students and parents.

"Nine in 10 respondents globally report that they think more



highly of schools (91 per cent) and employers (90 per cent) that actively address mental health and

well-being issues. Eighty-four per cent globally say that they think more highly of brands that con-

COMBATING HEATWAVE



Pedestrians cover themselves with scarves on a hot day in Kolkata

PTI PHOTO

5 UP cops booked for torturing suspect

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Badaun (Uttar Pradesh), June 5: A probe has been ordered against five police personnel who are alleged to have tortured a suspect in a cattle slaughtering case.

The man's mother had alleged that the policemen -- a police outpost in-charge, four constables and two 'unidentified' persons -- had shoved a stick inside her son's rectum and had given him electric shocks.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) O.P. Singh has directed the circle officer of Dataganj Prem Kumar Thapa to carry out an investigation after the police took the



medico-legal report into consideration and claimed they found allegations against the accused to be true. An FIR has been lodged under sections 342 (wrongful confinement) and 323 (voluntarily

causing hurt) of the IPC, along with others.

Superintendent of Police (SP) (city) Praveen Singh Chauhan said, "The allegations against five policemen were found to be true

during a preliminary investigation. We have registered an FIR against them for wrongful confinement and torture. Steps are being taken to suspend them and an impartial investigation will be carried out in this case. We are also supporting the family to ensure the best possible treatment for the victim."

The victim, who is a part-time vegetable vendor, is presently in hospital and has been suffering repeated seizures.

He was picked up by police on May 2 under suspicion that he may have ties with a gangster who had been booked on multiple occasions under charges of cow slaughter.

Four injured in Gujarat clash

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Surenranagar, June 5: At least four persons were injured in a clash - which also saw firing - between two upper class groups in Surenranagar district of Gujarat's Saurashtra region Sunday, police said.

The clash was reported in Sudamda village of the Sayla taluka of the district. The injured were taken to the district hospital in Surenranagar, and one who was in critical condition was rushed to Ahmedabad civil hospital for treatment.

Superintendent of Police Hareesh Dudhat, with his team, rushed to Sudamda village and brought the situation under control.

According to a villager, the clash broke out over a dispute on passing through a road between two to three fields.

The field owner's family from the Kathi community stopped others from passing through their field and even beat up those who did. As the news spread, people from the Bharwad community, armed with sticks, sickles and other sharp weapons, reached the farm and attacked the family.

The Bharwad community group also attacked a house nearby and broke vehicles parked there.

'Lipstick' plant rediscovered

Itanagar: Researchers at the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have rediscovered a rare plant, which is sometimes called the 'Indian lipstick plant', from remote Anjaw district in Arunachal Pradesh after more than a century. The plant (*Aeschynanthus monetaria* Dunn) was first identified by British botanist Stephen Troyte Dunn in 1912, based on the plant samples gathered from Arunachal Pradesh by another English botanist, Isaac Henry Burkill. "Due to the appearance of tubular red corolla, some of the species under the genus *Aeschynanthus* are called lipstick plants," BSI scientist Krishna Chowlu said in an article on the discovery published in *Current Science* journal. During floristic studies in Arunachal Pradesh, Chowlu collected a few specimens of *Aeschynanthus* from Huiliang and Chipru of Anjaw district in December 2021.

BJP can't handle Kashmir: Kejriwal

The spate of targeted killings in Kashmir started in May this year which included that of Rahul Bhat, a clerk, who was shot dead inside the tehsildar's office in Chadoora tehsil of Budgam district. Of the eight targeted killings since May 1, three victims were off-duty policemen and five were civilians

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Sunday claimed Kashmiri Pandits are being forced to leave the Valley due to the targeted killings of minorities and demanded the Centre put forth an action plan to stop such incidents.

Addressing the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) 'Jan Aakrosh Rally' at Jantar Mantar here, he said this shows the BJP cannot handle Kashmir and only knows how to do dirty politics.

The Chief Minister also hit out at Pakistan, accusing it of supporting terror activities in Kashmir. "I want to tell Pakistan to stop its petty tactics. Kashmir was ours and will always be a part of India...If India decides, then Pakistan will not exist," he said at the rally held against the targeted killings in Kashmir.

Kejriwal said he will seek time from Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the issue and know the Centre's plan to stop the killings in Kashmir.

He said Kashmiri Pandits are being forced to leave their homes, a repeat of what happened in the 1990s. Whenever the BJP is in power in Jammu and Kashmir, Kashmiri Pandits are forced to leave the Valley, he alleged. "Whenever a killing



The Centre should tell the public about its plan to tackle the situation in Kashmir, cancel the bond signed with Kashmiri Pandits that says they cannot work outside Kashmir, fulfil all their demands and provide them security

ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

takes place in Kashmir, it is said that the Union home minister is holding a high-level meeting. But where is the action plan? "What is the plan? Kashmir wants an action plan. Yesterday, I saw that a three-hour-long high-level meeting was held. There have been too many meetings. Please take some action on the ground. People are dying," he added. The AAP national convener demanded the Centre make public its plan to deal with the situation in the Valley.

The security of Kashmiri Pandits living in the Valley was discussed threadbare at a high-level meeting in Delhi Friday that was chaired by Shah, who took stock of the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir, according to officials. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Army Chief General Manoj Pande, and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha were among those who attended the meeting. Kejriwal claimed around 4,500 Kashmiri

Pandits were rehabilitated and given jobs in the Valley under the PM's relief plan but they were also made to sign a bond that they cannot work outside Kashmir.

Scores of Kashmiri Pandits, who were employed under the prime minister's package in 2012, have been staging protests threatening mass exodus since the killing of Rahul Bhat May 12.

Bhat's killing sparked demonstrations by around 6,000 Kashmiri Pandit employees at various places.

They demanded they be relocated outside the Valley. However, the Jammu and Kashmir administration Friday made it clear the employees would not be moved out of the Valley but transferred to safer locations.

The Centre transferred 177 Kashmiri Hindus from one place to another in Kashmir only, Kejriwal said.

The transfer list of 177 Kashmiri Pandit teachers is being circulated on WhatsApp and other social media platforms. A woman teacher from Samba district of the Jammu region was shot dead by terrorists at a school in south Kashmir's Kulgam district May 31. On May 18, terrorists entered a wine shop in north Kashmir's Baramulla district and lobbed a grenade, killing one person from Jammu and injuring three others.

ANOTHER FLASHPOINT?

Trouble brews in Lucknow over Tile Wali mosque

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 5: Lucknow, known for its 'Nawabi' culture, now threatens to turn into a religious battleground.

Even as the Uttar Pradesh government is mulling a proposal to change the name of the state capital to Laxmanpuri after Lord Laxman, the decade-old controversy over the Tile Wali Masjid in Lucknow has gained momentum.

Emboldened over the 'success' in the Gyanvapi Masjid complex where court-ordered survey and videography was done last month, right wing groups in Lucknow have now launched the exercise for a similar survey of the Lucknow Mosque, claiming that it was originally known as 'Laxman Tila'.

The case on this issue was first filed by lawyer Hari Shankar Jain in the Lucknow Civil Court in 2013, seeking a survey of the mosque.

Hari Shankar Jain and his son Vishnu Shankar Jain are known to be at the forefront of all such cases, including Gyanvapi and Mathura.

The Tile Wali mosque also has the tomb of Shah Peer Mohammad, forefather of the late Maulana Fazlur Rahman.

While the controversy has been going on for several decades, BJP



veteran late Lalji Tandon, known for his historical knowledge of Lucknow, in his book 'Ankaha Lucknow' had accused Muslims of severing the city's connect with Laxman, the younger brother of Lord Ram.

Tandon wrote: "The state capital's biggest Sunni Mosque built during the reign of Aurangzeb was constructed over Lakshman Tila, a raised platform named after Lord Ram's brother."

The issue took a curious turn in July 2018 when the BJP-controlled Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) announced installation of

a statue of Laxman at the crossing outside the Tile Wali mosque.

Mayor Sanyukta Bhatia said the decision was an attempt to establish the 'Lucknow-Lakshman' connect. The statue is yet to be installed following stiff opposition from the clerics. Last month, while welcoming Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had said in a tweet, "Sheshavatar Bhagwan Laxman ki pawan nagri Lucknow mein apka swagat aur abhinandan."

The tweet has led to speculations of a name change for the state capital.

UP to get 10 more jails



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 5: Ten new jails will come up in Uttar Pradesh in a bid to decongest the state prisons.

The state's Minister for Jails, Dharamvir Prajapati, said that of the 10, the prison in Etawah has been completed and will become functional soon.

With the 10 additional jails, it will take the total number to 85.

Prison officials also said that while construction of barracks in Shravasti and Prayagraj has been completed, in seven other jails, including Amethi, Chandauli, Hathras, the construction work is going on.

The Minister also said that the state government is making provisions for the release of all those lodged in jails in cases relating to only imposition of penalty and fines.

A record of all those lodged in cases of travelling without ticket in trains and imposed with a penalty is being checked from all the jails.

Jail superintendents have been asked to send the record at the

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earliest to so that action can be initiated soon.

"Since the formation of the Yogi government in March this year, as many as 136 prisoners who were languishing in jails just because they could not pay the fines, were released. We got assistance from NGOs and funded Rs 10 lakh for their release," said Prajapati.

He also hailed the move by Yogi Adityanath to start spiritual sessions for inmates, which include recital of Gayatri Mantra and Mahamritunjay Jaap. He said that this had brought change in the behaviour of the inmates.

Prajapati added that on the occasion of the World Environment Day on Sunday, 2.5 lakh saplings will be planted across the jails in the state.

UP inches closer to milestone of 33 crore vax doses

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 5: Uttar Pradesh will soon cross the milestone of administering 33 crore total vaccine doses.

This will be another milestone as Uttar Pradesh continues to conduct one of the most successful vaccination campaigns in the country since the rollout of the mass immunisation drive.

Uttar Pradesh has so far given out over 32.91 crore total vaccine doses. Out of these, over 17,45,04,444 are first doses, while over 15,14,32,772 individuals are fully vaccinated

So far, over 2,47,91,010 vaccine doses have been administered to children in the age group of 15-17 and over 1,07,57,191 vaccine doses have been administered to children in the age group of 12-14 in the state. In terms of percentage, nearly 93 per cent of the adult population is fully vaccinated and 100 per cent have received one vaccine dose. In the age category of 15-17, over 98 per cent of the children have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

While over 77 per cent in this age category is fully vaccinated. Uttar Pradesh started administering booster shots (precaution dose) from January 10. Over 31.96 lakh 'precaution doses' have been administered in the state so far.

SP in a tight spot over LS bypolls in UP

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 5: The bypolls to two Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh - Azamgarh and Rampur - have put the Samajwadi Party in a tight spot.

The BSP has fielded Shah Alam, a.k.a. Guddu Jamali from Azamgarh with an eye on Muslim-Dalit votes. Jamali is a popular Muslim leader in the constituency and if he gets support from his community as well as Dalits, he could upset the SP appecart.

The BJP, by fielding popular Bhojpuri star Dinesh Lal Yadav Nirahua from Azamgarh, clearly has an eye on Yadav votes.

Nirahua has already launched a high-octane campaign and if BJP sources are to be believed, two



other Bhojpuri stars and MPs, Manoj Tiwari and Ravi Kishan,

Both, Azamgarh and Rampur, had been won by Samajwadi Party in 2019. While Akhilesh Yadav won Azamgarh, Mohd Azam Khan won Rampur

Both the leaders resigned from their parliamentary seats after winning the Assembly elections in March this year

In the upcoming by-elections, the BJP and BSP seem to have joined hands to make the SP bite dust in Azamgarh, which has a sizeable Muslim and Yadav population and is known as an SP stronghold

will also be campaigning for Nirahua. Nirahua's campaign fo-

cuses on the fact that Akhilesh Yadav has 'abandoned' the people of Azamgarh and Akhilesh's inaccessibility is being used to make inroads in the Yadav vote bank. With Nirahua and Guddu Jamali in the fray, the Samajwadi Party is still undecided about its candidate.

There are also talks of SP MLA Ramakant Yadav contesting the Lok Sabha by-election, but Yadav has not yet confirmed this. In Rampur, the BJP has fielded Ghanashyam Lodhi, a former acolyte of Mohd Azam Khan. According to political analysts, the Samajwadi Party fears that losing Azamgarh and Rampur - or even one of them - would send out a message that Muslims are deserting the party and this would cast a shadow on the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.



TOXIC HELL
A man rides a makeshift boat through toxic foam floating in Yamuna river, on World Environment Day, at ITO in New Delhi

Delhi Police plants over 10K saplings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: The Delhi Police Sunday planted over 10,000 saplings across the city on World Environment Day to promote a sustainable and safer environment, officials said.

The drive was organised by the Police Families Welfare Society (PFWS) under the aegis of Delhi Police in association with Sahyog Care, an NGOs in various Delhi police colonies, police stations and PFWS Welfare Centres in South, South-West and West Districts.

"Over 10,000 saplings were planted in various Delhi police colonies, police stations, and PFWS Welfare centres in south, south-west and west districts."

"The primary motive is to create awareness and promote a sustainable and safer environment by inculcating the love for nature," a senior police official said.



Anu Asthana, the president of PFWS, and other senior functionaries launched the tree plantation drive from 17, Mother Teresa Crescent, New Delhi. She highlighted the importance of not only planting saplings but also taking care of those. Asthana motivated everyone to plant at least five trees in a year to preserve the environment.

Lucknow couple teaches village kids healthy farm practices

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 5: The increasing pollution is harming the basic elements - earth, water, sky and air - that are essential for human existence. Governments around the world are trying to check this. Many organisations and individuals are also involved in this campaign. One such eco-loving couple is Anish and Ashita, who have started a campaign to make the environment and agriculture healthy with the help of children.

Anish and Ashita run a school named 'The Good Harvest' in Paschim village of Unnao district, adjacent to Uttar Pradesh's capital Lucknow. Anish said that he has been running this school with his wife since 2016. In this, the children of the village are taught about the healthy methods of agriculture. Most of the children studying in this school are girls. Anish said, "At present, students of classes one



to five are taught in this school. Of these, 60-70 children are taught free of cost. Children are taught all subjects, but special emphasis is given on environment protection and agriculture."

He added, "The class V children in our school know how to grow mushrooms. We tell the children

about the whole process from selecting the seed to transporting the crop to the market, children know this whole process."

Anish does natural farming on two acres of land in his school and also teaches it to the children. He said that with this their dependence on the market has ended,

Great initiative

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because they grow vegetables throughout the year and also sell some of them.

"We left our jobs in Delhi and started this work. Initially only six children came. Later more children joined. Now the number is increasing. This has increased awareness among people about adopting

modern agricultural techniques and has also stopped migration," Anish said. "Our aim is to make people aware about environmental protection and pure food. That is why we have started an agriculture based school, to make the change a reality," he added.

"Training is provided from time to time by agricultural scientists to impart complete information about seeds, fertilizers and water to the children. We try to teach all the aspects of agriculture to young children through play and games. We pay more attention to three things - care for earth, care for people, fair for share." Anish gets full support in this work from his wife Ashita, who has been a teacher earlier.

Ashita said that apart from climate friendly agriculture, children are also taught about tree planting, inter-cropping and low cost farming, soil conservation and plastic-free farming. Most of

the agriculture work is done by women, so we have focused on the girl child in the school.

"In our school, along with studies, a lot of attention is given to practicals, which makes things easy to understand," school students Aanchal, Kajal and Meenu said. "This school is very good. Here children are being given free education in agriculture," Shivshankar of Paschim village stated.

Mahesh Kumar Yadav, head of Jabraila Paschim village, said, "People are made aware about this school, apart from this, whatever cooperation is possible is given."

On the cost of running the school, Anish said that it is taken care of by financial support from some people and the sale of vegetables and grains. Ashita added, "We have not received any government grant so far, but if we get it, it will help in taking this work forward strongly."

of the day quote

When I assumed charge as Law Minister there was around 4.50 crore pending cases (in various courts). That number has reached over 4.50 crore and will touch 5 crore. (However) it does not mean that cases are not being disposed of but the number of new cases is double the cases being settled

KIREN RIJU | UNION LAW MINISTER

Alternative fuel is the future. After electric scooters, cars and buses, soon we will have electric tractors and trucks. I am going to launch these soon

NITIN GADKARI | UNION MINISTER

I am indebted to the people of Champawat for giving me 94 per cent of their votes, but a big victory like this also doubles my responsibilities towards the state

PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI | UTTARAKHAND CM

SHORT TAKES

Kanpur violence: 5 more arrested

Kanpur (UP): The Uttar Pradesh Police Sunday arrested five more people in connection with the Kanpur violence, taking the number of total arrests to 29, and set up a SIT to probe the incident. The arrested persons, including prime accused Hayat Zafar Hashmi, were produced before the special remand magistrate court which sent them to judicial custody for 14 days, a senior police official said. With five more arrests Sunday, the number of arrested accused has gone up to 29.

3 girls rescued

New Delhi: Delhi Police and the Uttar Pradesh Police in a joint operation recovered three girls, including two minors, from the national capital, an official said Sunday. According to the official, the three girls were reportedly kidnapped from Gagua in Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur district. The UP Police personnel from the Gagua police station arrived in Delhi's Mandawali police station to trace them. "Only clue in the present case was the mobile location," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Priyanka Kashyap said. Subsequently a police team was constituted which started searching in the area of West Vinod Nagar.

Six arrested

Thane: Six persons were arrested in Thane district for allegedly firing at a police informer, an official said Sunday. The firing took place June 2 on Ghodbunder Road and the informer, who was on a motorcycle, had managed to escape unhurt by ducking, he said. "We have arrested Vishal Muthuswamy, Rahul Vishwakarma, Kishore Singh, Anurag Mhatre, Abhijit Pashte and Vikas Ninatiya and seized the firearm used in the crime," Deputy Commissioner of Police Mahesh Patil said.

Naxal surrenders

Bijapur: A woman Naxalite, carrying a reward of Rs five lakh on her head and wanted in several cases of attack on police, has surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district to reunite with her daughter back home, an official said Sunday. The rebel, identified as Somli Sodi alias Vanita (32), was working with the banned organisation from 2003 and was the commander of its Nagaram local organisation squad since 2018. "She surrendered before police on Saturday for the sake of her daughter and family," Bijapur Superintendent of Police Anjneya Varshney said.

PPE kit row: Sarma hits back at Kejriwal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, June 5: A day after threatening to file a criminal defamation case against the Delhi deputy CM over allegations of corruption in procurement of PPE kits, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Sunday claimed that his counterpart in the national capital offered to buy the medical equipment without floating any tender back in 2020. Sarma tagged an old tweet by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in which he urged BJP MP Gautam Gambhir to arrange for PPE kits from anywhere "immediately", after the former India cricketer had pledged a total of Rs 1 crore from his MP LAD fund for procurement of medical equipment. "Delhi CM suo moto offered to buy PPE kits from anywhere without tender. Why?" Sarma tweeted. "Does his Deputy CM think the CM is corrupt as he asked someone to arrange PPE kits from somewhere immediately, and said that Delhi Govt will buy them? No reference to any tender etc... AAP leaders chose to contradict each other rather than fighting a crisis. People of Delhi are paying the price for this," he added. Sarma also sought to defend his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, who has been facing accusations amid an alleged PPE kit scam, asserting that her action can be termed as



"humanity" as she had tried to help the state by "contributing" in the fight against COVID-19 in 2020. "The company in question wrote to Assam's NHM stating that supply of around 1,500 PPE kits for Covid warriors must be treated as CSR contribution and hence, not a single rupee must be paid by Govt," he said, referring to his wife's company. Sarma uploaded a letter purportedly written by a person named Utpal Baruah, of JCB Industries, owned by the CM's wife, to the Mission Director of National Health Mission (NHM), Assam, in March 2020. The letter claimed that it had donated 1,485 PPE kits to the NHM. "Assam NHM duly acknowledged the same. Manish bhai (Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia), this is not corruption, it's humanity. My wife hasn't committed a crime, she tried to help Assam at the time of its biggest crisis," Sarma said. "Throwing muck at others will not be accepted. You will face legal consequences," he said. Sarma Saturday had threatened to file a criminal defamation case against Sisodia for alleging corruption in Assam government giving contracts to his wife's firms and son's business partner to supply PPE kits above market rates when the pandemic was raging in the country in March 2020. Sisodia, referring to media reports at a press conference in New Delhi on Saturday, had said that while the Assam government procured PPE kits for Rs 600 a piece from other companies, Sarma gave urgent supply orders to the firms of his wife and son's business partners for Rs 990 a piece. June 1, two digital media organisations, in a joint investigative report, claimed that the Assam government had placed four Covid-related emergency medical supply orders, most likely without following proper process.



Activists cleaning the Versova beach in Mumbai. PTI PHOTO

One more held in Hyd gangrape case

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Hyderabad, June 5: Hyderabad police Sunday arrested one more accused, the fourth one in the sensational gang-rape case while the search was on for the fifth accused person. Third juvenile in the case was apprehended Sunday, taking the number of arrests so far to four, police said. Deputy Commissioner of Police Joel Davis said that in continuation of arrest of three accused earlier, one CCL (Child in Conflict with Law) was apprehended by Jubilee Hills police on Sunday.

The third juvenile in the case was apprehended Sunday, taking the number of arrests so far to four, police said

He said the CCL was being produced before the Juvenile Court for their safe custody. "So far out of 5 accused persons determined, one major accused and 3 juveniles are apprehended and efforts are on to apprehend the remaining. Further investigation is in



progress," the DCP said. Saduddin Malik (18) was arrested on Friday while two accused, both juveniles were arrested on Saturday. The second major accused Omair Khan (18) is still at large. The accused had allegedly gangraped a 17-year-old girl in a car

RAJNATH TO VISIT VIETNAM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over 12 high-speed guard boats to Vietnam during a three-day visit to the Southeast Asian country from Wednesday, in reflection of the growing congruence in maritime security cooperation amid China's increasing muscle-flexing in the region. The defence ministry said Singh's visit to Vietnam from June 8 to 10 is aimed at further consolidating the bilateral defence ties as well as the comprehensive strategic partnership. It said the defence minister will hold extensive talks with his Vietnamese counterpart, General Phan Van Giang, with a focus on exploring new initiatives to further strengthen the defence engagements, besides exchanging views on regional and global issues of shared interest.



Singh is also scheduled to call on Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. Vietnam, an important country of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), has territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea region. India has oil exploration projects in the Vietnamese waters in the South China Sea. India and Vietnam are boosting their maritime security cooperation in the last few years to protect common interests. "At the Hong Ha Shipyard in Hai Phong, the defence minister will preside over the handing over ceremony of 12 high-speed guard boats constructed under the government of India's USD 100 million defence line of credit to Vietnam," the ministry said in a statement. "This project is significant in the context of the growing defence industry cooperation with Vietnam and exemplifies Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India, Make for the World,'" it added.

Moosewala's murder intensifies acrimony



It is not just the residents of Moosa village in Mansa district of Punjab, even the gangsters who claim Sidhu was their close or 'brother by heart' are furious after his brutal murder on May 29

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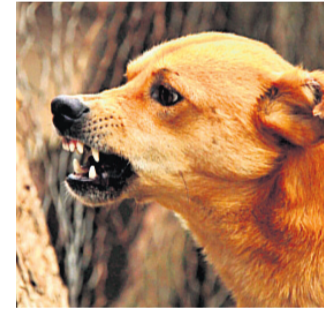
New Delhi, June 5: Tempers are running high among the rival gangs after the killing of acclaimed Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala. It is not just the residents of Moosa village in Mansa district of Punjab, even the gangsters who claim Sidhu was their close or 'brother by heart' are furious after his brutal murder on May 29. The shock, grief and anger among some gangsters have posed a major risk of gang wars that might lead to further bloodshed. Back-to-back threatening messages are being posted by the gangsters on social media, each vowing to take revenge of the singer's murder. Just two days back, Delhi-based Neeraj Bawana gang threatened to launch a retaliatory attack. In a Facebook story that went viral, the gang vowed to deliver results in just two days. "Jai Baba ki. Got the tragic news. Sidhu Moosewala was our brother from heart. Will deliver results in 2 days," read the FB post. Notably, Neeraj Bawana is one of Delhi's top gangsters, who is currently lodged in Tihar Jail. The threat was possibly issued to the

rival gang of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, who has been accused of plotting the singer's murder. In a bid to avenge death of the late singer, one gang even went ahead and announced a cash reward for information on the killers. "It's a request to everyone that if anyone has information about the killers of Moosewala, Rs 5 lakh reward will be given for the information and the name of the informer will be kept secret," read a post on the Facebook account of Haryana-based gangster Bhupi Rana. Pertinently, Rana is currently lodged in jail at Karnal in Haryana. The Punjab Police are also anticipating a gang war and are regularly keeping a tab on the activities of anti-social elements. In Delhi Police Special Cell's custody, Bishnoi has even admitted that his gang was responsible for Moosewala's brutal killing. "Though denying his own role as he is lodged in jail, Bishnoi has confessed that his gang could be responsible for the killing [Moosewala's murder]," official sources said. Lodged in Tihar jail in a MCOCA (Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act) case, Bishnoi is allegedly involved in more than five-dozen criminal cases lodged against him in Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab. The Special Cell of Delhi Police is currently probing the incident from all angles and also questioning Bishnoi in the matter. It was learnt that gangster Bishnoi is not cooperating with the police. "He is not disclosing details about the incident but admitted that his gang was behind it," the source said.

Man booked for sodomising dog

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, June 5: Police in Tamil Nadu's Salem district have charged a 30-year-old man for sodomising a street dog after sedating it. The accused, Durai from Chinnatirupathi, is currently absconding. The police has registered a case after receiving a complaint from animal activist, L. Vidyalakshmi about the incident in Kannakurichi. While speaking to mediapersons, Vidyalakshmi said that some locals had informed her after witnessing the act. "When I reached there, the locals told me that the dog was unconscious after facing the ordeal and we took it to a local veterinary hospital and doctors told that the dog is in a critical condition." The animal rights activist also said that veterinarians at the hospital had confirmed that the person



had given some sedative substance to the dog but is yet to ascertain its type. Police, on receiving the complaint went to Durai's house only to find that it was locked. When the police team went inside the house, women's undergarments were spread on his bed. Residents of the area said that women's undergarments, which were left outside to dry, had gone missing.



Modi vs Nitish in 2024!

What has massive CBI raids on Lalu Prasad Yadav and his family members to do with the 2024 Lok Sabha elections? After all, Lalu is at the fag end of his political career. Political pundits believe that sudden CBI raids last week on 17 locations were not without reason. It is no secret that all is not well between Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and principal ally BJP. The BJP swallowed junior ally VIP's all three MLAs and intended to break Congress and RJD to form its own

government. Insiders say that the BJP may execute this plan after the Presidential poll in July. Nitish Kumar is aware of it and has been meeting his political adversary Tejashwi Yadav frequently. Nothing has come out of it so far. But something deeper is cooking. The irony is that the same Nitish Kumar has been making forays at Lalu's house in Patna after five years. Tejashwi Yadav may have rubbish such speculations. But there were at least four meetings between Nitish and his family too. Is Nitish using the RJD as bait to bargain with the BJP for stability or go with RJD to form a grand alliance to pitch against Modi in 2024?

Why is BJP rattled

The BJP is closely watching the growing JD(U)-RJD bon-homie as both can form the government any day with the Congress chipping in with its 19 MLAs. There are reports that Nitish Kumar may quit as Chief Minister protesting against

the BJP's divisive politics and pave the way for Tejashwi Yadav's takeover as Bihar chief minister. In the bargain, Nitish may be accepted as Opposition's prime ministerial candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Now that the Lok Sabha elections are two years away, Nitish Kumar is trying his luck again to be prime ministerial candidate in 2024. He claims that alliance will win 30 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar and also help revival in UP by bringing Kurmi votes with Akhilesh Yadav. Nitish Kumar may have lost some credibility as he was frequently switching sides. But the Congress has no option either as it failed to create the right climate against the BJP in the Hindi heartland either.

Why is Congress in trouble in Maha

As many as 13 Independents and seven MLAs belonging to smaller parties in

Maharashtra will decide the fate of 6th candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls in Maharashtra. The Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress which are ruling Maharashtra under the aegis of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) have fielded four candidates while the BJP three. There are six vacancies. Each candidate needs 42 MLAs to win a seat in the 288 member Maharashtra Assembly. The MVA has the support of 168 MLAs, barely enough to win four seats. But the catch is among these 168 MLAs, there are 8 Independents and 8 MLAs of smaller parties. The Shiv Sena has fielded the fourth candidate and it needs all these votes because it has 56 MLAs in the kitty. The NCP will transfer its surplus votes to Sena and the Congress will also do the same. The BJP on the other hand has the support of 113 MLAs including 106 of its own. It can muster 119 MLAs. Yet it needs 126 votes to win all three. Obviously, the BJP will resort to some horse trading to win the extra seat. Obviously, the BJP is banking on some Independents and some smaller parties and poaching in the

Congress camp. There are many in the Congress who are willing to quit the party particularly after Imran Pratapgarhi of UP was fielded for the Rajya Sabha. The Congress has 44 MLAs and if four MLAs cross vote, the party candidate will lose the seat.

A messy affair

Dr Harsh Vardhan may have shot into prominence for walking out of the swearing-in-ceremony of Delhi's new Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena last week for not getting a seat. But by all accounts, the swearing-in-ceremony was a messy affair and Dr Harsh Vardhan was not the only one to suffer. Those who attended the swearing-in-ceremony say that not only Dr Harsh Vardhan, two other MPs of Delhi BJP got a seat at the venue. Even the Police Commissioner of Delhi, Rakesh Asthana was found wanting for a seat at the venue.

international



Turkey will address its security concerns in northern Syria with a new cross-border operation
RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN | TURKISH PRESIDENT

NK TEST-FIRES SALVO OF SHORT-RANGE MISSILES

North Korea test-fired a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles from multiple locations toward the sea Sunday, South Korea's military said, extending a provocative streak in weapons demonstrations this year that the US and South Korean officials say may culminate with a nuclear test explosion



of the day quote

My choices will not be cynical and transactional. They will be a balance of my values and my interests. There is no country in the world which disregards its interests

S JAISHANKAR | EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

Grounding of an Aeroflot passenger plane with 200 people on board at the Colombo airport, was because of a private lawsuit and not due to an issue between the two countries (Sri Lanka & Russia)

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE | SRI LANKAN PRIME MINISTER

The AU condemns in the strongest terms yet another appalling terrorist attack against UN peacekeepers serving in Mali

MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT | CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

SHORT TAKES

3 dead, 11 hurt in US shooting

Philadelphia: Three people have died and at least 11 other people were wounded in a shooting late Saturday night in Philadelphia, authorities said. Police officers were patrolling the area on South Street in downtown Philadelphia when they heard multiple gunshots and witnessed several suspects firing into a large crowd just before midnight. Police Inspector DF Pace said during a news conference. An officer shot at one of the suspects from about 30 feet (9 meters) away, but it is unclear if the suspect was hit, Pace said. Two men and a woman were among those killed in the shooting, he said.

Over 50 feared dead in church attack

Abuja: Gunmen opened fire on worshippers and detonated explosives at a Catholic church in southwestern Nigeria Sunday, leaving dozens feared dead, state lawmakers said. The attackers targeted the St. Francis Catholic Church in Ondo state just as the worshippers gathered on Pentecost Sunday, legislator Ogunmolasuyi Oluwole said. Among the dead were many children, he said.

Alex heading toward Bermuda

Florida: Tropical Storm Alex, the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, was headed toward Bermuda Sunday after dumping rain on parts of Florida, flooding some roads. Alex reached tropical storm force after strengthening off Florida's east coast early Sunday. National Hurricane Centre forecasters said at 8 am that Alex had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph (80 kph) and was centred about 635 miles west-southwest of Bermuda.

9 killed, 24 injured in Nepal bus mishap

Kathmandu: At least nine people were killed and twenty four others injured when a bus they were travelling in fell off a bridge in Nepal's Rupandehi district Sunday, police said. The accident happened on the Bhairahawa-Parasi road section of Rupandehi when the bus fell off the bridge over the Rohini river. Among the deceased are one woman and eight men.

Two pilots killed

Amman (Jordan): Two Jordanian Air Force pilots were killed Sunday when their training aircraft crashed, the military said. The two-seater aircraft crashed at 9 am (local time) in the northern town of Ramtha near the border with Syria, it said.

Colourful pageant, street fests cap Queen's Platinum Jubilee

ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, June 5: A colourful street pageant highlighting Britain's diversity paraded through central London Sunday, the final day of a long holiday weekend honouring Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne.

Royal fans were hoping to see another glimpse of the 96-year-old monarch later at Buckingham Palace, where the parade ends.

With the ringing of bells at Westminster Abbey, a spectacular military parade featuring 200 horses



began the ceremony as they marched down the Mall to Buckingham Palace.

They flanked the gilded gold state coach, a horse-drawn carriage that transported the queen to her coronation 69 years ago.

The queen wasn't taking part in the pageant — though a virtual version of her, drawn from archival video from her 1953 coronation, was shown at the coach's windows. Thousands of performers were scheduled to parade along a three-kilometre route, telling the story of the queen's life with

dance, vintage cars, vibrant costumes, carnival music and giant puppets.

The keenest royal fans braved the wet, chilly weather and camped out on the Mall overnight to secure the best view of the pageant. Some came for the celebrities who will be performing, while others wanted to be part of a historical moment. The queen hasn't appeared in public for the Platinum Jubilee events since Thursday, when she smiled and waved on Buckingham Palace's balcony with her family.

Three astronauts enter China's space station module

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing/Jiuquan, June 5: China's strategically significant space station project entered the final phase Sunday as three astronauts entered its orbiting module after they were successfully launched to complete its construction this year to further the Communist giant's dream to emerge as a major space power.

Hours after they were launched into the designated orbit by the Shenzhou-14 spacecraft, which later docked with orbiting module of the space station called Tianhe and cargo crafts attached to it, the three astronauts, Chen Dong, Liu Yang, and Cai Xuzhe, successfully entered for a six-month stay, during which they will be completing its remaining construction, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) said.



Earlier in the day, the spacecraft lifted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. Minutes later, the official at the ground control declared the mission a great success, saying the spacecraft has reached its designated orbit.

The trio will cooperate with the ground team to complete the assembly and construction of the Tiangong space station, developing it from a single-module structure into a national space laboratory with three modules — the core module, Tianhe, and two lab modules — Wentian and Mengtian.

The launch was telecast live. Once ready, China will be the only country to own a space station. The International Space Station (ISS) of Russia is a collaborative project of several countries.

The China Space Station (CSS) is also expected to be a competitor to the ISS built by Russia.

Biden evacuated after plane flies over beach home

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Agence France-Presse, June 5: A small private plane mistakenly flew into restricted air space over President Joe Biden's beach house Saturday, prompting his security detail to move him and the first lady briefly to a secure location, the White House said.

"The President and the First Lady are safe and there was not an attack," a White House official said of the incident in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, which is about 200 km (120 miles) east of Washington.



Biden and First Lady Jill Biden later returned to their residence, the official said. The Secret Service, charged with protecting the president, said the plane mistakenly entered a secure area and was "immediately escorted out." Among other mistakes, that pilot was not on the proper radio channel and "was not following published flight guidance," Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. "The United States Secret Service will be interviewing the pilot," he added.

Russia hits Kyiv with missiles

AGENCIES

Kyiv, June 5: Russia struck Ukraine's capital Kyiv with missiles early Sunday for the first time in more than a month, while Ukrainian officials said a counter-attack on the main battlefield in the east had retaken half of the city of Sievierodonetsk.

Dark smoke could be seen from many miles away after the attack on two outlying districts of Kyiv. Ukraine said the strike hit a rail car repair works; Moscow said it had destroyed tanks sent by Eastern European countries to Ukraine.

At least one person was hospitalised though there were no immediate reports of deaths. The strike was a sudden reminder of war in a capital where normal life has largely returned since Russian

- Explosions rock Ukrainian capital; one wounded
- Kyiv, Moscow both claim gains around Sievierodonetsk
- Governor says Ukrainian troops control half of city
- Macron says it's important not to humiliate Russia
- Ukrainian authorities have said that more than 200 civilians killed by Russian troops in the Kyiv region are yet to be identified



Russia will strike targets so far left intact, Putin warns

Moscow: Russia will hit targets it has so far not struck if long-range missiles are delivered to Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned. "If they are supplied, we will draw the appropriate conclusions and use our weapons, which we have enough of, in order to strike at those objects that we have not yet struck," Putin told Russia 1 in an interview. The Russian president noted that the shipment of US-made multiple-launch rocket systems confirmed by President Joe Biden Tuesday is unlikely to bring anything new to Kyiv's forces, RT reported. The Ukrainian military already has Soviet- and Russian-designed Grad, Smerch, and Uragan systems of the same kind, he said.

forces were driven from its outskirts in March.

"The Kremlin resorts to new insidious attacks. Today's missile strikes at Kyiv have only one goal - kill as many as possible," tweeted Ukrainian presidential adviser Mikhaïlo Podolyak.

Ukraine said Russia had carried out the strike using long-range air-launched missiles fired from heavy bombers as far away as the

Caspian Sea - a weapon far more valuable than the tanks Russia claimed to have hit.

Ukraine's nuclear power operator said a Russian cruise missile had flown "critically low" over the country's second largest nuclear power plant. Sunday's attack was the first big strike on Kyiv since late April, when a missile killed a journalist. Recent weeks have seen Russia focus its destructive might

COLOR RUN



Runners are covered in coloured paint powder as they compete in the 5-kilometer (3-mile) Color Run at the Luzhniko sports complex in Moscow, Russia

Naidu holds talks with Qatar leaders

AGENCIES

Doha/New Delhi, June 5: Vice President M Venkiah Naidu, who is on a visit to Qatar, met its Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani at Amiri Diwan on Sunday and assessed the developments in bilateral relations, an official statement said.

They also agreed to further strengthen their historic friendship in all areas, the MEA statement said. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the continued engagement at the highest levels between both countries since the landmark visits of Qatar's Amir to India in 2015 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Qatar in 2016.

They agreed that high level engagement should be sustained, including through an early visit of Qatar's Amir to India. Both sides also looked forward to the convening of the Joint Commission between the two sides, at the Foreign Minister level, later this year and also agreed to promote bilateral



parliamentary exchanges. India has close and friendly relations with Qatar and the commitment to deepen multifaceted bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, energy, food security, defence, technology, culture, education, health, media, and people to people contacts.

Naidu thanked the Qatari leadership for taking great care of the Indian community. In a meeting earlier of Sunday, Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani recalled the historic relations between both countries which are based on mutual trust and appreciated the contribution of the Indian community in his country's development of Qatar. An under-

EAM meets Czech Members of EU Parl

Prague: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Sunday held a meeting with a delegation of Czech Members of European Parliament and they had a "good discussion" on India's ties with the EU and the Czech Republic, the Indo-Pacific, food and energy security and digital cooperation. Jaishankar is here on the last leg of his two-nation tour to Slovakia and the Czech Republic to impart further momentum in ties with the two central European countries.

standing has been reached to set up an ICCR Chair of Indian studies at Qatar University. Both sides expressed strong commitment to further enhance bilateral trade and investment cooperation. Naidu has invited the Qatari side to explore the significant opportunities in a range of sectors including infrastructure, connectivity both physical and digital, energy, defence and hospitality.

Johnson's future as UK PM hangs in balance over partygate

More than 40 of his Tory MPs have publicly called for Johnson's resignation as the party leader over the scandal of Cov law-breaking parties under his premiership at Downing Street, an issue which remains in the spotlight since the scathing findings of leadership failures in an inquiry by top civil servant Sue Gray

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, June 5: Boris Johnson still faces a precarious future as the British Prime Minister over the fallout of the partygate scandal as a latest opinion poll on Sunday forecast a bruising for his Conservative Party in a by-election scheduled later this month.

A survey of voters in Wakefield, who go to the polls for a by-election June 23 to elect a new MP, suggests the Tories could lose by as much as 20 points.

The polling by JL Partners for 'The Sunday Times' puts the Opposition Labour Party on 48 points compared with 28 points for the Conservatives, a 19-point

drop on the winning Tory performance two-and-a-half years ago.

Such a result is bound to intensify calls for Johnson's resignation as Wakefield is part of the so-called "Red Wall" — traditionally Labour-supporting areas in the north of England, the Midlands, and Wales which had switched their support to the Tories under Johnson in the December 2019 general election.

The by-election later this month follows former Pakistani-origin Tory MP Imran Ahmad Khan's resignation in the wake of his conviction over sexual assault. A by-election at Tiverton and Honiton in southern England, on the same day as Wakefield, is also being seen

as a referendum of Johnson's leadership.

According to The Sunday Times, Sir Graham Brady, the chairman of the powerful 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers, will count the letters of no-confidence submitted by email and WhatsApp when Parliament returns Monday morning.

Under Tory party rules, 54 letters are required to trigger a secret ballot and whips and rebel MPs reportedly believe they are on the verge of that threshold.

Johnson, who is keen to move on from the partygate scandal and has repeatedly tried to shift focus on other pressing government matters such as the cost-of-living cri-



sis, would have been shaken on Friday when he along with wife Carrie were booed as they arrived at St. Paul's Cathedral for the thanks-

giving service to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Sue Gray report, released after a Scotland Yard probe which

saw Johnson and wife Carrie being fined for a lockdown-breaching birthday party in the Cabinet Room of Downing Street in June 2020, laid bare illegal gatherings and questionable staff behaviour within government offices during the 2020-2021 lockdowns to control the spread of coronavirus.

Johnson reiterated a previous apology in the House of Commons last month, saying he took full responsibility for what went on under his watch and that steps have been taken to ensure mistakes aren't repeated.

However, besides the Opposition parties, there have been growing calls for him to step down from his own MPs ever since.

of the day quote

If the dollar and the US bond stabilise, FPI selling is likely to stop and may even reverse. On the contrary, if US inflation remains elevated and dollar and bond yields continue to rise, FPIs may resume selling. US inflation data is the key

VK VIJAYAKUMAR | STRATEGIST, GEOIT FINANCIAL SERVICES

We have a very good presence in scotches.

And with the activations, which we have done around Johnny Walker, the renovation of Black Dog scotch and launch of Talisker and Singleton, which are malt brands, we are seeing a very high double-digit growth in scotches and that is helping our premiumisation journey massively

HINA NAGARAJAN | MD & CEO, DIAGEO INDIA

As far as hiring in R&D is concerned we are going for major hiring, especially this year, but there is also another area which we have looked into very deeply and that is upskilling the current engineers within R&D

SHAILESH CHANDRA | PRESIDENT (PV&EV), TATA MOTORS

SHORT TAKES

IMMA award for former CMD NCL

New Delhi: Indian Mine Managers' Association has given the lifetime achievement award to Prabhakar Kumar Sinha, senior advisor with NTPC. The award was conferred on Sinha during a two-day 'International Conference on Sustainable Mining Options: The Way Ahead' organised in Nagpur June 3 and 4, Indian Mine Managers' Association (IMMA) said in a statement. The conference was inaugurated by road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari.

ONGC appointment stuck in paperwork

New Delhi: It spent Rs 36,915 crore to acquire a majority equity stake in the company. But to get its sole nominee director appointed on the board of HPCL, ONGC has to toil through paperwork. For over five months now, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has had no representative on the board of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd - a company in which it owns a 51.11 per cent stake since January 2018. HPCL, under its new chairman Pushp Kumar Joshi, is however trying to resolve the situation, top officials said.

Starbucks revenue up 76 pc to ₹636cr

New Delhi: Coffee chain operator Tata Starbucks Ltd has reported a 76 per cent growth in revenue to Rs 636 crore for 2021-22 and "significantly" reduced its net loss, driven by normalisation of operations following easing of COVID-related restrictions. Its revenue growth was led by higher realisation from existing stores and new stores added during the financial year ended on March 31, 2022, as per the latest annual report of Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL).

TVS Credit aims 25% loan growth

New Delhi: TVS Credit, non-bank financing arm of USD 8.5-billion TVS Group, aims at a loan growth of 25 per cent during the current financial year, with the focus on underserved segments of the market. The company, which got NBFC (Non-Banking Finance Company) licence in FY10, started primarily with two-wheeler financing and subsequently forayed into used car, commercial vehicle and tractor loans.

Another repo rate hike on cards

RECENTLY IN A TV INTERVIEW, RBI GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE EXPECTATION OF RATE HIKE IS A "NO-BRAINER"

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, June 5: With inflation showing no signs of abatement, the Reserve Bank is likely to increase the benchmark lending rate in quick succession in its forthcoming monetary policy review on Wednesday, a hint for which has already been given by Governor Shaktikanta Das, opined experts.

There are speculations that the central bank may go for at least 35 basis points (bps) hike over and above the 40 bps hike effected last month after an off-cycle Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. Experts are expecting more hikes in repo rate in the coming months.

Governor Das-headed MPC will meet for three days beginning Monday. The decision taken during the meeting will be announced by the governor Wednesday.

The retail inflation, which RBI factors in while arriving at its monetary policy, galloped for a seventh straight month to touch an 8-year high of 7.79 per cent in April, mainly on account of surging commodity prices, including fuel, due to on-going Russia-Ukraine war.

The wholesale price-based inflation has remained in double digits



for 13 months and touched a record high of 15.08 per cent in April.

Recently in a TV interview, the governor said that the expectation of rate hike is a no-brainer; there will be some increase in the repo rates, but by how much I will not be able to tell now but to say that 5.15 may not be very accurate.

On expectation from the MPC, Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda, said the credit policy to be announced will be important from the point of view of not just rate action but also the RBI's thoughts on growth and inflation.

The increase in repo rate can be taken as almost given but the quantum may not be more than 25-35

India has set an ambitious target of meeting half of its energy needs from renewable resources by the decade-end and reach the net zero emission levels by 2070

GIRIRAJ SINGH | UNION MINISTER

bps as the earlier minutes of the meeting held in May indicated that the MPC was not in favour of a large increase in repo rate at one shot, Sabnavis said.

The government has taken several steps, including a duty cut on motor fuel, reduction in import duty on certain edible oils, and banning export of wheat, in a bid to arrest the inflation.

In a report, BofA Securities said it expects RBI MPC to raise repo rate by 40 bps in June and 35 bps in August.

We see the RBI MPC revise up their inflation forecast, retain growth estimate and stance focusing on withdrawal of accommo-

modation, it added.

On what he expects from the rate setting panel, Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO, Housing.Com, PropTiger.Com & Makaan.Com, said the RBI is expected to increase the repo rate once again to contain inflation which is largely being driven by global factors such as the Ukraine war.

At this juncture we can understand the compulsion of the RBI to raise interest rates. However, the hike should be gradual as it could impact the growth of the real estate sector which is a major driver of the economy, he said.

Rakesh Kaul, CEO, Clix Capital, said the June MPC meeting is certainly expected to see a rate hike, with only the quantum in question.

Unfortunately, with a twin deficit - in both fiscal as well as current account - persistent and rising inflation, as well as the Federal Reserve increasing rates and likely to continue tightening, the only way out for RBI is to raise the interest rates, he said.

The government has tasked the Reserve Bank to ensure consumer price index based inflation remains at 4 per cent with margin of two per cent on the either side.

Coal supply by CIL to CPPs, cement sector dips in May



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: The coal dispatch by state-owned CIL to captive power plants and sectors like cement registered a decline in May as compared to the year-ago month.

While the fuel supply by Coal India Ltd (CIL) to captive power plants dropped 39.74 per cent in May 2022 over the year-ago period, dispatch to the cement sector declined 16.74 per cent, according to latest government data.

The coal supply by the PSU to the sponge sector also dropped 8.74 per cent year-on-year in May.

However, supply to the steel sector went up by 67.83 per cent and to the power sector increased by 19.48 per cent last month, over May 2021.

In the wake of the short supply of coal to the non-regulated sector, industry bodies had earlier sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in the matter, stating that industries are compelled to purchase power from exchanges at higher rates due to increased demand.

Reeling under the crisis on account of continued coal shortage,

a major segment of the manufacturing sector; MSMEs and captive power plant-based industry had jointly submitted a representation to the prime minister through a group of 10 industry associations.

According to the representation, dispatches of coal to sectors like captive power plants (CPPs), steel, cement and sponge iron have been reduced by up to 32 per cent in current fiscal year.

The situation has aggravated to a level that may compel many industries to cut production or force closure. Such impediments in coal procurement may adversely impact the manufacturing sector which would in turn trickle down to the common people of the country.

If an equitable supply of coal between power and non-power sectors had been achieved during January-March period, the coal stock situation at the power-end across sectors would have been much improved ahead of the summer, and the load on power utilities could have been reduced by generation from captive power plant units, the representation had pointed out.

Musk backtracks on Tesla job cuts

REUTERS

Washington, June 5: Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk said Saturday that the electric vehicle maker's total headcount will increase over the next 12 months, but the number of salaried staff should be little changed, backtracking from an email just two days ago saying that job cuts of 10% were needed.

"Total headcount will increase, but salaried should be fairly flat," Musk tweeted in a reply to an unverified Twitter account that made a "prediction" that Tesla's headcount would increase over the next 12 months.

Musk in an email to Tesla executives Thursday, which was seen by Reuters Friday, said he has a "super bad feeling" about the US economy and needed to cut jobs by about 10%.



In another email to employees Friday, Musk said Tesla would reduce salaried headcount by 10%, as it has become "overstaffed in many areas." But "hourly headcount will increase," he said.

Tesla's shares sank 9.2% Friday on the news.

According to a Tesla US regulatory filing, the company and its subsidiaries had almost 100,000 employees at the end of 2021.

Ahead of his emails on staffing levels, Musk Wednesday in an email to Tesla employees issued an ultimatum to return to the office for a minimum of 40 hours a week. Failure to do so would be taken as a resignation, he wrote.

CPSEs to sell units having Cab nod for privatization: DIPAM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Strategic sale of units of CPSEs for which Cabinet approval is already in place will have to be executed by the respective state-owned companies in accordance with the guidelines to be laid down by DIPAM shortly, the finance ministry has said.

However, those transactions for which Expression of Interest (EoI) have been issued will continue to be handled by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), it said.

DIPAM, in an office memorandum dated June 1, said that the strategic sale proposal of any CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprise) unit which has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) or



Alternative Mechanism (AM) will be taken forward by the state-owned company in accordance with the new guidelines.

The office memorandum follows the decision of the Cabinet May 18, which empowered the boards of holding parent PSEs to undertake transactions for disinvestments (both strategic disinvestment and minority stake sale) closure of subsidiaries/units sale of stakes in JVs, including for such cases, where 'in-principle' approval by the CCEAAM has been accorded.

Since 2016, the Cabinet has given in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment in 35 state-owned companies and/or their units or subsidiaries

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FPIs outflow continues for 8th straight month

Nearly ₹40,000 cr pulled out from equities in May

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Continuing its heavy selling spree for the eighth consecutive month, foreign investors pulled out nearly ₹40,000 crore from the Indian equity market in May on fears of an aggressive rate hike by US Federal Reserve that dented investor sentiments.

With this, net outflow by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from equities reached at ₹1.69 lakh crore so far in 2022, data with depositories showed. Going ahead, FPI flows

will remain volatile in the emerging markets on account of rising geopolitical risk, rising inflation, tightening of monetary policy by central banks, among others, Shrikant Chouhan, Head - Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities said.

According to the data, foreign investors withdrew a net amount of ₹39,933 crore from equities in May. This massive outflow is the major factor for the weakness in the Indian market. Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director - Manager Research, Morningstar India, attributed the latest sell-off to concerns over the prospects of more aggressive rate hike by US Fed going ahead.

GEECL to invest \$2bn in shale gas exploration

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd, a pioneer in the field of coal bed methane in India, plans to invest about USD 2 billion (Rs 15,000 crore) in exploration of shale gas at its Raniganj South block in West Bengal, its MD & CEO Prashant Modi said.

We want to recreate in shale what we did for CBM, he said. We pioneered exploration, production, and development of CBM in India.

CBM (Coal Bed Methane) is gas trapped below coal seams.

GEECL signed the first CBM contract in India for the Raniganj South block on May 31, 2001. We were the first to commercialise CBM in July 2007, he said.

Prior to this, the firm's CBM



block was under an agreement with Coal India Ltd. Since 1993. At that time, CBM was practically not present in Asia and was still at a nascent stage worldwide.

We have a huge potential of shale resource of up to 6.63 trillion cubic feet (TCF) in our block, he said.

We are awaiting the amendment to our petroleum mining lease for shale exploration from the West Bengal government. Post that, we

plan to drill some shale core wells to assess the geological and other technical factors.

Subject to the results obtained and analysed from the core wells, GEECL will drill some pilot production wells. Presuming the results obtained from pilot production wells are as per our expectations, the total investment envisaged in our shale programme is approximately USD 2 billion, ie Rs 15,000 crore, Modi said.

On talk of the government considering levying a windfall tax on higher earnings resulting to oil and gas players because of elevated global energy prices, he said, it will be highly unfortunate and a disaster for the oil and gas sector, if the government decides to impose such a tax.

FIVE MONTHS AHEAD OF TARGET

India turns 10% of its petrol green; aims a fifth by '25

PM MODI ANNOUNCED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 10 PER CENT TARGET AT AN EVENT TO MARK THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SUNDAY. ELABORATING ON THE ENORMITY OF THE ACHIEVEMENT, HE SAID THAT IN 2014 ETHANOL BLENDING WAS AT 1.5 PER CENT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 5: India has achieved the target of supplying 10 per cent ethanol-blended petrol five months ahead of schedule and is aiming to double the blend by 2025-26 in order to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues.

The original target for doping 10 per cent ethanol, extracted from sugarcane and other agri commodities, in petrol originally was November 2022 but this has been achieved in June thanks to tremendous effort by state-owned fuel retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum

Corporation Ltd (HPCL).

Due to the coordinated efforts of the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), the target of 10 per cent blending has been achieved much ahead of the targeted timelines of November, 2022 with OMCs attaining an average 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol (10 per cent ethanol, 90 per cent petrol) across the country, an official statement said.

This, it added, translates into a forex impact of over Rs 41,500 crore, reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 27 lakh tonnes and has also led to the expeditious payment of over Rs 40,600 crore to farmers. India is the world's fifth largest producer of ethanol after the



US, Brazil, EU and China. Ethanol worldwide is largely used for consumption but nations like Brazil and India also do it in petrol. The Government of India, with

- IT HAS LED TO A REDUCTION OF 27 LAKH TONNES OF CARBON EMISSION
- IT HAS SAVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE WORTH ₹41,000 CRORE
- FARMERS HAVE EARNED ₹40,600 CRORE IN THE LAST 8 YEARS

the aim to enhance India's energy security, reduce import dependency on fuel, save foreign exchange, address environmental issues and give a boost to the do-

mestic agriculture sector, has been promoting the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, the statement said.

It has advanced the nation's target of making petrol with 20 per cent ethanol by five years to 2025 in a move that's expected to save USD 4 billion annually.

This increased blending will expand the use of renewable energy in the world's third-biggest oil importer and help turn the nation's surplus rice and damaged food-grains into ethanol.

The 'National Policy on Biofuels' notified by the Government in 2018 envisaged an indicative target of 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by year 2030. However, con-

sidering the encouraging performance, due to various interventions made by the Government since 2014, the target of 20 per cent ethanol blending was (last year) advanced from 2030 to 2025-26, the statement said.

Oil ministry officials said 20 per cent ethanol blended petrol will be available at select petrol pumps in the country by April 2023 and it will be progressively spread to other parts.

Since the past two decades, India has been making progress towards putting in place an ecosystem to increase the quantities of fuel-grade ethanol blended into petrol under the EBP for use in vehicles, particularly two- and four-wheelers.

King Rafa's reign continues

Nadal deeds inspire Swiatek

Polish star says she has learnt a lot by watching the Spaniard's professional career

SPANIARD WINS HIS 14TH TITLE AT ROLAND GARROS AND HIS 22ND OVERALL GRAND SLAM CROWN



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Rafael Nadal holds aloft the Coupe des Mousquetaires after winning the final of the French Open, Sunday; (Inset) King Felipe VI of Spain congratulates the 'King of Clay'

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Paris, June 5: It happened as expected. Rafael Nadal suddenly took his game to an all new level as he pulled away to beat Casper Ruud 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the French Open final here Sunday. It was his 14th championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam titles overall, adding to two records he already owned.

Nadal's victory came two days after his 36th birthday and made him the oldest title winner in the history of the clay-court tourna-

Other than the French Open, Nadal has won the US Open 4 times, Wimbledon and Australian Open twice each

At Roland Garros, Nadal's win loss record is 112-3

Nadal won his first French Open title in 2005

gle game as Nadal sped to victory winning 11 games on the trot.

Nadal played crisply and cleanly, accumulating more than twice as many winners as Ruud, 37 to 16. He also committed fewer unforced errors, making just 16 to Ruud's 26.

When it ended with a down-the-line backhand from Nadal, he chucked his racket to the red clay he loves so much and covered his face with the taped-up fingers on both of his hands.

The Spaniard's first triumph in Paris came in 2005 at age 19. No man or woman ever has won the singles

trophy at any major event more than his 14 in Roland Garros. And no man has won more Grand Slam titles than Nadal.

He is two ahead of rivals Roger Federer, who hasn't played in almost a year after a series of knee operations, and Novak Djokovic, who missed the Australian Open in January because he is not vaccinated against Covid-19 and lost to Nadal in the quarterfinals.

Given his age, and, of more concern, the chronic pain in his left foot that has been an off-and-on problem for years, Nadal has said repeatedly in recent days that he can never be sure whether each match at Court Philippe Chatrier might be his last.

"I don't know what can happen in the future," Nadal told the crowd. "But I'm going to keep fighting to try to keep going. For sure I never believed I would be here at 36, but here I am and still winning," the Spaniard added.

Nadal improved to 14-0 in finals at Roland Garros and 112-3 overall at his favourite tournament.

Ruud is a 23-year-old from Norway who was participating in a Grand Slam final for the first time. He'd never even played in a major quarterfinal until now. He considers Nadal his idol and trains at the latter's tennis academy in Mallorca.

The two had never met in a real match until Sunday, when a championship, money, ranking points, prestige and a piece of history were on the line. And Nadal demonstrated, as he has so often, why he's known as the King of Clay — and among the game's greatest ever.

No doubt about that.



The best thing I have learnt from Nadal is to remain cool in spite of what is happening around me
IGA SWIATEK

AGENCIES

Paris, June 5: Polish tennis star and winner of the women's singles crown Saturday at the French Open, Iga Swiatek, has said that lessons learnt from Spanish stalwart Rafael Nadal's professional career have helped her improve as a player. She also said that Nadal has been a very inspirational figure for her.

Swiatek defeated American youngster Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-3 in the final to cap her superb clay-court season, lifting her second French Open singles trophy. She is currently 44-3 (win-loss record) this season and has won a staggering 35 consecutive matches tying Venus Williams for the best winning streak this century.

After her win, Swiatek at the post-match conference said that

watching how Nadal has faced success and failure had helped shape her own approach to the highs and lows of life on the tour.

"I think the best thing I can learn from him (Nadal) is how he's cool about what's going on around him," Swiatek said. "Because sometimes in our heads, I think many players are over-analysing everything. We treat those finals... (that) if we are going to lose suddenly, our life is bad," the Polish player was quoted as saying by 'atptour.com'.

"I feel like all these great champions, they kind of accept that they may lose. I remember even last year when Rafa lost in semi-finals (at the French Open), I met him coincidentally next day, at breakfast in the hotel, and I said to him that I was crying basically the whole evening because he lost,"

Swiatek informed.

"He was, like, 'Oh, it's just a tennis match. You win, you lose. It's normal'. Not everybody can do that and just treat those big moments as another match," the Polish player added.

Nadal has been full of praise for Swiatek in the past. "When somebody like her is winning the tournaments and is winning with these results, I mean, it's something special, no?" Nadal had said in his pre-tournament presser at Roland Garros.

"It was a big surprise probably the first time that couple of years ago when she won here (2020). But the way that she's playing this year, she looks unstoppable... I'm just happy for her. She's very spontaneous and natural girl. It is good to have girls like this, good people like her having success," Nadal had said.

SHORT TAKES

Gold for Aman

Almaty (Kazakhstan): National champion Aman Sehrawat clinched his maiden gold medal in an international tournament, while Bajrang Punia settled for the bronze on the final day of the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament, here Sunday. With the two more medals, India's tally at the United World Wrestling's ranking series stood at with 11 — six golds, one silver, and four bronze. Aman overcame a stiff challenge from Kazakhstan's Meirambek Kartbay in the opening round of 57kg to win 15-12. He then sailed past Kyrgyzstan's Abdymalik Karachov via technical superiority. The last round once again proved challenging for Aman but he persevered to beat Kazakh wrestler Meray Bazarbayev 10-9 and claim the gold

Doubtful for SW19

Paris: German tennis player Alexander Zverev, who suffered a semifinal heartbreak at Roland Garros as he was forced to pull out of the clash against Rafael Nadal midway due to injury, has revealed that he has several torn ligaments in his right foot. The World No.3-ranked player posted an image on Instagram of him alighting from a private plane walking on crutches. He wrote, "Hey guys! I am now on my way back home. Based on the first medical checks, it looks like I have torn several lateral ligaments in my right foot. I will be flying June 6 to Germany to make further examinations and to determine the best and quickest way for me to recover. The injury makes Zverev a doubtful starter for Wimbledon.

Dhanalakshmi shines

New Delhi: Sprinter S Dhanalakshmi clocked her personal best time of 11.26 seconds to win the 100m race at the Erzurum Sprint International Cup in Turkey while Hima Das was second with a timing of 11.59s. Dhanalakshmi's effort was better than the standard prescribed by Athletics Federation of India (AFI) for the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games. In the 200 metres also, Dhanalakshmi won with a time of 23.26s while Hima clocked 23.51s to finish second. The Indians were in a training-competition tour of Turkey and they are set to return home to take part in the National Inter-State Championships in Chennai June 10-14.

AGENCIES

Root century floors New Zealand

FORMER CAPTAIN BECOMES 2ND ENGLAND BATTER TO SCORE 10K-PLUS RUNS IN TESTS

AGENCIES

London, June 5: Former England skipper Joe Root (115 n o, 170b, 12x4) scored a masterful hundred as England capped a dramatic fight-back to win the first Test against New Zealand by five wickets at Lord's here Sunday.

England had been set a target of 277 on the third day of the game Saturday. They finished on 279 for five with Root leading the fight-back after England had slipped to a not too comfortable score of 69 for four. Victory, achieved with more than a day to spare, was just England's second win in 18 Tests and gave them a 1-0 lead in the three-match series against World Test champions New Zealand.

Root became just the 14th batsman and only second from England to reach the landmark total of 10,000 career Test runs when he completed his 26th hundred at this level. He was also the joint youngest player to achieve the feat, equalling retired England captain Alastair Cook's record of 31 years 157 days.

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New Zealand 132 and 285 lost to England 141 and 279 for 5 (Joe Root 115 n o, Kyle Jamieson 4/79) by five wickets.

Root received excellent support from wicketkeeper Ben Foakes (32 n o) in an unbroken stand of 120. The pair denied New Zealand a breakthrough after England re-



BATTING MASTERCLASS: Joe Root acknowledges the applause after reaching his century at Lord's Sunday

sumed Sunday on their overnight score of 216 for five.

This was an ideal way for England to start life under their new leadership duo of skipper Ben Stokes, who made a valuable 54 Saturday, and Test coach Brendon McCullum, the former

New Zealand captain.

Root had come to bat Saturday with the score on 32 for the loss of two wickets. He held the innings together and was there till the end. Root, before his match-winning partnership with Foakes, had put on 90 runs for the fifth wicket with

Stokes (54, 110b, 5x4, 3x6).

For the Kiwis, it was pacer Kyle Jamieson (4/79) who was among the wickets. However, the likes of Trent Boult (1/73) and Tim Southee (0/87) failed to deliver when it mattered the most enabling England to walk away with the honours.

Indian men triumph in FIH Hockey 5s

THUMPING WINS AGAINST POLAND, MALAYSIA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lausanne, June 5: A magnificent India made a stunning comeback from being three-goal down to beat Poland 6-4 in a pulsating final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship here Sunday. India, who had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route to the final, ended their campaign with an unbeaten record.

This was India's second win of day over the same opponents. India had beaten Poland, who had finished second with two wins and as many losses, 6-2 in their round-robin league match three-and-a-half hours earlier in the day.

Playing their third match of the day, the Indians were stunned for a while after Poland pumped in

three goals without reply in the first five minutes of play through Mateusz Nowakowski (first), Wojciech Rutkowski (fifth) and captain Robert Pawlak (sixth).

But the Indians regrouped quickly from the initial jolt with Sanjay and captain Gurinder Singh finding the target in the eighth and ninth minutes respectively to go to the breather trailing 2-3.

It was just a matter of time that the Indians got their mojo back as they surged to 4-3 lead after fine field goals from Dhami Bobby Singh (11th) and tournament's most prolific scorer Raheel Mohammed (13th).

Once they were on the ascendency, there was no stopping the Indians against a hapless Poland as Raheel (17th) and Singh (19th) struck their respective second goal of the match to seal it for India.

Hungary stun Three Lions

ENGLAND SUFFER UNEXPECTED DEFEAT AFTER SIX DECADES

AGENCIES

Rome, June 5: England slumped to their first loss to Hungary in six decades by losing their game 0-1 in the Nations League. Dominik Szoboszlai scored the only goal from the penalty spot as Hungary celebrated their first victory over England since 1962.

Defeat on penalties to Italy in the Euro 2020 final was the only time Gareth Southgate's side had been beaten in their previous 22 games. However, an experimental side failed to trouble the hosts, who were roared on by a 30,000 crowd largely consisting of school children. After the 1962 loss, England had remained unbeaten in 15 games against Hungary.

"We have to accept that we did not do enough to win the game. A draw would have been the fair outcome," Southgate said. "We did not create too many clear cut chances. The heat was a factor and took a



Hungary's Dominik Szoboszlai (right) celebrates with a teammate after scoring against England in their Nation's League encounter, Saturday

lot out of the players," he added.

The match in Hungary was marred when schoolchildren jeered England players taking the knee during their pre-kick-off anti-racism gesture. The game was meant to be played in an empty stadium due to fans' offensive behaviour at Euro 2020 but schoolchildren were al-

Mane tops list of Senegal goalscorers

DAKAR: Sadio Mane became the leading scorer for Senegal with a hat-trick for his national side against Benin in Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers here Saturday. The 30-year-old has now netted 32 goals for Senegal to eclipse the mark achieved by the former World star Henri Camara. The Liverpool forward netted all the goals for Aliou Cisse's team as they beat Benin 3-1 in their opening match of qualifying for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations.

lowed inside Puskas Arena instead.

Also in the same group, Italy and Germany drew 1-1 with Lorenzo Pellegrini and Joshua Kimmich trading goals three minutes apart in the second half in Bologna. Both sides had the chance to win.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, June 5: Playing the AFC Asian Cup final round qualifiers at a packed Salt Lake Stadium will be a 'big boost' for the Indian football team, feel Pritam Kotal and Subhasish Bose, the Blue Tigers' two local players. India have matches scheduled for June 8, 11, and 14.

"Kolkata is the Mecca of Indian

football. The fans here are great. So many clubs have dedicated fans here, and the great thing is that they all come together to cheer for India when we play as a nation in this city," Bose said Sunday.

"I hope there is a lot of noise from the stands. That will boost all of us. From our end, we need to pay them back with a qualification for the AFC Asian Cup," Bose added.

The last time the Blue Tigers played here was in 2019, and Kotal said the team can once again feel the home advantage.

"It's a big advantage for us to play in front of our fans. Especially because we have not been able to play in front of our own fans for a long time due to Covid-19. So, I would like to encourage all the

fans to come ahead and support us in these three games. We will try to give our best — together we can," said Kotal.

Both the Blue Tigers' defenders are focused on the job ahead, as they prepare to face Cambodia, Afghanistan and Hong Kong.

"It's absolutely crucial for us as a nation to qualify for the AFC Asian Cup, and all of us in the team are completely focused on

that. We will try our best and hopefully will make it to the tournament proper," Kotal informed.

"We need to take it match by match, and we must do well in all the three games ahead of us. All the teams are quite capable of defeating each other in this group, and

it will be a very tight contest. We need to make sure that we do all the positive things both on and off the ground, and come out with the results," he added.

Bose recalled the last edition of the AFC Asian Cup in 2019, when the Blue Tigers had played in front of packed stands in the UAE.

"It was an amazing feeling in the UAE. So many Indian fans had come to the ground there, it was great. We tried our best back then, but we could not make it to the knockout rounds," he informed.

Tea vendor's kid wins weightlifting gold in 2021 KIYG

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Panchkula, June 5: Daughter of a tea stall vendor, Kajol Sargar's only connection with sport until three years ago was her daily visits to a local gymnasium to watch her elder brother Sanket train as a weightlifter. The 16-year-old from Sangli in Maharashtra also watched in awe as he steadily rose up the ranks to become one of India's top lifters, but that didn't inspire her enough to take up the sport.

All that changed in 2019, when she saw Rupa Hangandi, also from Sangli, clinching the gold medal in the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) in Pune. Kajol now trains under Mayur Sinhasane. She lifted a total of 113kg in the women's 40kg category to kick-off Maharashtra's march towards the top of the medal's tally. It was a close fight between her and a lifter from Assam. However, Kajol held her nerves to win gold.