

NEWS IN BRIEF

19 dead in Mumbai building collapse

MUMBAI: Nineteen people were killed and 14 others injured after a four-storey residential building located in Kurla's Naik Nagar Society collapsed, officials said Tuesday. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner, Iqbal Singh Chahal, said four people died on the spot while 10 others breathed their last while undergoing treatment at various hospitals here. He also said another portion of the building is likely to crash and the residents have been moved to safety. Each of the deceased's families will be provided an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh from the PM's Relief Fund.

Mukesh hands over Jio reins to Akash

NEW DELHI: Mukesh Ambani has resigned from the board of his group's telecom arm, Reliance Jio and handed over the reins of the company to elder son Akash, a step seen as succession planning by the 65-year old billionaire. In a stock exchange filing Reliance Jio Infocomm said Tuesday that the company's board at a meeting June 27, 'approved the appointment of Akash M Ambani, non-executive director, as chairman of the board of directors of the company'. This comes after his father resigned with effect from close of working hours June 27, the filing stated. Last year, Mukesh said that his kids were tak ing more responsibilities as part of the leadership shift. **P11**

16 die in Bihar due to lightning

PATNA: Sixteen people were killed in lightning strikes and thunderstorms Tuesday across Bihar, as per an official statement. Four people died in East Champaran district, three people each were killed in Bhojpur and Saran, two people each in West Champaran and Araraia, and one person each in Banka and Muzaffarpur, it said Expressing grief over the deaths, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced an ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh for the families of each victim. He also requested people to 'stay at home and stay safe in bad weather'. It should be stated that 17 people were killed June 20 due to lightning strike in Bihar.



An artisan gives finishing touches Tuesday, on the horses to be fixed on the chariots for the Rath Yatra festival in Puri Friday

Govt asks ULBs to ensure accident-free roads, drains

Officials asked to certify 'there are no more unsafe spots endangering public safety' during monsoons

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 28: With the arrival of monsoon in the state, the Odisha government has asked all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to make field verifications to ensure accident-free roads and drains.

Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) Principal Secretary G Mathi Vathanan has written a letter to commissioners of municipal corporations and executive officers of the municipalities and NACs in this regard.

In the letter it has been stated that all major open drains have to be covered with slabs and the vulnerable points should have net covers with warning signs put prominently in place. It is also important to replace/repair the drain covers or inspection chambers on the roads /drains properly to avoid accidents, he suggested.

The principal secretary has also asked the ULBs to carry out desilting of drains regularly to ensure



free flow of storm and rain water during the monsoons.

During or after desilting or maintenance work, the openings are not covered properly leading to accidents when the place is flooded during heavy rains, Vathanan said in the letter. "There were incidents of accidents with a few fatalities in the past evoking strong public reaction, causing adverse media reports and also bringing bad name for the government. They also result in cases in the Human Rights Commissions," he pointed out. "These should be avoided," he stated. Contd...P4

Self-immolationdeath leads to **IIC's suspension**

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 28: Sasmita Rana, the IIC of Kishannagar police station in Cuttack district was suspended Tuesday on the charge of negligence in duty following the death of a person who attempted self-immolation in front of a police station in Cuttack district last week.

During the period of suspension, she will remain under the disciplinary control of IG of Police, CR (Central Range), Cuttack, a notification said. The action was taken on basis of the recommendation by Cuttack Rural SP B Jugal Kishore. The incident took place in front of Kissannagar police station June 23 when Gunanidhi Bisoi poured petrol on himself and set himself ablaze. He was shifted to a private hospital, but died the next day after suffering 90 per cent burns.

Grisly tailor murder jolts Udaipur

Prohibitory orders issued, internet services suspended in Rajasthan as curfew imposed in several parts of Udaipur

AGENCIES

Udaipur, June 28: Two men with a cleaver murdered a tailor here and posted videos online that said they are avenging an insult to Islam. The gruesome incident triggered stray cases of violence in the Rajasthan city, a part of which was placed under curfew. Prohibitory orders banning people from assembling were clamped across the state for a month and mobile internet services suspended for the next 24 hours. At 8.00pm, curfew was declared till further orders in seven police station areas of Udaipur city. The Union Home Ministry dispatched a team from the (NIA) to Udaipur as the Centre is treating the murder as a 'terror' incident, officials said. It will probe whether the assailants have any links with the IS. The Rajasthan Police also announced a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the murder soon after the arrest of the two men, identified as Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad. In a video clip, Akhtari declared

that they had 'beheaded' the man and went on to threaten Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying their knife will get him as well. They also threatened suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. Kanhaiya Lal, the tailor, was re-

cently arrested by the local police over some remarks made on social media by him. A BJP leader said the victim feared for his life and had sought police protection, but the authorities did not act on his appeal. The assailants entered Kanhaiva's



IRREGULAR by MANJUL



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shop in Dhan Mandi posing as customers. As the tailor took the measurements Akhtari attacked him with a cleaver, nearly severing his neck. The other man shot the brutal murder with his mobile phone. Police sources said Akhtari works at a local mosque and the other assailant runs a grocery shop.

As the videos circulated on social media, tension escalated. Shopkeepers in local markets downed shutters. For several hours, they stopped police from taking away the body, saying they will allow the removal of the corpse only after the murderers are arrested and com-

Protests erupted at many places in Udaipur after the tailor's gruesome murder Tuesday

pensation – ₹50 lakh and a government job-given to the victim's family. Later, they agreed to assurances given by the authorities.

On Twitter; Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot appealed for calm and asked people not to share the videos. "The

guilty will not be spared. The entire police team is working on it with full alertness. I can imagine the anger which is there among people due to the murder. We are taking action accordingly," he said.

About 600 more policemen, in-

cluding five companies of the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary, were sent to Udaipur, officials said. Senior police officers were also rushed to the city. Gehlot said the trial will be fast-tracked under the state's 'case officer scheme'.

Bisoi was allegedly vexed over not getting justice from Kissannagar police in a land dispute and registration of an assault case filed by him, an officer said.

Meanwhile, the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has taken sou motu cognisance of the incident, registered a case, and served notices to the state DGP and IGP. The commission directed the senior police officers to conduct an inquiry into the incident and submit a report by the next hearing July 25.

News channel editor No end to elephant deaths under EOW scanner

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 28: The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of state Crime Branch conducted a raid Tuesday at the residence of the Editor-in-Chief of a private news channel in connection with the allegations of fraud to the tune of ₹1 crore. The editor of the channel was not present during the raid as he is outside the city for some personal reasons

Gagandeep Singh Chawla lodged a complaint June 23 with the EOW accusing the editor of duping him of ₹1.00.47.070. Based on the complaint, the EOW has registered a case and started investigation.

Chawla incidentally, is the owner of a company involved supplying in the manufacture, purchase and sale of IT and broadcasting equipment. These are mostly supplied to different TV channels. The firm also helps entrepreneurs to set up news rooms and studios and rents out equipment.

In August 2020, the editor of the Odia news channel contacted Chawla and requested him to sup-

ply equipment required to establish a new TV studio for his news channel project. He also sought his service in installation of equipment and setting up of the studio. The accused also paid an advance of ₹10 lakh in October 2020.

Chawla then supplied the equipment and provided service for setting up of the news studio here. However, the editor reportedly did not pay the cost of the equipment and service charges amounting to ₹1,00,47,070 despite many reminders.

Meanwhile, another case (151/22) has been filed against the editor at the Purighat police station by Nishit Agarwal who alleged that the accused has cheated him of ₹4.50 lakh. The police are investigating the matter

On the other hand, Das refuted the allegations levelled by Chawla. He said that most of the equipment supplied were of sub-standard quality and not usable for broadcast purpose. He added that most of the costly hardware and software provided by Chawla have been returned and hence he did not pay for them.

Editors' Guild protests against Zubair's arrest AGENCIES

New Delhi, June 28: The 'Editors Guild of India' termed Tuesday as 'extremely disturbing' along with a number of Left parties, the arrest of 'AltNews' co-founder Muhammad Zubair in a case related to an 'objectionable tweet' he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity.

The Editors' Guild came out with a strong reaction. "It is apparent that 'AltNews' alert vigilance was resented by those who use disinformation as a tool to polarise society and rake nationalist sentiments,' the Guild said in a statement.

"Zubair has been arrested under sections 153 and 295 of the IPC. This is extremely disturbing because Zubair and his website 'AltNews' have done some exemplary work over the past few yearsin identifying fake news," the Editors' Guild added **P**8

■ Another carcass found in Tikarpada forest range taking the toll to six in this month

POST NEWS NETWORK

Angul, June 28: The death of one more elephant in the state was reported Tuesday, taking the toll to six in this month. The incident was reported from Tikarpada forest range under Satkosia Wildlife Division in this district.

Sources said that the five-year-old tusker was ailing for the last 10 days. Though officials of the Forest department had spotted the calf, they failed to provide treatment as it was surrounded by a herd. They managed to provide treatment from Monday, but the elephant did not sur-

vive and died the same night. However, the exact cause behind the elephant's death will only be known once its post-mortem report comes, said Satokosia divisional forest officer (DFO) Saroj Panda. Sources did not rule out the involvement of poachers

It should be stated here that Crime Branch officials helping the



Forest officials recovered Tuesday the carcass of an elephant in Tikarpada forest range in Satkosia Wildlife Division OP PHOTO

SIT team probe into the deaths of elephants had found a carcass Monday in Mandap reserve forest

in Gopapur section of Badamba. Prior to that an ailing tusker, which had sought refuge in a pond at Samplahara in Badasahi range

under Sambalpur forest division, died hours after it was brought out of the water body June 21. A tusker which was shot by

alleged poachers a few weeks ago in Narasinghpur range of Athgarh forest division, succumbed to injuries June 14. The 10-year-old tusker had multiple gunshot wounds on its body.

The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Police exhumed remains of two elephant carcasses from Athagarh forest range June 2 and 3. The elephants had died due to electrocution and their bodies were buried in order to conceal their deaths, Regional Chief Conservator of Forests M Jogajayananda had said, adding that six persons including a forest guard and three trackers have already been arrested

in this connection.

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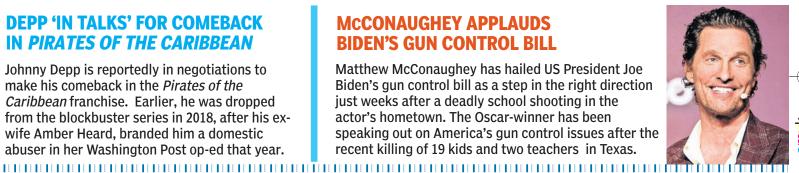


DEPP 'IN TALKS' FOR COMEBACK IN PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Johnny Depp is reportedly in negotiations to make his comeback in the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise. Earlier, he was dropped from the blockbuster series in 2018, after his exwife Amber Heard, branded him a domestic abuser in her Washington Post op-ed that year.

MCCONAUGHEY APPLAUDS BIDEN'S GUN CONTROL BILL

Matthew McConaughey has hailed US President Joe Biden's gun control bill as a step in the right direction just weeks after a deadly school shooting in the actor's hometown. The Oscar-winner has been speaking out on America's gun control issues after the recent killing of 19 kids and two teachers in Texas.



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FORTUNE **FORECAST** on silver screen

Today will be a difficult day full of action. You may not agree with your friends about trifling matters, but you will love it. You will complete all work that has been pending, which will give you relief Ganesha says it is an optimistic day.

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TAURUS

You can expect a pleasant, comfortable day at the office, today, so says Ganesha. You will be carrying out your work cheerfully and effortlessly. You could, later in the evening, have a strong urge to go out for dinner with your family and friends. If that does happen, you're certain to go for an after dinner movie, or an ice cream treat. The day promises you

lots of fun and amusement

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GEMINI

You know where you are headed, and will redouble your efforts to reach your goals today. You are full of energy and enthusiasm, which helps you to achieve all your targets. You will receive unexpected gains owing to your hard work. Bountiful success will be yours at the end of a hard day's labour, says Ganesha

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Sentimentalism will be hinder vour path of success. So, says Ganesha, give up too much sentimentalism. It can be quite a hazard in the future. You will win over people with the force of speech and polite approach.

LEO

You will be able to influence people with your co-operative and accomodating attitude today. You will have discussions on various topics with people who come into contact with you. You will also come into contact with people who share the same mental wavelength as you do, says Ganesha.

VIRGO

There will be dirt on your shoulder today, so dust it Ol. off, says Ganesha, because every time you fall you will get up stronger than before. Your logic and analytical skills will help you find the necessary precision to accomplish tasks at work. You may spend the evening with a close friend or your beloved, engrossed in a stimulating conversation.

LIBRA Ganesha says that today you will get worried over petty matters and be tense. To get mental peace keep yourself occupied with religious or spiritual activity Along with that if you go to some religious place you will gain mental peace. which will stay with you for a long time.

Vajpayee to shine

Mumbai: Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's life will soon be painted on the silver screen as a movie on the former Prime Minister of India has been announced. Titled, Main Rahoon Ya Na Rahoon, Yeh Desh Rehna *Chahiye – Atal*, this movie is an adaptation of Ullekh NP's book The Untold Vajpayee: Politician

and Paradox A teaser of the film was unveiled Tuesday with the film announcement. The film's director and cast have not been unveiled yet but the makers plan to start shoot from early 2023 and have plans to release the film during Christmas next year. Interestingly, the release of Main RahoonYa Na Rahoon, Yeh Desh Rehna Chahive – Atal is

being planned to coincide with the 99th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. This movie is being produced by Vinod Bhanushali and Sandeep Singh. Speaking about the project, pro-

ducer Vinod Bhanushali said in a statement, "I have been a great fan of Atalji all my life. His contribution to our nation building is unparalleled, and it is our great honour to bring his legacy to the silver screen.'

Filmmaker Sandeep Singh had shared, "Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji was one of the greatest leaders of Indian history who won hearts of enemies with his words. Being a filmmaker, I feel that cinema is the best medium to communicate such untold stories. IANS



ER SAM KHAN VISHAL GURNANI KAMLESH BHANUSHALI CERJUHI PAREKH MEHTA ZEESHAN AHMAD SHIVV SHARMA

Mumbai: As Assam witnesses one of the deadliest floods in its history, actor Aamir Khan, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming film Laal Singh Chaddha, recently extended help towards the CM Relief Fund for Assam.

Currently, over 21 lakh people continue to remain in distress under the impact of the deluge. Taking to his social media, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswas Sarma shared a gratitude note dedicated to Aamir.

He wrote, "Eminent Bollywood actor Aamir Khan extended a helping hand to the flood-affected people of our State by making a generous contribution of Rs 25 lakh towards CM Relief Fund. My sincere gratitude for his concern and act of generosity." In the wake of ravaging surges, several Indian philanthropists are coming ahead to lend help. With their homes and fields submerged, several families in Assam have no option but to inadvertently risk conflict with wildlife in an elephant corridor in Nellie's Khulahat Forest. AGENCIES

FUN

Ranbir reveals a lot about his personal life

Mumbai: Ranbir Kapoor, also known as RK for his fans, is one of the most-loved actors in Hindi film industry. The trailer of his film Shamshera was released recently and fans have been going gaga over his new avatar. Yash Raj Films took to their social media and shared a video of Ranbir revealing a lot of things in a fun rapid fire round. From talking about who he is crushing on currently to talking about Alia and his relationship, here is what he has to say.

The first question was, is he a mumma's boy or papa's boy Ranhir Kapoor revealed that he is a

Shamshera actor revealed 'cheerleader'. Ranbir reveals what the iconic Rishi Kapoor told him, "Don't take success to your head and failure to your heart." Ranbir also revealed that he is currently crushing on Zendaya. Also, he named his film Aiab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani his most underrated film and said

Aamir reaches out to Assam's flood victims Chennai: Shruti Haasan known to have a unique personal ity and her fans

Shruti motivates

keeps on treating the netizens with fun posts on social media. This time as well, the diva took to her Instagram handle and posted some goofy pictures, her expression took the cake. The Salaar actress motivated all to stay weird. Posting these photos, she wrote, "Progression does not always mean progress...stay weird lovelies sending you love."

Meanwhile, Shruti Haasan enjoyed a relaxing Sunday this weekend. The Vakeel Saab star dropped some sneak peeks from her lazy day on the photosharing app, along with the caption, "I had a beautiful day ... those are special .. rainy lazy and filled with hope .. grateful for me I've become and the souls That surround me@santanu_hazarika_art.' On the work front, Shruti

Haasan has many thrilling projects alongside bigwigs from the industry in her kitty. Initially, she awaits the release of her pan-India drama Salaar, with Prabhas as the protagonist.

The star will also share the screen with Megastar Chiranjeevi in director Bobby's next. Titled Chiru154 for now, the venture is slated for Sankranthi 2023 release AGENCIES

SCORPIO

You may be in a mood to build castles in the air today, says Ganesha. You may be caught up in a whirlpool of thoughts and nostalgia. However, you will soon realise that the time once gone, never comes back and so, you make up for the lost time by beginning the new chapter of your life from today itself.

SAGITTARIUS

You are caught in a whirlpool of emotions, predicts Ganesha. You may come across many ups and downs today. However, nothing seems to deter you from your determination and dedication towards work.

CAPRICORN

You are busy as a beaver. It is extremely difficult for you to think for yourself as you are all tied up by the demands of your work. You want to be creative, but again, the workload will not let you have that freedom, says Ganesha. You have learnt the art of time management. So, you have properly lined up your priorities and success is waiting for you.

AQUARIUS

You will hit the bull's eye, today. From the smallest to the biggest, all of your plans will turn into reality. Don't get disheartened if there are some obstacles on you path: you are fully armed to face the challenges and come out triumphant. Get yourself in the top gear, you will surely succeed, says Ganesha

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For those looking for a promotion at the work-place. now is the time to ask for it. Freelancers could find interesting projects falling into their laps. Businesses are likely to see a surge in profits. No conflicts in personal life are indicated. Overall, a progressive and pleasant day awaits, says Ganesha.

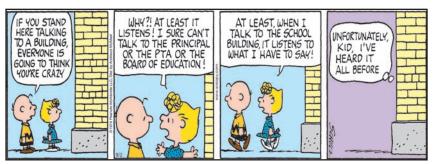
mumma's boy. Then he was asked about the one thing that he adores about Alia Bhatt, Ranbir said, "she is very loving". The next question asked him to name a song that he secretly dances to, the

cool breeze and a good movie make him smile.

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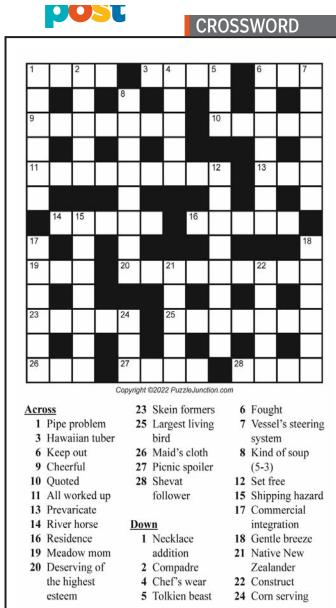
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SUDOKU

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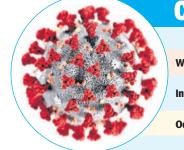


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RAIN IN CITY

Commuters travel amid heavy rain in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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THRUST ON SAFE JOURNEY OF STUDENTS

Govt to conduct week-long drive to check school buses

POST NEWS NETWORI

Bhubaneswar, June 28: With an aim to ensure safe journey of students in school buses, the state government Tuesday asked Transport Commissioner Arun Bothra to conduct a week-long enforcement drive to inspect all school buses in Odisha.

In a letter to the Transport Commissioner, Transport department Principal Secretary Bishnupada Sethi said the government had formulated a policy in 2016 for safe transportation of students to schools or colleges and back to home.

"It is the duty of Transport department to ensure implementation of the policy. Students are the most vulnerable road users. Therefore, safety of the students on journey to school is one of the top priorities of the department," Sethi said in his letter.

A special drive was conducted by the RTOs throughout the state from April 20 to April 26 this year to check buses and other light vehicles engaged in transporting school students. During the drive, more than 1,200 cases of the policy violations were detected, he pointed out

To habituate the vehicle owners to comply with the policy guidelines, there is need for conducting special drive on regular intervals so that the people will not dare to violate the rules, Sethi said.

Moreover, the Transport department has received several

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Light vehicles that are used for

their front and back side.

complaints that many vehicles are not complying with the guidelines, he added.

ers, first-aid boxes, proper grilles, The Transport Commissioner speed governors, emergency exit, has been asked to submit a report and fire extinguishers. They should maintain a list of students and after the completion of the special drive for kind perusal of the Chief their parents' names and numbers. There must be an attendant Secretary, sources said.

It is the school management's from the school in the bus. responsibility to ensure that their Under no condition, overloadbuses are in order, drivers are well ing of vehicles is permissible. The number of children in the bus shall trained and they have the valid driving licences. It is their renormally be restricted to its seatsponsibility to ensure that drivers ing capacity. The carrying capacare physically fit and have proper ity of school buses and three-wheeldriving licences to ferry school ers that transport students should be displayed both inside and outchildren, Sethi said. side the vehicles

Similarly, schools which are engaging buses on contractual/ hire basis shall abide by the stiptransportation of students must ulations as applicable to the buses also adhere to the safety standard. owned by schools. School au-All the vehicles engaged in the thorities should conduct safety autransportation of school children must have boards displaying 'school dits of these vehicles as well, sources said. van' or 'on school duty' clearly in

As per the policy, all the vehicles

Vaccination among students to speed up

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, June 28: As the daily Covid-19 cases are showing an upward trend in Odisha, the School and Mass Education department has decided to speed up vaccination of students between age group 12-17 vears.

School and Mass Education Minister, Samir Ranjan Dash Tuesday said that efforts have begun for accelerating the pace of Covid-19 vaccination.

As per the data, the state registered 113 new cases in the past 24 hours. Of the new cases, 15 cases are in the age group of 0-18 years. The number of active cases in the State has jumped to 517.

Recently, the health department had written to the School and Mass Education Department in this regard.

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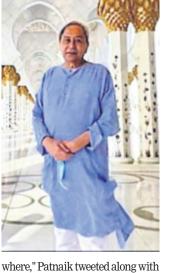
CM visits Sheikh Zayed mosque in Abu Dhabi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar. June 28: Amid criticism by opposition BJP over meeting Pope Francis at Vatican City last week, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has visited Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi ahead of meeting potential investors in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Patnaik, who is on an 11-day for-

eign tour, had met Pope Francis June 22, with the saffron party questioning his intention of meeting the Catholic Church head.

"The marble dome of Sheikh Zayed Mosque, Abu Dhabi is an epitome of magnificence with intricate inlay work inspired by Moghul architecture. I am told that the artisans and the marbles also came from Makrana village of Rajasthan. A bit of India, every-



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The marble dome of

Monday. Patnaik, who will return to Odisha June 30, is scheduled to visit Puri to witness Lord Jagannath's annual Ratha Yatra July 1.To underline his secular credentials, Patnaik is making visits to religious places of different faiths, a BJD insider said. Senior BJP lawmaker

Jaynarayan Mishra, who is among those considered for the post of the Leader of Opposition in Odisha assembly, has questioned Patnaik's Vatican City visit.

"By spending public money, why did the CM go there and what did he achieve in return? What was the need to meet the Pope by standing in a queue? We have never seen him meet Shankaracharya in Puri,' Mishra has said.

The BJP, however, has not yet reacted on Patnaik's visit to the mosque. Reacting to the BJP's objection, BJD legislator SB Behera said, "What is wrong in meeting the Pope? If this meeting creates a positive image of Odisha in the world, the CM has taken the right decision."

This is Patnaik's second official foreign tour in the last 22 years of his reign in Odisha.



25 Odia students visit Maharashtra

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS LAUNCHED A **STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHEME TO FOSTER** NATIONAL **INTEGRATION**

a video of his visit to the mosque

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Programme. As per the guidelines. 25 students which include

Technology, Mumbai. The state School and Mass



Police personnel conduct a mock drill for pulling of chariots ahead of this year's Rath Yatra in Puri, Tuesday

Bhubaneswar, June 28: Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) programme, Ministry of Education (MoE) has launched a student exchange scheme to foster national integration through a coordinated mutual engagement process between States & Union Territories

Odisha has been paired with Maharashtra under EBSB 19 from State Board, 3 from Kendriya Vidyalayas and 3 from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas along with two teachers have proceeded to Mumbai Tuesday and will return July 4.

During their stay, the students will get exposure to language, culture, education system and tourist places of Maharashtra. Lodging and boarding facilities has been arranged at Thakur College of Engineering & Education Department wished all the best to the students for their trip.

The EBSB programme aims to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of diverse cultures in India. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

Vanamahotsava-2022 celebrated in City

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Bhubaneswar, June 28: The statelevel Vanamahotsava-2022 was celebrated at Regional Science Centre here Tuesday. The event was jointly organised by the Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar and Forest, Environment and Climate Change department of the state government.

The programme was organized to create awareness on climate change and its harmful effect on flora and fauna. This apart, the event emphasized upon the urgent need for planting trees to save the planet.

On this occasion, drawing, essay and debate competitions were held. Students from all parts of the city participated in the programme. Participants were categorized



into two groups-senior and junior. Participants of the drawing competition were required to portray a picture on the theme of 'Only One Earth'. Those who enrolled their names for the debate competition were asked to present their views on the topic 'Do forest grow better with or without our help?' Participants of the essay competition were asked to write their views on the topic 'Building a Shared Future'

Somen Ghosh, project coordinator of Regional Science Centre said that the event was aimed at creating public awareness about the deleterious effect on flora and fauna and climate change due to abrupt urbanization. He stressed the need for planting more trees to save Mother Earth.

'Viruses can survive on microplastics in freshwater'

cientists have proven for the first time that viruses can survive and remain infectious by binding themselves to plastics in freshwater - raising concerns about the potential impact on human health.

Rotavirus, which causes diarrhoea and an upset stomach, was found to survive for up to three days in lake water by attaching itself to the surfaces of tiny beads of plastic pollution, called microplastics, according to researchers at the University of Stirling in the UK.

The study, published in the journal Environmental Pollution, is the first of its kind to explore the issue using water taken from the natural environment. Previous studies focused only on the spread of such viruses in sterile hospital settings. "We found that viruses can attach to microplastics, which allows them to survive in the

water for three days, possibly longer," said Professor Richard Quilliam, lead researcher from the varsity. "Even if a wastewater treatment plant is doing everything it can to

clean sewage waste, the water discharged still has microplastics in it, which are then transported down the river, into the estuary and end up on the beach. We weren't



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sure how well viruses could survive by 'hitch-hiking' on plastic in the environment, but they do survive, and they do remain infectious."

The researchers tested two types of viruses - those with an envelope, or 'lipid coat' around them, such as the flu virus (they tested bacteriophage Phi6), and those without: enteric viruses, such as rotavirus and norovirus (they tested rotavirus strain SA11).

They found that in those with an envelope, the envelope quickly dissolved, and the virus was deactivated, whereas those without an envelope successfully bound to the microplastics and survived. "Viruses can also bind to natural surfaces in the environment. However, plastic pollution lasts a lot longer than those materials," said Quilliam.

"This research is very much a proof-of-concept for conducting more research into how long pathogens can survive by binding to microplastics, as we only tested for three days, and what happens to them next.'

Oppn accuses BJD govt of failing to create jobs

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Bhubaneswar; June 28: Opposition BJP and Congress Tuesday attacked the ruling BJD in Odisha accusing it of failing to generate employment for youths and curbing atrocities against women.

The Congress held a rally at Baripada in Mayurbhanj district on the second day of the party's Jan Sampark Jatra while the BJP held its state office bearers meeting here. Leaders of both the parties said that they would raise the issue of unemployment, law and order, atrocities against women, and other issues in the monsoon session of the assembly beginning on July 2.

In the BJP's meeting attended by the national secretary of the saffron party Harish Dwivedi and workers and leaders of 12 Parliamentary constituencies, the party reviewed its performance in the recently concluded urban and panchayat elections. A blueprint was being prepared to ensure the party's win in the

2024 general elections and strengthen the party's base at the grassroots level, BJP sources said The party's state executive meet-

ing will begin here Wednesday, said BJP state general secretary Lekhashree Samantsinghar.

"In the state executive meeting, proposals to thank Prime Minister

Narendra Modi for nominating Droupadi Murmu as its Presidential candidate and hiking the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy will come up, " she said. Odisha Pradesh Congress

Committee (OPCC) president Sarat Pattnayak claimed at the Baripada rally, "The BJP and the BJD are two sides of the same coin. The party leaders quarrel in Odisha while they hug each other in Delhi."

Strongly opposing the Centre's Agnipath scheme, the Congress leader said the party will not tolerate such a programme "which will make the nation and its youths weak"

The Congress leader called upon youths to oppose any programme which was against their interest.

Accusing the BJD government of failing to provide employment for the youths, Pattnayak said, "If Congress comes to power after the 2024 elections, issues related to youth and women will be our priority." The Congress leader also pointed out that while the state's debt burden was just Rs 19,000 crore in 2000 when the BJD came to the power, it has now mounted to Rs 1.20 lakh crore.

"The state government has been painting a rosy picture of the econ-omy while Odisha has plunged into a debt trap," he alleged.

downtown

NHRC serves show-cause notice on Chief Secretary

as to why the apex rights body

should not recommend a com-

pensation of Rs 5 lakh to the next

of the kin of the deceased and Rs

The NHRC would recommend

the state to pay the compensation

in case the latter fails to revert

within the stipulated period, the

The commission has also di-

rected the District Magistrate of

Nabarangpur to look into the mat-

ter personally and ensure that ben-

efits under various social welfare

schemes of the state and Centre are

1 lakh to the injured.

rights body said.

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NABARANGPUR

BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Bhubaneswar, June 28: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has served a show-cause notice on the Chief Secretary in connection with the death of a labourer and injury of a few others when an under-construction bridge collapsed in Nabarangpur district in January 2021.

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While hearing a plea filed by rights activist Akhand, the commission asked the Chief Secretary to show cause within six weeks

facilitated to the next of the kin of the deceased and the injured. Earlier, the District Magistrate

had informed the commission that the Executive Engineer of Rural Works Division, Nabarangpur-II, Umerkote has been placed under suspension and that the contract has been cancelled after the mishap. The Collector also informed that

the district administration has provided Rs 1.36.034 to the wife of the deceased and that steps for rehabilitation of the family have been taken by the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Nabarangpur-II, Umerkote. The commission, however, con-

IV employee of the Rural Works department, was killed and three others— Santosh Bhoi, Ramesh Bhoi and Prakash Tandi - sustained critical injuries when a slab of the under-construction Biju Setu over Nagi river near Talapadar in Umerkote block of Nabarangpur

sidered the compensation amount as meagre and served the showcause notice on the Chief Secretary. Notably, Mahendra Mali, a Class-

district collapsed January 10, 2021.

CALL FOR 'AGNIPATH' WITHDRAWAL



NSUI activists take out a signature campaign at Biju Pattnaik College of Science and Education in Jaydev Vihar area of Bhubaneswar, Tuesday, demanding withdrawal of Agnipath scheme

OUAT released 170 varieties of crops MSME min asks rice millers to

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Bhubaneswar. June 28: Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) has so far released 170 varieties of crops, said an official at the inauguration of State Level Research and Extension Council meeting at the varsity here, Tuesday

Dean of Research MM Mishra and Dean of Extension Education PJ Mishra presented the annual research and extension activities at the meeting.

OUAT has so far released as many as 170 varieties of crops and submitted three new crop varieties- Kalinga Sugarcane-346,



By affidavit before Executive Magistrate, Kendrapara, cf

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Kalinga Suan-217 and Kalinga Groundnut-101—to State Variety Release Committee (SVRC) for release, said the official.

At least five new rice varieties along with 15 new crop varieties were proposed for adoption by the state government. As many as 31 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) operating under OUAT across 28 dis-

Cuttack: The state government Tuesday filed an

a case pertaining to the felling of trees for

affidavit in the Orissa High Court in connection with

construction of MLA quarters in Bhubaneswar. In its

affidavit, the state government claimed that it has

planned to plant 10 saplings for every tree cut down

for the project. The authorities concerned had

Govt files affidavit in tree felling case

planned to cut down altogether 870 trees for the project and plant as many

as 8,700 saplings as part of the compensatory afforestation programme.

programme, said the affidavit. A bench of Chief Justice S. Muralidhar and

PM confirms Raimohan died of asphyxiation

Justice RK Patnaik posted the next hearing on the case to September 7.

The government has sanctioned Rs 68.7 lakh for the afforestation

tricts of the state have conducted 2,132 vocational trainings involving 51,468 farmers, the official

pointed out. The official added that Cluster Front Line Demonstration (FLD) have been conducted on 450ha of oilseeds and 240ha of pulses. Around 459 quintal of pulse seeds were produced through pulse seed hubs of OUAT, covering 249ha. Kissan mobile advisory services were provided to 25 lakh

farmers, he said. College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology Dean SK Dash and College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry SK Panda highlighted the future re-

search focus area. College of Agriculture Dean KK

Rout emphasized on strengthening coordination between OUAT, government departments, ICAR and farmers for better outcome of the research and extension efforts. On the occasion, booklets containing scientific crop manage-

ment and farm mechanisation were released The inaugural function was

attended by more than 150 participants comprising research and extension scientists, faculties of colleges, deans, directors and registrar of OUAT and scientists of ICAR institutes and government officials

ULBs asked to ensure accident-free roads

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The H&UD department has asked L the officers to certify that all the roads and drains under their respective jurisdiction have been physically inspected, all the opening chambers properly closed, all unsafe spots properly guarded and safety sign boards erected

The certificate will be shared with the Ward Committee and other members including Mission Sakthi Groups/federations from the respective ward areas for cross verification from the field and corrective follow up actions by the ULBs to ensure that public roads and drains remain safe always. The agencies/department officers will have to furnish the certificates before June 30, 2022.

tap new market opportunities

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Bhubaneswar, June 28: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Minister Pratap Keshari Deb asked the rice millers of the state not to confine themselves to the traditional way of business.

He said this at the concluding day of a two-day conference on technical upgradation of rice milling industry and scope of rice export, organised by All Odisha Rice Millers' Association (AORMA), an apex body of rice millers of the state here Tuesday

"You have to come out of your comfort zone. Other than doing business as usual, you have to look for opportunities in the market. Tap new market opportunities. Our government has implemented many policies for betterment of industries. You can come with your issues and solutions you want from the government. Please participate in the policy making process." he added.

Laxminarayan Deepak Ranjan Das, general secretary, AORMA said, "We want to educate our rice millers for value addition



is grown on large number of cultivated land and our staple food is also rice. It provides employment opportunities to 50 per cent of our state population and contributes largely to the agriculture economy of the state. Rice millers are important stakeholders of this journey. They have been playing major role in shaping the industry. Odisha is a surplus state in term of paddy procurement by government agencies. Still, rice millers have unutilized milling capacity which can be used for export of non-basmati rice

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Bhubaneswar: The commissionerate police Tuesday received the postmortem report of Ollywood actor Raimohan Parida who was found dead at his residence in Prachi Vihar under Mancheswar police limits here June 24. According to police sources, the post-mortem report confirmed that Raimohan died of asphyxiation due to hanging with a rope. The cops investigating into the untimely death of noted film and jatra artiste are yet to get the viscera and other scientific reports. DCP Prateek Singh had earlier stated that Raimohan was suffering from severe depression over some family related issues.

and scope of export of rice in our state. Odisha has abundant potential on paddy production and milling capacity of rice millers for both domestic requirement and export. In this regard, government agency Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

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has also conducted state level seminars in association with state government for export of rice. For this, the government should provide suitable ecosystem and atmosphere that enable rice millers to achieve desired result. It will boost the economy of our state

Extremely high temp causes irreversible damage to biodiversity

xploring the implications of ✓ a multiple, decades-long tem-✓ perature overshoot for global biodiversity, which is already affected by climate change, a new study has found that an overshoot like this is likely to cause major and, often irreversible, damage to biodiversity and ecosystems across the world.

With global climate action lagging behind the scale needed to achieve the temperature targets of the Paris Agreement -- which calls for restricting the global temperature rise to preferably 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to the preindustrial era -- the scientists are studying several scenarios featuring a multiple decades-long 'overshoot' of the global warming limits set by policymakers. They then use carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technology to reverse dangerous temperature rise by 2100. The new research, published in Philosophical Transactions of the

Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, covered more than 30,000 species around the world and found that for more than a quarter of the locations of biodiversity and ecosystems across the world studied, the chances of returning to pre-overshoot 'normal' are either uncertain or non-existent.

The research team from the University of Cape Town (UCT) and University College London (UCL) explored the implications of a temperature overshoot for global biodiversity, which is already affected by climate change as warming causes mass die-offs in forests and coral reefs, alters species distributions and reproductive events, and many other parameters. 'Several scenarios' as mentioned

above are the Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs), a term for trajectory of greenhouse gas concentration (not emissions) adopted by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in



its reports. The IPCC charts out multiple scenarios with a given temperature rise leading to a certain trajectory.

The paper explores an overshoot

scenario where CO₂ emissions keep growing until 2040, then reverse their course and fall into negative territory after 2070 thanks to deep carbon cuts and massive de-

ployment of CDR. This means that, for several decades in this century, global temperature breached the 2degree limit but returned to below this level around 2100.

The research team found that, for most regions, exposure to unsafe temperatures will arrive suddenly as further warming means many species will simultaneously be pushed beyond their thermal niche limits. However, the return of these species to conditions comfortably within their thermal niches will be gradual and lag behind the temperature decline. "In fact, the effective overshoot for biodiversity risks is projected to be almost twice as long as the actual temperature overshoot of around 60 years," the study said.

Tropical regions are most affected by these risks, with over 90 per cent of species for many locations in the Indo-Pacific, Central Indian Ocean, Northern Sub-Saharan Africa, and Northern Australia pushed outside of their thermal niches. And in the

rich regions of the world, more than half of the species will be exposed to potentially dangerous climate conditions. For about 19 per cent of the total number of sites studied, including the Amazon, it is uncertain whether the share of exposed species will ever return to pre-overshoot levels. And a further eight per cent of sites are projected to never return to those levels at all. This means that the overshoot, while reversing the course of global temperature, can cause irreversible impacts to nature due to species extinction and radical transformation of ecosystems. The study underscores how im-

Amazon, one of the most species-

portant a temporal perspective can be in discussions of overshoot scenarios, which often dismiss the 'journey' of dangerously rising temperatures as long as the 'final destination' is within the agreed limits and thus may underplay rapid and deep emissions reductions called for in the recent IPCC reports.

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Chariot construction underway for the upcoming Rath Yatra at Buguda in Ganjam district, Tuesday

5T SANS THOUGHT Pupils taught under cycle sheds, staircases

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Nuagaon, June 28: While crores of Rupees are reportedly being spent on renovation work of schools under the 5T High School Transformation Programme to attract the students to the classrooms, the ground reality at some of those renovated schools draws quite the contrast to the tall claims of the government.

The move is being criticised of lacking thought for the students while being merely a self-promoting gimmick fulfilling the interest of handful of individuals.

Students of Nuagaon High School and Anchalika Uchha Vidyalaya at Dimirijhari under this block in

The state government has directed for transformation of the schools without taking into account whether these schools have necessary or spare classrooms

Some of the existing classrooms are being upgraded into smart classrooms, libraries and labs, which in turn reduces the number of regular rooms vacant for classroom teaching

As a result, students in one



Nayagarh district are two such examples. The schools have been transformed under the programme but the students are found studying under staircase and at the cycle stands.

The Nuagaon High School is a premier educational institution in the block. However, students in this school study on the verandah and under the staircase due to lack of classrooms. Similarly, the students of Class-VIII of Anchalika Uchha Vidyalaya at Dimirijhari under Badagotha panchayat were found studying under a cycle shed for the same reason.

Sub-Collector Lagnajit Rout said that the Nuagaon Block Development Officer (BDO) has been directed to provide funds for construction of additional classrooms after Bijay

Digging Suna riverbed for

slurry pipeline upsets locals

The slurry pipeline, passing through the town and

human settlements, will pose a threat to people if and when

it bursts and spills out wet minerals

struction of library rooms, two smart classrooms and construction of a science laboratory at each of the selected schools.

The state government has directed for transformation of the schools without taking into account whether these schools have necessary or surplus classrooms. Some of the existing classrooms are being upgraded into smart classrooms, libraries and labs, which in turn reduces the number of rooms allotted for classroom teaching. As a result, students in one school study under the staircase while in another, at the cycle stand.

When contacted, Basant Kumar Navak. additional district education of-

Tourism dept looking for alternative venue for eco-retreat in Kandhamal

able for tourists in view of com-

munication and other facilities.

their representatives expressed

their dissatisfaction over the

proposed shifting of the venue

as the eco-retreat used to be a

On the other hand, locals and

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Daringbadi, June 28: The state tourism department has started looking for an alternative patch of land for its eco-retreat in Daringbadi of Kandhamal district

For two years, the eco-retreat was being organised at a patch of land here along with development of infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Tourism Director Sachin Ramchandra Yadav reviewed various activities concerning the eco-retreat project, and visited the nature park and various other tourist places under the forest department, a report.

The administration is looking for a suitable place with natural setting and good view point in Daringbadi as the alternate

scope for earning for then The administration and the Tourism department are looking for places which would be suit-

Besides, the department has already spent crores of rupees over the infrastructure of the eco-retreat at the place over the last two years.

"Now, the state Tourism department is looking for new land and intends to invest big for eco-retreat," rued MLA Saluga Pradhan.

Man sent to jail for rape bid **Elderly man** trampled to death

Pattnaik said.

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Baripada, June 28: A POCSO and fast track court here Monday sentenced a man to three-and-half year imprisonment after convicting him of attempting to rape a woman and issuing her death threat.

Additional Sessions Judge Durga Charan Mishra also slapped a penalty ₹2,500 on Barsa Besra, 45, after convicting him of the offence.

By default, the convict has to undergo an additional one month imprisonment, the judge observed while deliv-Dhenkanal: An elephant trampled ering the order. The jail term an elderly person to death in Hindol handed down to the convict area of Dhenkanal district in the will be deducted from the pewee hours Tuesday. The deceased riod he has served as an unwas identified as Sarat Paeli (68) of dertrial prisoner, special pub-Bampa village. Reports said, Sarat lic prosecutor Manoranjan was out of his house in the wee hours when he encountered an According to the case diary, elephant in his backvard. The Besra found the woman alone animal lifted him with its trunk and under Jharpokharia police slammed him on the ground. On limits and tried to force himbeing informed. Hindol ranger

Lohit Rath and forest officials rushed to the spot and sent the body for post-mortem. The area has been witnessing continuous elephant menace, leaving the locals helpless and scared.

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Joda, June 28: Suna river is said to be the

lifeline for people of Joda town in Keonjhar

district, but its water has been polluted due to the digging of pits for slurry pipeline of

Its bed has been dug up with machines, leav-

According to the report, a slurry pipeline

of an industry is being laid through Joda

town. The pipeline will transport iron fines

mixed with water to a distant steel industry.

The company is digging pits along the

an industrial unit, a report said.

ing to blockage of its water flow.

asked to sanction additional funds if need be. The sanctioned fund is meant for renovation of the schools, con-

Kumar Sasmal, president of man-

aging committee of Nuagaon High

School, filed a complaint citing the

issue at a recent public hearing camp

state are providing free uniforms, text

books and midday meals to attract the

students to the schools. The state gov-

ernment has gone two steps ahead by pro-

viding a better environment for study

in the school premises and upgrading

the classrooms to smart classrooms. As

part of this move, the state government

is providing ₹35 lakh to the schools iden-

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scheme. The panchavats have also been

The governments at the Centre and

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ficer (ADEO) of Nayagarh district said steps are being taken for construction of additional classrooms.

date of release order along with RC Transfer in to their name Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India Place: Bhubaneswar, Date:28.06.2022

Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) **Ministry of Jal Shakti Government of India PUBLIC NOTICE No. 3/2022**

Kind Attention: All Ground Water Users Including Drinking&domesticuseforResidentialApartments / Group Housing Societies / Government Water Supply Agencies in urban areas Bulk water supplier / Industrial / Infrastructure / Mining Projects / Swimming Pool.

All the above ground water users whether existing or new, are required to take permission for ground water withdrawal from CGWA. latest by 30.06.2022. All existing users are hereby given one-time opportunity to register their ground water withdrawal by 30.06.2022 with paying registration fee of Rs.10,000 for submission of the complete Application before 30.09.2022. Strict action shall be initiated against the users who continue to withdraw ground water without seeking NOC from CGWA and such ground water withdrawal will be considered as illegal. Please log on to https://cgwa-noc.gov.in for further details.

> Chairman 10.04.2022

roads from Joda upto Kalimati via Bamebari. Due to this, electricity transmission and water supply in the town have been disrupted. Internet service is being affected too. Even worse, half-filed pits and open pits at many places are accumulating rainwater, causing inconvenience to locals.

Machines were engaged and pits were dug up in the river bed Monday. The digging has polluted the water as a result of which lakhs of people depending on it are now facing problems.

"After digging of pits in the river, water flow has been affected. Its water has become unfit for use and consumption," rued locals like Fasan Ali, Gourang Behera and Sumant Giri. They feared that if the slurry pipeline cracks in future, it will completely contaminate the water and people will suffer.

The Joda municipality authorities have somehow failed to pay attention to this hazard. Manas Das, a local intellectual, said that the riverbed digging should be avoided in the monsoon in view of possible contamination.

The slurry pipeline, passing through the town and human settlements, will pose a threat to people if and when it bursts and spills out wet minerals.

On the other hand, mineral transport through slurry pipeline would severely affect transportation through trucks and lakhs of transporters will be affected, Das added.

Sushant Kumar Barik, secretary of Joda Truck Owners' Association, said that the association has been opposing the slurry pipeline. The pipeline passing through rivers, creeks and drains will create a lot of mess in days to come, he added.

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bent President Ram Nath

Kovind is going to expire July 25, 2022, and

the election for the 15th Presidential

post will take place July 18. The con-

testants are Droupadi Murmu of

the BJP-led NDA and Yashwant

Sinha of the Opposition. Droupadi

Murmu, hailing from a humble

Scheduled Tribe family in

Mayurbhani district of Odisha.

has proved her personal integrity,

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MLA, a minister in Odisha and

then as the Governor of

The BJD of Odisha, the YSR

Congress of Andhra Pradesh and

the AIADMK of Tamil Nadu have

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We have adopted the British or

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our President is just like the British

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the Head of State of Britain is the

hereditary Monarch, but our Head

of State, the President, is elected

by an electoral college which is

composed of the elected members

of the Parliament and all State

If we literally go through the

Constitution, we find the President

to be omnipotent. She (I prefer the

feminine pronoun) is the Head of

the State, the Head of the Executive

and Legislature, the Supreme

Commander of the Armed Forces

and even the apex judicial body

which can reverse judgments of

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The Prime Minister and her

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In the middle of an ocean on board a ship, one can get a sense of vastness.

SRI AUROBINDO

Strategic Competition

or more than three decades, the global economy was defined by unbridled 🚽 integration and unprecedented interdependence. Neither political spats nor localised wars could slow the globalisation train. Markets were markets, business was business, and multinational firms became more multinational. Not anymore.

In this new era of strategic competition between China and the West, disengagement is the order of the day. While this trend will impede economic growth, increase business costs (via supply-chain restructuring), and raise prices for everyone, the economy that loses the most may well be China's.

The People's Republic would not be where it is today without globalisation. International trade, investment, and capital-market access drove economic growth, while knowledge transfer - aided by engagement among students, scientists, and scholars - enabled technological leveling-up.

Ties with the outside world also forced China to introduce a legal system capable of establishing and enforcing contract and intellectual-property law. And the expansion of China's economic

might enabled the country increasingly to project power abroad.

But, in recent years, the openness that underpinned globalisation – the "rising tide that lifted all boats" - has given way to a geopolitically focused, zero-sum mindset. International commerce and finance have increasingly been shaped by national-security considerations. Export controls, the blacklisting of companies, and restrictions on market access in sensitive sectors, such as certain cutting-edge technologies, have become commonplace.

The Sino-American rivalry has reflected and accelerated this shift. The United States has targeted China with a variety of measures including restrictions on imports, exports, and investment - and added dozens of Chinese companies to its so-called Entity List. Other countries have also increased their scrutiny of Chinese investment and restricted certain types of commercial exchanges with China Sanctions over China's human-rights abuses in Xinjiang and Hong Kong have been introduced as well.

China might not have initiated the disengagement process, but it seems committed to seeing it through. In refusing to condemn Russia's war on Ukraine, its leaders made clear that, in their view, the US - and the West more broadly - is in terminal decline, and now is the time to challenge the existing world order. Beyond retaliatory sanctions and tariffs,

China has been ramping up its efforts to become self-reliant in advanced technology and science, through highly state-centric and protectionist industrial policies. Its goal is to "sanction-proof" its economy, especially by de-Americanising its supply chains.

The extent to which this is possible is impossible to know precisely. But China's efforts to achieve self-reliance will certainly not succeed across the board. As The Economist reported in February, China is struggling the most in areas where supply chains are longer and more complex, such as mRNA vaccines, agrochemicals, computer operating systems, and payments systems

In semiconductors, China remains dependent on foreign suppliers, despite government investment worth tens of billions of dollars. China has similarly failed to break its foreign dependency in aerospace and automobiles. And its efforts to develop a renminbi-based alternative to US-dollar-based finance and payments systems have yet to gain traction.

But China's bid for self-reliance might not only fail; it could backfire. As The Economist report also pointed out, when Chinese companies are cut off from foreign competition and expertise, their capabilities are stunted.

Despite the unfavorable economic consequences, we should expect geopolitics-driven disengagement to continue. China will try to build an alternative financial infrastructure, and the US will delist Chinese firms from its stock exchanges. The US Congress is already reportedly considering legis

George Magnus

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Jayakrishna Sahu

IF WE LITERALLY GO THROUGH

THE CONSTITUTION, **WE FIND THE PRESIDENT TO BE OMNIPOTENT**



The original Article 74 mentioned: "(1) There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President in the exercise of his functions." This ambiguity was so glaring that it caused a rift between the first President of India Dr Rajendra Prasad and the first Prime Minister Pt

Jawaharlal Nehru – two most prominent among Constitution-makers

Republic of India (1951) had expressed that by abusing the powers conferred on him by the Constitution, the President might turn into a dictator.

In the original Constitution nowhere was it mentioned that the President shall be bound to act according to the advice of the Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head. The original Article 74 mentioned: "(1) There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President in the exercise of his functions." This ambiguity was so glaring that it caused a rift between the first President of India Dr Rajendra Prasad and the first Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru – two most prominent among Constitution-makers.

After the first general elections, there were serious differences between Pt Nehru and Dr Prasad on the Hindu Code Bill. Dr Prasad was determined not to give assent to this Bill. Pt Nehru consulted the then Attorney General Motilal Setalvad, and the latter opined that the President was bound to act according to the advice of the Council of Ministers. But Dr Prasad did not agree with the interpretation of Article 74 by the AG, and even asserted that he knew very well that the intention of the framers of the Constitution was not like this and he knew it well as he was also the President of the Constituent Assembly.

Dr Prasad argued: "There is no provision in the Constitution. which in so many words, lays down that the President shall be bound to act in accordance with the advice of Council of Ministers. The Indian President was not akin to the puppet British Monarch, because he was elected by all the elected representatives of the nation." Dr Prasad was actually right. There was a fierce debate over this issue at that time and eminent constitutional experts like

> and Justice K Subba Rao supported Dr Prasad's stand. This glaring ambiguity of the Constitution over the actual position of the President was cleared only after the 42nd Amendment of the Constitution made in 1977, after which Article 74 (1) mentioned: "There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President who shall, in the exercise of his functions, act in accordance with such advice. [Provided that the President may require the Council of Ministers to reconsider such advice, either generally or otherwise, and the President shall act in accordance with the advice tendered after such reconsideration].

KM Munshi, Justice PB Mukherjee

President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, however, degraded the status of the President to a mere puppet and a rubber stamp by obeying the dictate of the then PM Indira Gandhi and signing the promulgation of National Emergency in the mid-night of June 25, 1975 even without questioning its necessity and constitutional validity. He had proved that the Indian President's stature was nothing bet ter than a Golden Zero. Thus President Ahmed knowingly or ignorantly collaborated with Indira Gandhi's sin of dawning the dark est era of Indian democracy

When Giani Zail Singh was se lected as the Presidential candidate in 1982, the sycophantic Singh declared publicly and very shamelessly that he would sweep the courtyard of Indira Gandhi if she asked him to do so! Prime Minister Indira Gandhi looked at President Singh so contemptuously that she even did not inform him about such a serious decision like the Operation Blue Star under which the Army took over the Golden Temple after a bloody battle. Zail Singh has mentioned this in his Memoirs of Giani Zail Singh.

Some Presidents have given up both the extremes of Dr Rajendra Prasad and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, and seemed to have preferred the middle path. In 1979, President N Sanjiva Reddy defied the advice of the then PM Morarjee Desai to dissolve the Lok Sabha after the latter had lost confidence of the House, and appointed Chaudhary Charan Singh as the PM. In 1990, President R Venkatraman discarded the advice of Prime Minister VP Singh who advised dissolution of Lok Sabha after losing majority in the House, and Venkataraman appointed Chandrasekhar as the Prime Minister: In 1998, President KR Narayannan provided opportunity to Atal Behari Vajpayee to form the government despite the fact that though the BJP was the single largest party in the Lok Sabha, it had no strength to form the government.

Thus the Indian President may not be de facto head of the Executive like the American President, she may be bound to exercise her vast constitutional powers only through the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, but she is certainly not similar to the British Monarch who is nothing but a Golden Zero or a rubber stamp. She can rise to the occasion and act independently when circumstances demand, for the sake of national interest and democracy.

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lation to restrict or prohibit US foreign direct investment abroad in several sensitive sectors, much as it does to Chinese investment in the US. Trade measures aimed at diversifying supply chains and ensuring supplies of critical inputs, such as rare earths, are also to be expected.

As disengagement progresses, many critical sectors - such as the internet - will likely split into two distinct blocs, each with its own rules and standards. The divide in digital standards, data management and usage provisions, and network equipment and telecommunications services will grow. Market-access restrictions and new approval and licensing requirements will proliferate. These changes will come at a time when China is already grappling with several serious challenges, including unfavourable demographics, a weak property market, an over-extended banking sector, stalled productivity, politicised governance, and the consequences of its zero-COVID policy. China's economic "miracle" seems to be well past its peak. Annual economic growth could well drop to 2-3% in the coming years, meaning that the official goal of doubling per capita income and GDP between 2020 and 2035 would not be realised.

This slowdown will have far-reaching consequences. For starters, China's ability to compete with the US will be compromised. China's economy might never overtake America's, especially if the renminbi's value falls by 20-25% over the next few years.

Moreover, prices for commodities - especially those that are key to China's housing and construction sector - will decline. While the higher costs of newer, more regional supply chains will generate inflationary pressures, weaker Chinese demand and a cheaper renminbi will reduce them.

Foreign investment flows into China will decline, with funding increasingly allocated to other Asian countries or emerging markets. While China will not become "uninvestable" (as long as military conflict does not break out), international investors will keep their China portfolios underweight. Though the renminbi will enjoy a status on par with the Japanese yen, the British pound, and the Canadian dollar, it will not come close to displacing the US dollar. Chinese President Xi Jinping has staked his government's legitimacy on China's continued prosperity. But that is becoming increasingly difficult to deliver – and disengagement is an important reason why.

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WORDS**WORTH**

Toxicogenomics

his is a scientific sub-discipline that combines toxicology (the study of the nature and effects of poisons) with genomics (the investigation of the way that our genetic make-up, the genome, translates into biological functions). It has come into being only in the past couple of years. It has been made possible through an investigative technique using microarrays (also called DNA chips), which contain many hundreds or thousands of short DNA strands, each in its own compartment. By washing a solution of a substance over the whole chip at once, the section of DNA affected can be made to fluoresce, so indicating which genes are turned on by the substance and so suggesting its likely effect on the body (in the jargon of the business, taken from computing, the chips are massively parallel discovery processes). It may soon be possible to include the whole human genome on such a chip and so test all of it at once for possible adverse effects.



IN JEST THIS

IN ANCIENT TIMES. PEOPLE DID A LOT OF RUNNING. **BUT THESE DAYS. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE RUNNING, THEY ARE PROBABLY DOING IT** FOR SPORT. **EXERCISE OR TO ESCAPE A DOG**

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et's assume that you own a car and drive it everywhere. ✓ It's very convenient, isn't it? Just start it, push the pedal and steer yourself to your destination, being careful not to run over anyone. But the rising cost of petrol has made you think about alternative modes of transportation. Are there cheaper ways of getting around that allow you to show the finger to OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)? Well, let me help you decide if any of these options are suitable for you.

1. Walking. This is something that you probably did in the past and something you can definitely relearn. Don't be afraid to try it again. Just keep putting one foot in front of the other until you arrive at your destination. Walking may seem like an inefficient way of getting from Point A to Point B, but many people are quite good at it. In 2012, a Chinese man named Chen Ding took a brisk walk around London when he suddenly heard a

lot of cheering. Unbeknownst to him, the Olympics were taking place and he had won a gold medal in walking. He was a hit on Chinese social media: the name Chen Ding was trending and subjected to much friending.

Save money: Consider other options for travel

2. Running. In ancient times, people did a lot of running. But these days, if you see someone running, they are probably doing it for sport, exercise or to escape a dog. Politicians do run for office, but neverto the office. Many people run to do some catching: catch a bus, catch a train or catch a thief. I do not recommend running after thieves, but I do recommend running in general, as long as your doctor says it's okay and you are under the age of 100. Even 111year-old Fauja Singh, the great British Sikh marathoner, limits himself these days to running a hot bath.

3. Wheels under your feet. Many youngsters, particularly in the Western world, move around by putting wheels under their feet.

Rollerblades and skateboards are self-propelled, while electric hoverboards and scooters use batteries to propel their users forward. If you enjoy balancing yourself on wheels, one of these contraptions may be perfect for you, but please wear a helmet and please look up now and then from your cellphone.

4. Cycling. My favourite way to balance on wheels is the bicycle. It's a great way to move around, get exercise and help the environment. If you don't like to walk or run, you can at least run a few errands with your bicycle.

5. Two-wheelers. Motorbikes and scooters are quite popular in India and other parts of the world. If you're trying to save money on petrol, a motorbike is a good option, but safety is important. Before putting your wife and five children on vour motorbike, make sure they're all wearing helmets.

6. Public transportation. Unless you are very lucky, the bus will not stop right in front of your house

-and neither will the train. You may have to do a little bit of walking or running. Using public transportation is the ultimate ridesharing programme. It saves you money, helps reduce pollution, and allows you to travel with strangers. Travelling with strangers can be quite pleasant, as long as their hands don't travel too close to you or your belongings.

7. Taxis, auto-rickshaws and ride-hailing. These are good options for occasional trips, but not daily commutes. You'd be paying for the fuel as well as the driver. One benefit, however, is that you'd be able to do a little work or reading during the trip. You may even be able to take a nap, if you can get the driver to stop honking.

8. Horse-drawn carriage or bullock cart. If you live in a rural area, this might be an option for you. But if you're complaining about the price of petrol, just wait until you see what people are paying these days for hay. Trust me, OPEC isn't quite as greedy as OHEC.

Success of Bangladesh

Sir, The Padma Bridge inaugurated by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is the country's biggest development project since the country's birth in 1971. It symbolises the country's transition from a poor country to a progressing one and it substantiates Hasina's commitment to the welfare of the public and development of the country. The bridge will definitely boost Bangladesh's development and it connects India directly to Dhaka. It is expected to impact the lives of 30 million people of the country. What is so special about the bridge is that it was built entirely with domestic financing. It is a symbol of the country's capacity, strength and dignity. Over the years, Bangladesh has made significant progress in different sectors. Industrialisation, decrease in poverty, improvement in human development, measures for gender equality, empowerment of women - all these achievements have changed the country. The opening of the Padma Bridge signifies the country's economic development. Bangladesh is smaller than India. On the other hand, the country is ahead of India in different domains of development. India must take a leaf out of Bangladesh and take measures for the overall progress of the country. One may argue that a construction of a bridge is only a small part of progress. However, the country's index of development substantiates the progress it has made. The success of Bangladesh shows that by focusing on infrastructure, education, gender equality, manufacturing and exports, a country can make great progress. Venu GS, KOLLAM (KERALA)

Attack on women's rights

Sir, The US Supreme Court overturning the 1973 landmark Roe v. Wade abortion right is nothing less than a sweeping and politically driven judgment which will have life-altering and life-threatening consequences for American women who can become pregnant. The decision is a vicious attack on women's rights and the effects of which will be immediate and far-reaching. Forcing a woman to carry a pregnancy and give birth against her wishes will have devastating impact - derailing her life, education and her career plans, and assigning her a future which she probably would never envision for herself. The SC's ruling will also lead to miscarriages being subject to suspicion, investigation, and arrest, and could lead patients and doctors being thrown to jail. Also the burdens will disproportionately fall on women of colour, those who struggle to make ends meet, and people with disabilities.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI





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Appalled that standing with the victims has been criminalised and asking for justice is equated with hatching conspiracies MEHBOOBA MUFTI PDP CHIEF

OUP STUDY INFO

As many as 54 per cent of people in India turn to social media when looking for factual information, according to a global study by Oxford University Press (OUP)



4 dead as ONGC chopper 💓 falls into sea off Mumbai



No need to respond to allegations every time, my life open book before

public

When we contest ar election. we contest to win. When there are two candidates, both cannot win. The situation is different for each candidate. This contest is about principles. We have selected Yashwant Sinha as our common candidate and it is our responsibility to make every effort to ensure his victory. Whatever be the result, we can talk about it later

SHARAD PAWAR NCP CHIEF

What right does Jagar have to sel lands in Amaravati when he has not laid a single brick for the capital development?

How is the government expecting to get ₹10 crore an acre when the YSR Congress leaders termed Amaravati a 'smasaanam' (grave yard)?

N CHANDRABABU NAIDU TELUGU DESAM CHIEF

SHORT TAKES

Senior officials to inspect train toilets

New Delhi: Stung by complaints of overflowing and stinking toilets, the Railways has now deployed its senior officials to personally inspect trains across the country and find its "root cause", officials said Tuesday. The second phase will likely involve deploying Railway Board level officials to travel in 3AC coaches of trains for 24 hours to experience the problems faced by passengers, they said. Over the last three days, 544 inspections have already been completed by senior officials, who are usually the signing authority for such inspections which are carried out by their juniors.

📕 Woman killed, 3



Rescue operation underway after an

ONGC helicopter carrying nine

persons, including two pilots, fell into

the Arabian Sea off the Mumbai coast.

Four people were unconscious and

were airlifted in a Navy chopper to a

hospital in Mumbai, where they were

declared dead, according to officials

the landing zone on the rig, it went

PTI PHOTO

New Delhi/Mumbai, June 28:

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A brand new Pawan Hans' Sikorsky chopper with 9 people on board crashed into the Arabian Sea, about 50 nautical miles from the Mumbai coast on Tuesday, killing four people -- including three ONGC employees

The helicopter, which was part of the six Sikorsky S-76D helicopters that Pawan Hans had recently leased from Milestone Aviation Group, was about 4-5 minutes away from its destination - ONGC's Sagar Kiran rig-when the incident took place, company officials with direct knowledge of the matter said.

The chopper went down around 11:45 hrs, just 1 nautical mile away from Sagar Kiran, but managed to stay afloat with the help of the attached floaters, helping rescuers pull out all the nine, including two pilots, after ONGC and Navy/Coast Guard scrambled in one of the fastest rescue missions in the western offshore

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The fourth person belongs to a contractor working for ONGC. The

WERE UNCONSCIOUS AND AIRLIFTED IN A NAVY CHOPPER TO A HOSPITAL IN MUMBAI, WHERE THEY WERE DECLARED DEAD, AN OFFICIAL SAID

OFFICIALS SAID ONGC HAS ALREADY INSTITUTED AN INOURY INTO THE INCIDENT. THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION IS ALSO LIKELY TO ORDER A SEPARATE INQUIRY

It, however, managed to stay afloat with floaters fitted on such helicopters going offshore. "What we don't know is if the helicopter toppled during the float," an official said. On first information, ONGC and Navy scrambled vessels for the rescue

A high-speed boat from Sagar Kiran rig was first to reach the spot. In a matter of 90-100 minutes, all personnel were pulled out. While vessel Malviya-16 rescued four persons, one person was pulled out by rescue boat from Sagar Kiran rig. Navy choppers airlifted four unconscious persons to hospitals in Mumbai, the official said. The helicopter sank soon after.

A multi-support vessel (MSV) is already at the spot, trying to salvage the helicopter wreckage, he said, adding divers too are at the spot. ONGC has key oil and gas fields off the Mumbai coast and Pawan Hans helicopters routinely ferry company employees and officers to the oil installations that are situated as far as 160 kilometres from the coastline.

dead along LoC

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, June 28: Two persons were shot dead by the army after they were found moving suspiciously along the Line of Control (LoC) in J&K's Kupwara district Tuesday, police said.

Police sources said the two, moving suspiciously along the LoC in Keran sector of Kupwara, were noticed by the alert army troops and challenged. However, at this, the troops came under fire from the other side of the border fence and retaliated, a source said. Subsequently, searches were conducted and two persons found dead on the Indian side of the LoC, the



Artistes perform a traditional folk dance of Chamba during the Shimla Book Fair at Ridge in Shimla

Uddhav appeals to 60 MAOISTS rebel MLAs to return

BJP in action mode

MUMBAI: After waiting in the wings in the over week-long political drama sparked off by Shiv Sena minister Eknath Shinde's rebellion, BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis Tuesday night met Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, and requested him to ask the Uddhav Thackeray government to prove its majority in the Assembly. Fadnavis claimed that the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress coalition government seemed to be in minority as 39 Sena MLAs who belong to the Shinde faction have said they do not support the government. "Therefore, we handed over a letter to the Governor, requesting him to ask the government to prove its majority through a floor test in the House," he said. Before meeting the Governor around 10 pm, Fadnavis met top BJP leaders in Delhi earlier in the day. According to sources, before Fadnavis landed at the Raj Bhavan here, eight Independent MLAs, who were earlier associated with the Shiv Sena, sent emails from Guwahat -- where the rebel group headed PTI PHOTO

SURRENDER INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE Visakhapatnam, June 28: In a major blow to the Maoist movement in Andhra Pradesh, the state police arrested a top Maoist leader, which resulted in the surrender

of 60 cadres. Communist Party of India-Maoist leader Vanthala Ramakrishna was arrested in Alluri Sitharamaraju district, dealing a big blow to the banned outfit in Andhra-Odisha Border (AOB) region.

Ramakrishna alias Prabhakar alias Goddali Rayudu was the Area Committee Secretary (ACS) of Paddeabayalu-Korukonda area. Following their leader's arrest, 33 party members of the Korukonda Area Committee and 27 militia members surrendered before the police.

According to police, the Maoist leader carried a reward of ₹5 Lakh. Police seized ₹39 lakh cash, a mine weighing 5 kg, five detonators, a 9 mm pistol with 9 rounds and Maoist party literature from him.

Director General of Police K.V. Rajendranath Reddy said that the surrenders displays the weaken-_ ing base of Maoists due to the developmental activities taken up by the government and people are vexed with the outdated ideology of the rebels. He appealed to all Maoist cadres to surrender and join the mainstream to lead normal life and also to avail the benefits of 'surrender and rehabilitation policy' of the government.



down into the sea

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, June 28: The ED has issued fresh summons to Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut asking him to appear on July 1 for his questioning in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the redevelopment of a Mumbai 'chawl' and related financial property transactions involving his wife

and alleged associates, officials said Tuesday

Two men shot



AGENCIES

Mumbai/New Delhi/Guwahati, June 28: Reaching out to dissident Shiv Sena MLAs once again, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray Tuesday urged them to return to Mumbai and hold talks with him, saying it's not "too late", but rebel leader Eknath Shinde remained unmoved and asserted the legislators backing him are firm on taking forward Hindutva.

As the political crisis gripping the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, triggered by cabinet minister Shinde's revolt, entered the eighth day, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut ratcheted up the rhetoric against the rebels, warning those who have betrayed the party leadership should not be able to move

hurt in landslide

Itanagar: A 36-year-old woman was killed and three others injured as a massive landslide buried their house in Arunachal Pradesh's Naharlagun area Tuesday, officials said. The incident happened in Takar Colony, District Disaster Management Officer (DDMO) Moromi Sonam said. The deceased has been identified as Sangio Yapa. Three persons including a two-year-old child, were rescued from the debris. she said. With this, the toll in rain-related incidents since April rose to 13

Tripura CM skips oath ceremony

Agartala: Three newlyelected MLAs of Tripura took oath Tuesday, but Chief Minister Manik Saha who also won the June 23 by-election to become a legislator was not sworn in by the Speaker. **Congress's Sudip Roy** Barman, who won the Agartala seat, and BJP's Mailna Das (Jubarajnagar) and Swapna Das (Surma) were sworn in as MLAs by Speaker Ratan Chakraborty at the assembly's lobby.

Woman kills son

Vadodara: A woman and her paramour were detained by the Vadodara police Tuesday for allegedly killing the sixyear-old son of the woman. The crime took place in Pasva village of Savli taluka in Central Gujarat. Complainant Mukesh Parmar stated that his wife Sumitra had been in a relationship with one Kisan Rawal for more than a year. "On Sunday, I had gone to market to buy groceries when Rawal came to my house. The neighbours caught him red handed with my wife," he stated.

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official commitments SHIV SENA MP and a meeting he was supposed to attend

at Alibaug in Raigad district of the state. His lawyers met **Enforcement Directorate officials** in Mumbai on Tuesday and sought about two-weeks time for his appearance but the agency gave him relief only till this month-end.

"The ED summons was served late Monday afternoon, so we made an application to seek time because the ED has demanded a few documents." Raut's lawyer told reporters after meeting agency officials at their regional office in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area.

vear-old Raut and record his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The development comes

The agency wants

to question the 60-

as the Shiv Sena battles rebellion from a group of its MLAs, putting a question mark on the future of Maharashtra's Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. Rebel Shiv Sena legislators, who were first taken to Surat, are now camping in Guwahati.

Raut held a press conference in the morning and said he "will go" to the ED the moment he got free. "I am a lawmaker. I know the law. Even if the law implementing agencies are working in the wrong way, I am a law-abiding person," he said.



"Four AK-47 rifles, eight maga zines, and two packets containing narcotics were recovered from the slain persons, while two more AK-47 rifles with magazines and four grenades were found on the other side of the border fence.

"The slain persons have been identified as Shamsuddin Beigh and Majid Chechi, who, it is believed, had come to receive the consignment of arms, ammunition and narcotics to help infiltration by terrorists in the area." the source said.

around freely.

Striking a reconciliatory note a day after taking away the portfolios of all nine rebel Shiv Sena ministers and against the backdrop of the Supreme Court granting relief to breakaway MLAs, Thackeray, who is also his party's president, appealed to the dissidents camping in Guwahati to return to Mumbai and talk to him.

Thackeray's offer to mend fences comes against the backdrop of controversial statements made by some Shiv Sena leaders, especially Raut whose "40 bodies without soul" statement had caused a flutter. "It is not too late. I appeal to you to return and sit with me and remove the confusion (created by your actions) among Shiv Sainiks and the public," a statement by Thackeray's aide quoted him as saying.

"If you return and face me, some way could be found. As the

floor test at the earliest claiming that Thackeray government has lost its majority.

by Shinde is camping -- seeking

party president and family head, I still care for you," he said. Thackeray said family members of some rebel MLAs camping in Guwahati are in touch with him. "You have been stuck in Guwahati for the last few days. New information is coming out about you every day, and many of you are also in touch. In your heart, you are still with the Shiv Sena," he said. manded that the Shiv Sena walk out

The dissident camp has deof the MVA, which also consists of the Congress and the NCP, patch up with its estranged ally, BJP. Rebel leader Shinde said he will soon return to Mumbai, and rubbished the Sena's claim that as many as 20 MLAs of his group are in touch with the Uddhav Thackeray-led party.

25 students injured

Gangtok/Ranchi: Twenty-five

college students from Ranchi were injured when their bus overturned in East Sikkim Tuesday, police said. The students of St Xavier's College in Jharkhand's Ranchi were on an excursion to Sikkim, they said. When they were returning to Siliguri in West Bengal on their way to Ranchi, their bus overturned at 7th Mile in Ranipool police station area, police said. The driver of the bus, registered in West Bengal, lost control of the vehicle due to rash driving, they said. The injured students were admitted to the Central Referral Hospital (CRH) at Tadong

Modi's gifts to Biden, Boris, Trudeau at G7 MODI GIFTED BLACK POTTERY PIECES, WHICH ARE FROM NIZAMABAD IN UTTAR PRADESH, TO THE JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER AND PLATINUM-PAINTED TEA SET WITH WORK DONE BY HAND TO HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 28: For foreign dignitaries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often chosen gifts that showcase India's rich cultural and artistic traditions, and it was no different this time as he picked a variety of products for the heads of governments at the

G7 Summit. It was distinct artistic products identified with different regions of Uttar Pradesh and other states which featured heavily in his choices, with the US president receiving Gulabi Meenakari, a GItagged artform of Varanasi, cufflink set and brooch and the German chancellor getting metal marodicarving matka, considered a masterpiece from Moradabad, official

sources said on Tuesday. Modi gifted black pottery pieces,

which are from Nizamabad in Uttar Pradesh, to the Japan's Prime Minister and platinum-painted tea set with work done by hand to his British counterpart, they said.

He gifted ittar (perfume derived from natural sources) bottles in zardozi box, crafted in Lucknow, to the French president and marble inlay, roots in Agra, table top to the Italian prime minister.

Noting that the tradition of handweaving is passed down from mother to daughter in Senegal, sources said Modi chose moonj baskets and cotton durries (heavy run) for the country's president. The practice is considered a vehicle for cultural expression and family livelihood driven by strong



women, the sources said, adding the products have origin in UP's Prayagraj, Sultanpur and Amethi districts

With Ramayana tradition an enduring part of Indonesian culture, Modi gifted lacquerware "Ram Durbar" to its president. The GI tagged lacquerware art-form has its roots in the temple town of Varanasi, which is incidentally the constituency Modi represents in the Lok Sabha.

The prime minister gifted handknotted silk carpet, a signature product from Kashmir, to his

Canadian counterpart, the sources said. Dokra arts with Ramayana and Nandi themes were his gifts of choice for the South African and Argentinian presidents, respectively.

Dokra Art is a non-ferrous metal casting art using the lost-wax casting technique, and it has been in India for over 4,000 years, they said, adding both products are from Chhattisgarh. Modi on Tuesday left for the UAE after attending a productive G7 Summit in Germany and interacting with several world leaders

Sharing details of these different artworks, official sources noted that in Gulabi Meenakari, a piece of pure silver is moulded into a base form and the chosen design is embossed on the metal. The embossed shapes are then filled with great dexterity with crushed meena glass mixed with an intriguing natural anardana (pomegranate seeds) glue. This is then fired to transform into a translucent coloured patch.

What distinguishes it from other meenakari is the layer of white meena which acts as an opaque canvas for hand-painted motifs, they said, adding that they primarily use the colour pink (Gulabi), which lends its name to the craft. The cufflinks were prepared for

US President Joe Biden with a matching brooch for his wife, the sources said. The ittar-carrying zari zardozi box has been hand embroidered on khadi silk and satin tissue in colours of the French flag, they said.













Zubair held for being 'evasive, uncooperative'

AGENCIES

New Delhi, June 28: Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair was arrested as he was not at all being cooperative with the police in the investigation of a case registered against him, a senior Delhi Police official said Tuesday.

Zubair came into major limelight after he posted BJP's now suspended spokesperson Nupur Sharma's controversial comment on Prophet Mohammed. He was arrested Monday for his objectionable tweets which he had posted in 2018.

After his arrest, the police said he was not cooperating with the investigation. "We had served him a notice under section 41 A of the CrPC, but he was evasive and not cooperating in the investigation. the official told media.

The official said that Zubair was "evasive on the questions" and neither provided the necessary technical equipment for the purpose of the investigation nor cooperated in the investigation.

"During investigation, the conduct of Mohammed Zubair was found questionable, which warranted his custodial interrogation to unravel the conspiracy in this matter," the official added.

The official said that the counsel for the accused Mohammed Zubair moved application for grant of bail, however, the same was heard at length and not finding the merits, the bail was ultimately declined.

The 33-year-old fact-checker is currently under police custody and is being interrogated over one of his objectionable tweets which he had posted in 2018. After Zubair's tweet, his followers on social media entities had amplified and created a series of debates and hate mongering in the thread. "He was examined in this separate case and his role was found objec-

tionable," the official said. The police have charged Zubair with Indian Penal Code sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of re-ligion, race, place of birth, resi-

Bangalore to host

9 meets related to

G20 Summit: CM



Zubair being taken to Patiala House Courts in New Delhi, Tuesday

dence) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs)

Sources revealed that the tweet for which Zubair is being questioned is 4 years old. In the said tweet, accused Zubair had used a screengrab of an old Hindi movie which showed an image of a hotel, with its board reading 'Hanuman hotel' instead of 'Honeymoon hotel'. In his tweet, Zubair had written, "BEFORE 2014: Honeymoon Hotel. After 2014:

Hanuman Hotel". Meanwhile, the Opposition left no chance to train guns at the present dispensation and accused them of curbing free speech and targeting those who are exposing the BJP.

"Every person exposing BJP's hate, bigotry and lies is a threat to them. Arresting one voice of truth will only give rise to a thousand more. Truth ALWAYS triumphs over tyranny," tweeted Rahul

Senior Congress leader Jairan Ramesh said that Altnews and Zubair have been in the forefront of exposing the "bogus claims of the Vishguru", who has struck back with a vengeance characteristic of him. "Delhi Police, reporting to the Union Home Minister, has long lost any pretensions of professionalism and independence," he said.

Pertinent to mention here that Zubair was the first person to share former BJP leader Nupur Sharma's alleged remarks against Prophet Mohammed during a TV debate.

The controversial statement made by Nupur Sharma set off an international furore. Several Muslim nations, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Indonesia and Iran, as well as the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation officially protested their statements and demanded an apology.

Following the uproar, the BJP suspended Sharma and another leader Naveen Kumar Jindal who had also made insulting comments against Prophet Muhammad on social media.

'Can meet counsel for 30 mins once a day'

NEW DELHI: Mohammed Zubair has been allowed by a court here to meet his counsel once a day for half an hour in police custody for providing legal assistance, a senior police official said. His counsel had moved an application for bail, however, the same was heard at length, and after not finding the merits, the bail was ultimately declined. "However, the court allowed the plea of counsel of accused Mohammad Zubair to meet him once in a day for half an hour in police custody for providing the legal assistance," said the official.

However, soon after her comments, Sharma was targeted on social media and received thousands of death threats following which the police provided a secu rity cover to her.

She had lodged a complaint with the Delhi Police May 27 alleging that she had been receiving death threats and was a target of hatred.

Setback to BJP in K'taka as minister rakes up demand for separate state



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, June 28: In a major embarrasment to the BJP government in Karnataka, the state Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Umesh Katti's recent statements demanding a separate state for north Karnataka has reignited the debate over regional divide in the southern state. To the chagrin of BJP leaders. who are handling social unrest in the state, textbook revision row, pressure from party insiders to expand the Cabinet, such repeated

Though, raising demand for a separate state has

statements by Katti over separate

led to a massive setback for the BJP government since Chief

Minister Basavaraj Bommai hails from north Karnataka, the party is addressing the issue

statehood for north Karnataka has put the party in a fix.

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike State General Secretary, B Sannerappa, told IANS that such divisive comments are being made by a cabinet minister in the Karnataka government. North Karnataka is a BJP bastion and stronghold of the Lingavat community which is considered a core vote bank of the saffron party.

Silence is acceptance. We are observing the development seriously. If the statements

from other sections of the society are dividing Karnataka, we will take necessary action to stop this

debate B SANNERAPPA | STATE GENERAL SECRETARY, KARNATAKA RAKSHANA VEDIKE

Mysuru Peta and stressed that there is need for a separate state and the people must be prepared for it. BJP Ministers, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, have criticised Umesh Katti for his statements.

However, the ruling BJP government is in a fix as remarks calling for the division of state are coming in an election year.

Though, the saffron party has warned Katti not to raise this issue, the latter has refused to budge from his political stand.

In the latest remark, the Minister has said that there is a proposal before the Central government to create 50 states out of 28

Asked to explain his statements, Umesh Katti said that his statements have been misquoted while adding that smaller states are better in terms of administration.

Katti has been elected from Hukkeri constituency in Belagavi district for the eighth consecutive time. He lost only once in 2004 since 1985 and has been calling for a separate statehood since a long time. Earlier, he had said that he would become the Chief Minister of the new state that will be carved out from Karnataka. However, now he has said that he won't become the Chief Minister of the new state. Though, raising demand for a separate state has led to a massive setback for the BJP government since Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai hails from north Karnataka, the party is addressing the issue. The successive governments in Karnataka have neglected the development of north Karnataka as the people of north Karnataka complain of focus on the southern part of the state. The Central government has given special status for Hyderabad-Karnataka region under Article 371 J.

Those silent on Ketaki Chitale have no moral, legal right to condemn Zubair's arrest: BJP

NEW DELHI: As voices were raised against the arrest of Mohammed Zubair, the BJP Tuesday questioned their silence on the arrest of Ketaki Chitale.

Gandhi soon after the news of fact-

checker's arrest broke out.

The BJP said that 'they have neither moral nor legal rights to condemn Zubair's arrest'.

BJP national general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh tweeted. "Those who were conveniently silent on month long arrest of #KetakiChitale have neither moral nor legal rights to condemn #zubair arrest. Your selective ness robs you off any small window

you had. Sleep peacefully.' Marathi actor Ketaki Chitale was arrested last month for al-Last week she was granted bail. She

legedly sharing a defamatory post against NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

in various districts in Maharashtra.

Justice Satish Chandra Sharma takes oath as Delhi HC Chief Justice

the Acting Chief Justice of the

Delhi High Court before the ap-

pointment of Sharma, was trans-

ferred as the Chief Justice of

Sharma was born November 30,

1961, in Bhopal. He graduated as the

topper of the LL.B. degree in 1984

with three gold medals from Hari

Uttarakhand High Court.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, June 28: Justice Satish Chandra Sharma Tuesday took oath as Chief Justice of the Delhi



is facing a total of 22 FIRs lodged

Bangalore, June 28: Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai Monday promised full cooperation in organising G-20 meets in the state. The Chief Minister conveyed his assurance when former foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, who is the Chief Coordinator of G-20, called on him.

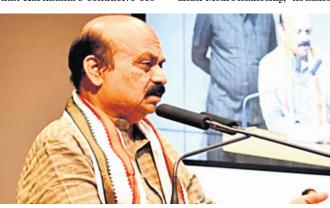
India is set to take charge as the head of G-20 in December this year. G-20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU), a statement issued by the Chief Minister's office said.

Shringla was quoted as saving in the statement that G-20 is making an immense contribution for the growth of world economy and development. For the first time, India is getting the opportunity to lead the grouping, he added.

"In accordance with Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi's wish, a series of G-20 related meets would be held in various parts of India. There are plans to hold about 10 meets in Karnataka. We need the state government's cooperation and suggestions in this regard," Shringla said.

Bommai said Karnataka has ties with all the G-20 countries and hence, it is only apt to hold these meets in the southern state.

"It is a matter of pride," the Chief Minister said and suggested that Karnataka's conducive eco-





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BASAVARAJ BOMMAI KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER

nomic and industrial ecosystem could be projected before the participating countries during the proposed meets.

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'Bangalore would host 9 meets related to G20. India is gaining in strength in defence, economy, education and other sectors. The summit would be held in India under Modi's leadership," he added.

High Court. The oath was administered by

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena during a ceremony at the Raj Niwas The Telangana High Court Chief

Justice, Sharma has been transferred to the Delhi High Court following the notification of the Central government. "In exercise of the power con-

ferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, is pleased to transfer Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice, Telangana High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court and to direct him to assume charge of the office of the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court," read the notification dated June 19.

Justice Vipin Sanghi, who was

Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma exchange greetings during the latter's swearing-in ceremony as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, in New Delhi Tuesday PTI PHOTO

Singh Gour University, Sagar.

At the age of 42 in 2003, Justice Sharma was designated as a Senior Advocate by the High Court of Madhva Pradesh. He became the Madhya Pradesh High Court judge in 2008. He was the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court since October 11, 2021.

On the other hand, there is also a demand for a separate Tulunadu comprising the coastal districts of Karnataka. This region is also considered a strong BJP base. It will benefit the BJP politically if there is separate state, Sannerappa said.

"Silence is acceptance. We are observing the development seriously. If the statements from other sections of the society are dividing Karnataka, we will take necessary action to stop this debate," he added.

Umesh Katti along with demanding a separate statehood has announced he will shun "Mysuru Peta" (traditional head gear offered to dignitaries by the Karnataka government) at functions and felicitations. He had appealed to the people to wear traditional north Karnataka head gear. At a recent felicitation event, the Minister had refused to wear a

K'taka farmers protest against RBI, seek change in loan policy

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, June 28: Demanding a change of loan policy and delinking CIBIL score for extending the agricultural loan, thousands of farmers staged a protest against the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in Bangalore Tuesday.

Members of the Federation of State Farmers Associations and Karnataka Sugarcane Cultivators Association arrived from all across the state to protest in front of the RBI. However, the agitators were stopped by the police and a protest was staged near the building of the Department of Public Instruction.

The farmers insisted that the RBI officers should speak to them and resolve the issue. The police department had made tight security arrangements in the premises of the RBI. Kurubur Shanthakumar, President of the Karnataka Sugarcane Cultivators Association stated that he had written a letter to the Bangalore RBI



Chief 20 days ago but got no reply. "When agricultural loans are granted. CIBIL score should not be considered. We are farmers who

feed the country. Sometimes we are not able to pay back loans due to floods, or famine. It is not tenable to reject loans based on CIBIL

scores," he said. "The RBI should take back its loan policy. If it does not then the protests will continue. Farmers

are not even getting ₹1 lakh loan on their land which is worth crores of rupees, but loans in lakhs are given for the construction of houses,' he angrily stated.

The RBI officers later agreed to meet a team of eight farmers. Initially, farmers rejected the offer by saying that they did not bother to answer their letter. They also demanded that the RBI officials should come to the place of protest and hear them out. Later police brokered peace and took a team of eight farmers near the RBI.

Later, the farmers explained about the need to change the loan policy, granting of loans based on the value of farm lands, granting of loans for children of farmers and under the Mudra Scheme. They said that the farmers are not getting education loans for their children.

They also took the officer to task for not bothering to reply to their letter. Later, the RBI representa-tive gave an assurance that they will shortly be called for a meeting.







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The BJP-led Union government is not releasing funds under the housing scheme and other programmes MAMATA BANERJEE | WEST BENGAL CM

COVID CURBS RETURN IN KERALA

Amid an increase in Covid cases and related deaths, the Kerala government Tuesday decided to strictly reinforce the curbs which were in place till recently



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During a programme in Delhi, Rahul Gandhi praised my patience. If a leader like Rahul Gandhi likes and

appreciates my patience, then no one should be unnecessarily upset and should take it in the right spirit

SACHIN PILOT CONGRESS LEADER

The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that when Northeast develops, the country

develops. The Northeast cannot be overlooked when it comes to the overall development of the country NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER

Any village in the state that adopts total prohibition will be rewarded with ₹2 lakh

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN MP CM

SHORT TAKES

37 inmates test **Covid positive**

Patna: As many as 37 inmates of Patna's Beur jail tested positive for Covid-19 Tuesday. According to an official. the tests were carried out in last 24 hours. After the inmates tested positive, the jail administration isolated them inside the premises and started the process of sanitation. The security outside the jail is also strengthened with a large number of police and RAF personnel deployed there. The jail administration has temporarily stopped visitors from coming to jail to meet inmates. Besides Beur jail. 80 persons tested corona positive in Patna Monday.

Man, niece commit suicide

Deoria (UP): A 30-year-old man and his niece ended their

Ensure people joining gatherings are vaccinated: Centre



New Delhi, June 28: The Centre has asked states and Union territories to ensure that people taking part in mass gatherings and undertaking pilgrimage are asymptomatic and preferably fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

In a letter to states and UTs on Tuesday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said mass gatherings in context of various festivities as well as vatras are likely to be held in different parts of the country in the coming months, and that such congregations may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including Covid-19.

While the trajectory of Covid-19 cases has declined significantly from levels that were observed in earlier part of this year, a few states and UTs across the country are witnessing a sustained upswing in the cases currently.

"During many such events/yatras lakhs of individuals undertake intra- and inter-state journey spanning hundreds of kilometres with halting points arranged by volunteers and community-based social/religious organisations. Such congregations may poten-



Serum Institute's Covovax approved for kids

NEW DELHI: India's apex drugs regulator, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), Tuesday approved Pune-based Serum Institute's Covid vaccine Covovax for children aged 7 to 11 years, as per a source. The source said that SII's Covovax vaccine has been approved for restricted emergency use in children aged 7 to 11 years subject with certain conditions. On June 24, the DCGI's Subject Expert Committee had recommended emergency use authorisation to Covovax vaccine for use in children aged 7-11. As per the source, the DCGI has also approved India's first indigenously developed mRNA vaccine against Covid-19 manufactured by Gennova

Biopharmaceuticals for restricted emergency use for those aged 18 years and above. The DCGI had approved Covovax for restricted use in emergency situations in adults on December 28 and in the 12 to 17 years age group, subject to certain conditions, on March 9.

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mass gatherings/yatras are proposed to be held should widely publicise that all individuals planning to participate in such gatherings/events are asymptomatic and preferably fully vaccinated against Covid-19. If need be a special drive for primary vaccination and precaution dose administration to all eligible people may be taken by the administration at least a fortnight in advance for those plan-

ning to join," he said in the letter. The Amarnath pilgrimage begins on June 30 and the Rath Yatra is scheduled for July 1. Bhushan said it was essential that the gains made so far by collaborative efforts of central and state governments are not lost and timely necessary public health steps are taken to minimise the risk of increased Covid-

19 transmission. Accordingly, there is a need to enhance focus on five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, vaccination and adherence to Covid-19-appropriate behaviour, Bhushan stressed. Further adequate publicity and arrangement for testing should be done across multiple locations.

He underlined that public meet ings, prayers, seating and lodging arrangements on the route and halting points should be made in outdoor or well-ventilated areas with provision of thermal screening and hand washing.

It further highlighted that healthcare workers, other frontline workers, volunteers engaged during such events by states and district administrations and organisers of such events should be asymptomatic and preferably fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Punjab cop booked for firing

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, June 28: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohali, Vivek Sheel Soni, on Tuesday ordered registration of an FIR against Sub-Inspector (S-I) Balwinder Singh in the firing incident in Dera Bassi in Punjab.

The SSP also initiated departmental action against three police personnel present at the spot for major punishment.

The development came after S-I Balwinder Singh, who along with the police party was conducting a routine checking, fired at the leg of Hitesh Kumar following a scuffle with some individuals on the night of June 26.

A police vehicle was vandalised

by some people on the spot. The SSP already suspended S-I Balwinder Singh and transferred him to the police lines. Pertinently, following the incident, the SSP constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by SP Headquarters to investigate the incident and submit a report.

Meanwhile, the FIR has been registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the police station in Dera Bassi.

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INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, June 28: Another case has been filed against filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma for his controversial tweet on NDA's presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu.

The FIR has been lodged at Hazratganj police station in Lucknow on the complaint of a social worker, Manoj Singh. Earlier, a case was registered against Varma in Telangana in connection with the controversial tweet.

In his complaint, Singh said, .Varma had tweeted from his official twitter handle that 'If Draupadi is the President who are the Pandavas? And more importantly, who are the Kauravas?' The tweet is a deliberate attempt to vitiate the atmosphere which may lead to untoward incidents.



Resolution against 'Agnipath' soon: Mann

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chandigarh, June 28: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Tuesday informed the Assembly that the state will soon bring a resolution in the House to oppose the Centre's Agnipath scheme regarding the defence recruitment. Also, he said, a resolution on

condemning the ban on Sidhu Moosewala's new song, SYL, on YouTube. "Agnipath is a whimsical and irrational move of the NDA government which will destroy the basic fabric of the Indian Army," said the chief minister, while replying to issue raised by Leader of Opposition and Congress member Partap Singh Bajwa during Zero hour.

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Sadhus form a queue as they wait to get themselves registered for the Amarnath Yatra 2022, at Ram Mandir-base camp in Jammu

SILCHAR RESIDENTS FEAR **JUTBREAK OF DISEASES**

19," Bhushan said. "All states and UTs where such

youth will not get any pension or

other benefits for it. Mann said this is a huge loss for the youth of the country who want to serve their motherland, either in freezing cold or boiling hot temperature, by joining the armed forces on basis of their physical ability. He said Agnipath reflects the sorry state of affairs in the country as the party in power at the Centre is

out applying mind. Congress leader Bajwa said 20 per cent of Punjab's youths were recruited by the defence forces in the past, then it was made population-based and 7.8 per cent of recruitment was being done from

With the Agnipath scheme, it

lives following family opposition to their relationship. The two allegedly consumed sulfas (a pesticide) in Barhaj police circle. Circle Officer (Barhaj) Pancham Lal said Sachin was in love with his niece Soni but their family members were against the relationship. Sachin asked Soni to come to a field where both of them consumed pesticide, police said. While Sachin collapsed in the field, Soni rushed back home and died during treatment.

1 dead, 7 injured

Meerut: A woman died while seven others are seriously injured after a late-night cooking cylinder blast reduced two partially constructed houses to rubble at Lisari Gate in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut Monday. Though there was no official confirmation about the number of people trapped under the debris. locals claimed at least 10 were still inside. According to official sources, earth-moving machines were pressed into service.

However. BJP member Ashwani Sharma opposed the move. The Chief Minister said this is another illogical move by the NDA government to ruin the future of the youth. He said no one, except BJP leaders, have ever understood the merits of schemes like demonetisation, the Goods and Service Tax (GST) and the draconian farm laws. "Agnipath is an addition to such baseless moves, which no one is able to understand," he said. Mann said it is unfortunate and unbelievable that a person will join the Indian Army after attaining age of

after four years at 21. The Chief Minister said ironically the person who will be serving the country at the prime of his

and irrational move of the NDA government which will destroy the basic fabric of the Indian Army BHAGWANT MANN I PUNJAB CM

would come down to 2.3 per cent, he said. "We should bring a joint resolution to oppose it," added Bajwa. There were heated arguments between the treasury benches over the issue, BJP leader Ashwani Sharma opposed the demand. He asked AAP leader Mann not to be taken in by the Congress, saying when a 17-year-old will be recruited, he will get an educational qualification and skill development training. Congress member Sukhpal

Khaira demanded the ban against Sidhu Moosewala's latest song 17 years and superannuate merely SYL from YouTube over the BJPled Centre's complaint must also be condemned and made a part of the resolution against the Agnipath scheme.

The administration is making efforts to reach out to the worst affected parts with drinking water and food but many have claimed that they received no relief

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, June 28: It has been over 10 days now since the Barak River inundated Silchar. On Tuesday, several parts of the town continued to remain under water with residents now fearing an outbreak of water-borne diseases.

The administration is making efforts to reach out to the worst affected parts with drinking water and food but many have claimed that they received no relief.

"It is possible that some areas



could not be accessed, particularly neighbourhoods connected by narrow lanes and bylanes. However, we have urged locals to try and gather at the nearest Chowk to collect relief. An effort is also on to map the flood-affected parts of the town so we may distribute relief material more efficiently," Cachar Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli said.

Residents, however, said that it may not be possible for all to wade through waist-deep water to collect relief. There is no electricity and pumps can't be run.

"How do they expect us to wash off the muck after returning home? As it is, filth has entered the ground floors of our homes. We have to exercise all caution or there will be an outbreak of enteric diseases. We have heard that some boats with purification units are distributing drinking water. Trouble is that our mobile phones are not working and we can't communicate with others in the neighbourhood to ensure a collective effort," said Sunit Purkayastha, a resident.

The complainant said that religious sentiments were also hurt as the tweet portrayed the characters of the Mahabharata in a bad light and added that the post was also "humiliating for a woman". Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (ADCP), Central zone, Raghvendra Mishra, said on Tuesday that a case had been registered.

"Varma has been booked under sections 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class), 501 (printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory), 504 (intentional insult), 5051(b) (cause fear or alarm to the public), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman), of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and also under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act," the ADCP said.

Covid spiked mental health issues in marginalised kids: Report

Man dies of shock

Srinagar: The father of a youth died of shock Tuesday after hearing about the death of his voung son in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district. The officials said that Arif Ahmad of the Chattergul village died after his motorcycle collided with a passenger vehicle Tuesday morning in the Shangus area of Anantnag district. "He was taken to the sub-district hospital in Shangus where doctors said he was dead on arrival. "His father, Abdul Rehman died of shock after hearing about the son's death," the officials said.

About 44 per cent of children reported that they could not share their sorrow/anger/ stress-related feelings with anyone and three out of four children could not share serious concerns like domestic/spousal violence with anyone INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, June 28: While the Covid-19 pandemic was hard for all, children belonging to the most marginalised section in India were the worst affected as it led to their increased isolation, affecting their mental health significantly, according to a report on Tuesday.

The report by non-profit Save the Children-Bal Raksha Bharat showed an increase in feelings of loneliness, anxiety, anger, grief and substance and sexual abuse among children.

About 44 per cent of children reported that they could not share their sorrow/anger/stress-related feelings with anyone and three out of four children could not share serious concerns like domestic/spousal violence with anyone.



Isolation from the peer group had a major impact on the mental well-being of the children with increased cases of child labour and substance abuse as they struggle to cope with a lack of coping mechanisms to express their feelings and thoughts.

This situation was further ag-

gravated with, as perceived by parents, children being out of school and lacking learning opportunities at home (61 per cent). Most of the children (39 per cent) were worried about death, illness, separation of a loved one, or fear of disease. Feelings of loneliness (59 per cent) and being worried about

For the report, 4,052 respondents spread across 24 districts in six states were surveyed between June 2020 and December 2021

death, illness, separation, or disease (83 per cent) was maximum in Karnataka whereas being disturbed sleep patterns was majorly reported in Delhi (51 per cent) while physical fighting was maximum in Jharkhand (42 per cent).

A significant number of child also reported abuse, as they noted fear of being left alone with a given person (27 per cent), sudden emo-

tional or behavioural change (27 per cent), abandonment of previous plav habits (29 per cent), genital/anal injuries (15 per cent).

"Lockdown owing to Covid 19 not only led to reduced socialising amongst people but also increased the intensity of different emotions that parents and children feel. This brought a complex array of challenges that had mental health repercussions for children and adolescents," said Anindit Roy Chowdhury, Chief Programme Officer, Save the Children, in a statement.

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Cabinet approval was granted to open up the fuel import and retail sales market to companies from oil-producing nations KANCHANA WIJESEKERA SRI LANKAN ENERGY MINISTER

RUSSIA'S TOUGH ACTION

Russia Tuesday announced that it was banning the wife and daughter of US President Joe Biden from entering the country, in response to widening sanctions against Russia. The Foreign Ministry said 25 names were being added to the country's "stop list" including Biden's wife Jill and daughter Ashley



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We are not a nuclear power. There are nuclear powers in this region, but Australia is not one of them

PENNY WONG AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Our most important discussion with the United States is the F-16 issue. That is still on the table, but there is a stalling tactic here

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN PRESIDENT OF TÜRKIYE

Russia is not only problem: An assertive China ready to challenge the rulesbased system and democracy, terrorism

on the march right across Africa. Iranian nuclear ambitions to date still unresolved, the threat is growing and investment needs to continue to grow

BEN WALLACE BRITISH DEFENCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Iran, US to begin indirect N-deal talks

Dubai: Iran and the United States appeared poised Tuesday to start indirect talks in Oatar aimed at finding a way to save Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers. The state-owned Tehran Times posted a photograph of Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Bagheri Kani, in a hotel lobby with Iranian Ambassador to Oatar Hamidreza Dehghani

Oz capital hit by new Covid wave

Canberra: Health authorities in Australia's capital Canberra Tuesday warned against a new wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith revealed that modeling has indicated the territory is currently experiencing another wave of Covid infections, reports said.

AGENCIES

Elmau (Germany), June 28: Leaders of the world's biggest developed economies said Tuesday they would explore far-reaching steps to cap Russia's income from oil sales that are financing its invasion of Ukraine and struck a united stance to support Kyiv for "as long as it takes" as the war

It left out key details on how fossil fuel price caps would work in practice, setting up more discussion in the weeks ahead to "explore. The "feasibility of measures to bar imports of Russian oil above a certain level. That would hit a key Russian

source of income and, in theory, help relieve the energy price spikes and

every stage," the leaders said.

"We agree that (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin must not win this war and we will continue to keep up and drive higher the economic and political costs for President Putin and his regime," said the summit host, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. "For that, it is important to stand together -- including in the long haul that we certainly still face.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Russia "cannot and

Nirav Modi: UK court to hear evidence on suicide risk AGENCIES

London, June 28: The High Court in London will hear evidence from two psychiatrists on their differing views over the level of suicide risk posed by fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi if he were to be extradited to India, a two-judge

panel ruled Tuesday at a continuation appeal hearing. Lord Justice Jeremy Stuart-Smith and Justice Robert Jay concluded that three days, expected in October, will be set aside for a substantial hearing to address a change in the "evidential landscape" in the extradition case involving the 51-year-old diamond merchant.

He is wanted in India to face charges of fraud and money laun-



The final statement from the Group of Seven summit in Germany underlined their intent to impose "severe and immediate economic costs" on Russia

should not win" the war in Ukraine — as its terrible toll was on full view the day after a Russian missile strike hit a shopping mall in the town of Kremenchuk, killing 18 people.

President Joe Biden - would in theory work by barring service provides such as shippers or insurers from dealing with oil priced above a fixed level. That could work because the service providers are mostly located in the European Union or the UK and thus within reach of sanctions.

Abortion battles in state courts after Supreme Court ruling

AGENCIES

New Orleans, June 28: Abortion bans were temporarily blocked in Louisiana and Utah, while a federal court in South Carolina said a law sharply restricting the procedure would take effect there immediately as the battle over whether women may end pregnancies shifted from the nation's highest court to

courthouses around the country. The US Supreme Court's decision Friday to end constitutional protection for abortion opened the gates for a wave of litigation. One side sought quickly to put statewide bans into effect, and the other tried to stop or at least delay such meas-

ures. Much of the initial court ac-

Germany, France, Italy, the UK, Canada and Japan - Monday pledged to support Ukraine "for as long as it takes" after conferring by video link with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky Leaders also agreed on a ban on imports of Russian gold and to step up aid

■ The G-7 leaders — representing the US,

to countries hit with food shortages by the blockade on Ukraine grain shipments through the Black Sea

The price cap — pushed by US

To be effective, however, it would have to involve as many consuming countries as possible, in particular India, where refiners have been snapping up cheap Russian oil shunned by Western traders. Details on how the proposal would be implemented were left for continu-

ing talks in coming weeks. The US has already blocked Russian oil imports, which were small in any case. The European Union has decided to impose a ban on the 90% of Russian oil that comes by sea. but the ban does not take effect until the end of the year, meaning Europe continues to send money to Russia for energy even while condemning the war.

Meanwhile, higher global oil prices have softened the blow to Russia's income, even as Western traders shun Russian oil.

Energy themes were front and centre at the summit throughout. Europe is scrambling to find new sources of oil and fresh supplies of gas as Russia dials back gas supplies in what leaders say is a political move. Meanwhile high energy prices are a headache for G-7 countries' consumers.

Scholz defended the G-7's decision to soften commitments to end public support for fossil fuel investments, saying the war in Ukraine means time-limited support for new natural gas extraction projects may be necessary.

The group showed wide-ranging concern about China. The leaders stressed that it is "necessary to cooperate with China on shared global challenges" but underlined their stance that China should urge Russia to halt the war, respect human rights in Hong Kong, refrain from military action against Taiwan, and improve its non-transparent trade and economic practices.

From the secluded Schloss Elmau hotel in the Bavarian Alps, the G-7 leaders will move to Madrid for a summit of NATO leaders. where fallout from Russia's invasion of Ukraine will again dominate the agenda. All G-7 members other than Japan are NATO members, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has been invited to Madrid.

sume services for at least a few

more weeks without risking pros-

ecution. A Utah judge Monday

blocked that state's near-total abor-

tion ban from going into effect for

14 days, to allow time for the court

to hear challenges to the state's

trigger law. Planned Parenthood

had challenged the law, which con-

tains narrow exceptions for rape,

incest or the mother's health, say-

ing the law violates the equal pro-

tection and privacy provisions in

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the state constitution.

Andrew Stone said

G-7 leaders united behind Ukraine 50 migrants die in trailer abandoned in San Antonio heat

The migrants died inside a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas, where temperatures swelled to a high of 103 degrees Fahrenheit (39.4 degrees Celsius).

It was one of the most deadly recent incidents of human smuggling along the US-Mexico border



Body bags lie at the scene where a tractor trailer with multiple dead bodies was discovered

AGENCIES

San Antonio (US), June 28: The death toll from a human trafficking incident Monday in which migrants suffered under extreme Texas heat inside a truck rose to 50 Tuesday, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said.

The migrants died inside a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas, where temperatures swelled to a high of 103 degrees Fahrenheit (39.4 degrees Celsius). It was one of the most deadly recent incidents of human smuggling along the US-Mexico border.

Local and US authorities said there were no signs of water and no visible working air conditioning inside the truck.

Some 22 Mexicans, seven Guatemalans and two Hondurans were identified among the dead. Mexico Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said on Twitter Tuesday. There was no information on the nationality of the other 19, Mexican officials said. The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said that its Homeland Security Investigations division was conducting a criminal investigation into "an alleged human smuggling event" in coordination with local police. Sixteen other people were transported to hospitals for heat

Fire kills 51 after apparent riot attempt at Colombia prison

Bogota: A fire at a prison in southwestern Colombia has killed at least 51 people and injured a dozen more, prison authorities reported Tuesday. The director of the national prison system, Tito Castellanos, told Radio Caracol that it's not clear if all of the dead were prisoners. He initially said 49 had died, but the Justice Ministry later raised the toll to 51. He said the fire broke out during what appeared to be an attempted riot early Tuesday at the medium security prison in the city of Tulua. He said inmates had set mattresses on fire without considering the consequences. Justice Minister Wilson Ruiz added that more than 20 inmates were being treated for injuries in

hospital, and said that two prison guards sustained minor injuries. from Mexico are also assisting the

families of the victims and the transfer of the bodies, Lopez Obrador said.

The city's police chief, William McManus, Monday said a person who works in a nearby building heard a cry for help and came out to investigate.

The worker found the trailer

grinds on.



inflation afflicting the global economy as a result of the war. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our unprecedented coordination on sanctions for as long as necessary, acting in unison at

3 killed in attack on polio team

Peshawar: Three people, including two policemen, escorting an anti-polio vaccination team, were killed when unidentified assailants attacked them in Pakistan's restive north Waziristan tribal district Tuesday, police said.

China reduces quarantine period

Beijing: China Tuesday announced an easing of its quarantine requirement for people arriving from abroad but stopped short of lifting what remains a stringent Covid policy compared to most other countries. Anyone coming from outside the country will be required to stav in a quarantine hotel for seven days followed by three days of home guarantine, the National Health Commission said in its latest pandemic response plan.

dering amounting to an estimated USD 2 billion in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) loan scam case and had lodged an appeal last year against a lower court's extradition order on mental health grounds.



tivity focused on "trigger laws," adopted in 13 states that were designed to take effect swiftly upon last week's ruling. Additional lawsuits could also target old antiabortion laws that were left on the books in some states and went unand CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which argued the case that resulted in the high court ruling, said Friday.

enforced under Roe. Newer abor-

tion restrictions that were put on

hold pending the Supreme Court

ruling are also coming back into

play. "We'll be back in court to-

morrow and the next day and the

next day," Nancy Northup, president

Rulings to put trigger laws on hold came swiftly in Utah and Louisiana Monday, and a hearing was scheduled for Tuesday as Texas clinics seek assurances they can re-

In Louisiana, a judge in New Orleans, a liberal city in a conservative state, temporarily blocked enforcement of that state's trigger-law ban on abortion, after abortion rights activists argued that it is unclear. The ruling is in effect pending a July 8 hearing.

four minors, but no children were among the dead, the San Antonio Fire Department said. A spokesman for the Honduran

stroke and exhaustion, including

foreign ministry told Reuters that

the country's consulates in Houston

and Dallas would be investigating

the incident. Immigration officials

doors partially opened and looked inside and found a number of dead bodies. McManus said this was the largest incident of its kind in the city and said three people were in custody following the incident, although their involvement was not clear.

Modi meets UAE Prez in Abu Dhabi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

"If even a significant proportion of this evidence is admissi-Abu Dhabi, June 28: Prime ble, the evidential landscape has Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday met UAE's newly-appointed changed substantially since the District Judge's decision (in favour President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zaved Al of extradition)," said Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, with reference to Nahyan here and the two leaders reiterated their commitment to the "massive material" presented further deepen and diversify the The court noted a "difference of India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic opinion" between two psychiatrists Partnership.

Modi met Sheikh Mohamed durwho gave their expert opinion on Modi's mental health and directed ing a brief stopover here on his the barristers on both sides to faway to India from Germany to personally convey his condolences on cilitate a meeting between the experts to produce a "memorandum on matthe demise of former president of the Gulf nation Sheikh Khalifa



bin Zaved Al Nahvan.

In a special gesture, Sheikh Mohamed, accompanied by senior members of the Royal family, received Prime Minister Modi at the Abu Dhabi Presidential Airport, "I am touched by the special gesture of my brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, of coming to welcome me at Abu Dhabi airport. My gratitude to him," Modi

tweeted in Arabic and English languages.

This is their first interaction after the UAE leader's election as the new president of the Gulf nation last month.

Modi arrived here on a brief visit after attending a productive G7 Summit in Germany where he interacted with several world leaders on the margins of the summit and discussed issues aimed at furthering global well-being and prosperity. The UAE was India's third-largest trading partner for the year 2019-20 after China and US, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

China provides \$2.3bn loan to Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, June 28: China has again rushed to bail out cash-starved Pakistan by providing \$2.3 billion in assistance to prop up its fastdepleting foreign exchange reserves, months after Beijing rolled over a \$4.5 billion loan for its allweather ally facing growing economic challenges



The announcement of the Chinese assistance came after France signed an agreement with Pakistan to suspend its loan worth \$107 million under the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI). The agreement was signed by Ministry of Economic Affairs Secretary Mian Asad Hayaud Din and French Ambassador Nicolas Galey, the Economic Affairs Division of Pakistan said in a statement Monday. "China and Pakistan are all-weather strategic cooperative partners.

"China always supports Pakistan in growing its economy, improving livelihoods and upholding financial stability," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here while replying to a question about China providing RMB 15 billion (\$2.3 bil-lion) to Pakistan to build its depleting foreign exchange reserves.

Evidence of life on Mars may be over 6 feet deep: NASA

AGENCIES

Washington, June 28: Rovers exploring Mars, such as NASA's Curiosity and Perseverance and others, may have to dig about 6.6 feet (two metres) or more under the surface of the Red Planet to find signs of ancient life, according to a new laboratory experiment by the US space agency

It is because ionising radiation from space degrades small mole cules such as amino acids relatively quickly, NASA said.

Amino acids can be created by life and by non-biological chemistry. However, finding certain amino acids on Mars would be considered a potential sign of ancient Martian life because they are widely used by terrestrial life as a component to build proteins that are essential to life

ters on which they are agreed".

as evidence in the case.

"Our results suggest that amino acids are destroyed by cosmic rays in the Martian surface rocks and regolith at much faster rates than previously thought," said Alexander Pavlov of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, in a statement.

"Current Mars rover missions drill down to about two inches (around five centimetres). At those depths, it would take only 20 million years to destroy amino acids completely. The addition of perchlorates and water increases the rate of amino acid destruction



even further," he added Twenty million years could be

a relatively brief amount of time because scientists are looking for evidence of ancient life on the surface which would have been present billions of years ago when Mars was more like Earth.

This result suggests a new search strategy for missions that are limited to sampling at shallow depths. Scientists have been exploring if life

NEW MISSION

NASA blasted a nanosatellite barely bigger than a microwave oven into outer space Tuesday, part of a landmark mission to return humans to the Moon. A rocket carrying the tiny CAPSTONE

module successfully launched from New Zealand's eastern Mahia Peninsula to a deafening blast and a wash of fiery propulsion. All being well, in four months CAPSTONE will be in a position to begin an innovative surfboardshaped "near rectilinear halo orbits" around the Moon

emerged on Mars by examining Mars rocks for organic molecules such as amino acids

In the study, published in the journal Astrobiology, the team mixed several types of amino acids in silica, hydrated silica, or silica and perchlorate to simulate conditions in Martian soil and sealed

the samples in test tubes under vacuum conditions to simulate the thin Martian air. The samples were blasted with various levels of gamma radiation -- a type of highly energetic light -- to simulate cosmicray doses up to that received from about 80 million years of exposure









in the Martian surface rocks.





business



L'OREAL RE-LAUNCHES LANCOME IN INDIA

French personal care company L'Oreal has brought back leading luxury beauty brand Lancome to the Indian market after a gap of five years. L'Oreal India is bringing some iconic products, including Advanced Genifique Youth Activating Serum, Teint Idole Ultra Wear Foundation and La Vie Est Belle Fragrance, under the Lancome brand, a company statement said.



Mumbai, June 28: The growth

in Scheduled Commercial Banks

(SCBs) deposits moderated to 10

per cent year-on-year in March

2022, compared to an increase of 11.9

per cent a year ago, RBI data

During 2021-2022, current, savings

and term deposits rose by 10.9 per

cent, 13.3 per cent and 7.9 per cent,

respectively, the Reserve Bank of

Tuesday, the RBI released data

The data showed that consistent

on Deposits with Scheduled

Commercial Banks - March 2022.

with the monetary and liquidity

conditions, interest rates on term

deposits moderated further dur-

'The share of term deposits

bearing over 6 per cent interest

rate came down to 14.4 per cent in

March 2022 (31 per cent a year ago;

AGENCIES

showed.

India (RBI) said.

ing fiscal 2021-22.



acquisition, we will endeavour to ramp up the operations of NINL to its rated capacity of 1.1 million ton per annum within the next 1 year, subject to obtaining statutory clearances

N CHANDRASEKARAN TATA STEEL CHAIRMAN

The love, admiration and phenomenal response for the Volkswagen Virtus by our customers can be seen through the

mega delivery program organized across India. We welcome our new customers with great humility and look forward to offering them the best of products and services by Volkswager

ASHISH GUPTA BRAND DIRECTOR. VOLKSWAGEN PASSENGER CARS INDIA

The government has been providing a favourable ecosystem for global investors with its 'ease of business' policies and

incentives MANSUKH MANDAVIYA CHEMICAL AND FERTILISER MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

GOAL 2.0 to digitally upskill tribal youths

New Delhi: Social media giant Meta and Ministry of Tribal Affairs Tuesday announced they have extended their collaboration to launch the second phase of Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) programme. GOAL 2.0 will look to digitally upskill, connect and empower 10 lakh youth and women from the tribal communities of the country. It aims to serve as a bridge for the socially marginalised youth to leverage opportunities using technology. Tribal population constitutes about 8.6 per cent of the total population in India. Through this programme, the identified GOAL participants will have access to Meta Business Coach - a WhatsApp-based learning bot - which will give

GST COUNCIL MEET Proposal to remove tax exemptions on some items cleared

47th Meeting of the **Goods and Services Tax Council** June, 20

AGENCIES

Chandigarh, June 28: The GST Council Tuesday approved changes in tax rates on some goods and services while allowing states to issue an e-way bill for intra-state movement of gold and precious stones, officials said.

The Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising state counterparts, also cleared a host of compliance procedures for GST-registered businesses along with a GoM report on high-risk tax payers to check evasion.

The discussion on the crucial issues of extension of compensation to states beyond June 2022 and the imposition of 28 per cent GST on casinos, online gaming and horse racing, will take place Wednesday.

Opposition-ruled states have been pressing for either extension of the GST compensation regime or increasing states' share in revenue from the current 50 per cent. In the meeting Tuesday, the

Council accepted the interim report of the group of state finance ministers, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavarai S Bommai, on rate rationalisation, including correction of inverted duty structure and removing tax exemption on some items, to simplify the rate structure.

The GoM had suggested with-

drawal of GST exemption on a host of services including on hotel accommodation of less than ₹1,000 per day and replacing it with a 12 per cent tax. It also recommended a levy of $5\,$

per cent GST on room rent (excluding ICU) charged for hospitalised patients where the hospital room charges are above ₹5,000 per day.

It wanted all post office services other than postcards and inland letters, book post and envelopes weighing less than 10 gm, to be taxed. Also, cheques, loose or in book form should be taxed at 18 per cent, the GoM recommended.

The GoM favoured withdrawal of exemption given to renting of residential dwellings by businesses for residential use.

With regard to e-way bill on intra-state movement of gold, jewellery and precious stones to check evasion, the Council recommended that states can decide on the threshold above which the electronic bill is to be made mandatory.

A panel of state ministers had recommended the threshold to be ₹2 lakh and above.

With regard to high-risk taxpayers, a report of a panel of state finance ministers had suggested verification after registration for highrisk taxpayers under GST, besides using verification of electricity bill details and bank accounts for identifying such taxpayers.

AGENCIES New Delhi, June 28: As many as 15 companies, including Adani Copper Tubes, LG Electronics and Wipro Enterprises, with committed investment of ₹1,368 crore, have been selected as beneficiaries under

the PLI scheme for the white goods sector, the government said Tuesday. In March, the commerce and industry ministry had reopened the application window for its ₹6,238-crore PLI scheme for white goods -- air-conditioners (ACs) and LED lights-- with an aim to accommodate more players as several firms had expressed inter-

est in the initiative. Last year, as many as 46 firms. including Daikin, Panasonic, Syska and Havells, with committed investment of ₹5,264 crore were selected in the first round the scheme. In the second round, 19 companies had applied.

"After evaluation of the 19 applications received in the second round...15 applicants with committed investment of ₹1,368 crore have been provisionally selected as beneficiaries," the commerce and industry ministry said.



78.7 per cent two years ago)," it showed.

The share of Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) deposits in total deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at 44.8 per cent in March 2022 as compared with 41.7 per cent three years ago, the central bank said. These low-cost deposits accounted for 60.9 per cent and 55.6 per cent of incremental deposits during 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively, it said.

Metropolitan branches of banks. which account for over half of total deposits, accounted for 51.5 per cent in incremental deposits in FY 2021-22. The same stood at 59.6 per cent in the year-ago period.

15 more firms selected under PLI scheme for white goods

Four applicants -- Zeco Aircon

with a committed investment of

₹100 crore; EMM ESS Aircon (Rs 52

crore); Speedoffer India (Rs 18

Telecommunications (South Asia)

Ltd (Rs 10.63 crore) -- are being re-

ferred to the Committee of Experts

(CoE) for examination and its rec-

six for manufacturing AC compo-

nents with committed investments

of ₹908 crore and nine for LED light

components with committed in-

total production worth ₹25,583 crore

over five years and generate addi-

tional direct employment of 4,000

The production linked incen-

tive (PLI) scheme on white goods

is designed to create a complete

component ecosystem for ACs and

"These 15 companies will have

The 15 firms selected include

ommendations, it added.

vestments of ₹460 crore.

persons," it said.

and

crore);

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LED light industry in India and make India an integral part of the global supply chains.

The ministry said the scheme is expected to lead to total production of AC and LED lights components of about ₹1,22,671 crore over five years.

Briefing media on this, Anil Agrawal, Additional Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said that as a result of PLI, the domestic value addition in these segments is expected to grow from the current 15-20 per cent to 75-80 per cent.

He said the scheme and other regulatory measures including quality control orders, standards and labels had given a big boost to Make In India and Atmanirbhar Bharat in ACs and LEDs.

The ministry said for ACs, companies will be manufacturing copper tubing, compressors, control assemblies, heat exchangers, among others.

Similarly, for LED lights, chip packaging, drivers, light management systems and metallized films for capacitors will be manufactured in India

Household sector held the dominant share of 62.6 per cent in total deposits.

Female depositors accounted for 19.8 per cent of total deposits in March 2022. Their share in incremental bank deposits during 2021-22 increased to 34.3 per cent from 15.2 per cent in the previous year.

General government and financial corporations together accounted for over one-fourth of the incremental deposits during the period under review as compared to 5.8 per cent share in 2020-21.

Large size deposits (i.E., ₹1 crore and above) nearly accounted for 40 per cent share in total term deposits.

According to the data, seven states -- Maharashtra, National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Gujarat -together accounted for 63.3 per cent of bank deposits in fiscal 2021-22.

Apollo empowers cancer survivors



BHUBANESWAR: Eight cancer

survivors from different parts of the country embarked on an enthralling journey June 4, 2022 from Dehradun to Dayara Bugyal in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, traversing along the luscious green meadows and rich landscape to scale the height of 11,830 ft. Propelled by unabated passion and zest for life, they participated in 'Peak to Peak – Winning over Cancer' - an initiative of Apollo Cancer Centres-the leading private cancer hospitals in India and one of the preeminent in the world. The five-day trek with cancer survivors was centralized around the idea of spreading awareness about positive living after cancer treatments with the right knowledge and guidance from experts. With a focus on Apollo Cancer Centres' motto - 'Winning over Cancer', the event was organized to stress on the fact of winning over cancer not only physically but also mentally.

Bank of Baroda holds outreach programme

opportunity to learn skills on how to build and expand their business using Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

Tata Motors to hike prices

the participants an

New Delhi: Tata Motors Tuesday said it will increase the prices of its commercial vehicles, in the range of 1.5 to 2.5 per cent, from July 1 to partially offset rising input costs. The hike will be across the range of commercial vehicles and the quantum will depend on individual model and variant, Tata Motors said in a regulatory filing. "While the company takes extensive measures to absorb a significant portion of the increased input costs at various levels of manufacturing, the steep rise in overall input costs makes it imperative to pass on a residual proportion via a minimised price hike," it said.

Indices close marginally up amid global recovery

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, June 28: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded from early lows to close marginally up Tuesday following fag-end buying in oil and gas, IT and auto stocks amid a recovery in global equities.

Posting gains for a fourth session in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled up 16.17 points or 0.03 per cent at 53,177.45. The index opened lower and dropped nearly 390 points to hit a low of 52,771.53 points due to persistent FII selling and weak global trends.

However, a late recovery in Asian markets and early gains in European exchanges helped the index cut losses. The index recovered by nearly 405 points from the



day's low to end with gains.

The NSE Nifty gained 18.15 points or 0.11 per cent to 15,850.20. It hit a low of 15,710.15 and a high of 15,892.10 during the day. As many as 32 of its constituents advanced while 17 declined.

"After a gap down opening, domestic indices were lifted by positive global peers while oil prices rose over renewed supply con-

cerns," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

The weakened rupee and rising bond yields limited domestic investors' risk appetite, Nair said, adding that gains in commoditylinked stocks and optimism over easing Covid restrictions in China aided the global up-move.

Among Sensex stocks, Mahindra & Mahindra rose the most by 2.78 per cent, followed by index heavyweight Reliance Industries which advanced 1.49 per cent. Dr Reddy's rose by 1.41 per cent, Tata Steel by 1.34 per cent, and Tech Mahindra by 1.26 per cent.

Gains in Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, ITC, Axis Bank, SBI, and HCL Tech helped the index close in green.

Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd becomes Patanjali Foods Ltd

AGENCIES

New Delhi, June 28: Edible oil firm Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd Tuesday said the name of the company has been changed to Patanjali Foods Ltd with effect from June 24.

In 2019, Baba Ramdev-led Patanjali Ayurved acquired Ruchi Soya for ₹4,350 crore through an insolvency process.

In a regulatory filing, Ruchi Soya informed that it has "received an e-mail dated June 27, 2022, from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs mentioning that a fresh 'Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name' dated June 24, 2022, was issued by the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai'

Accordingly, the name of the company stands changed from Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd to Patanjali Foods Ltd with effect

from June 24, 2022. Ruchi Soya is filing the required documents in respect of the change of name to stock exchanges separately.

Last month, Patanjali Ayurved Ltd sold its food retail business to group firm Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd for ₹690 crore as part of its strategy to focus on non-food, traditional medicine and wellness business. Ruchi Soya recently raised ₹4,300 crore through its follow-on public offer (FPO) mainly to clear its debt. The company's net profit increased to ₹806.3 crore in 2021-22 from ₹680.77 crore a vear ago. Total income jumped to ₹24,284.38 crore during the last fiscal from ₹16,382.97 crore in 2020-21.

Ruchi Soya sells its products under brands like Ruchi Gold, Mahakosh, Sunrich, Nutrela, Ruchi Star and Ruchi Sunlight. It is also into oil palm plantations and renewable wind energy business.



BHUBANESWAR: Bank of Baroda

Bhubaneswar and Cuttack regions, has organised a programme for MSME customers with financial consultants. The aim of the programme was to connect new MSME customers under outreach programme. The programme was presided over by Sibasis Mishra, DGM, Head NTD MSME, Dept. Corporate Office, Mumbai. Rajeev Krishna, Regional Head, Bhubaneswar Region, Anmay Mishra Regional Head, Cuttack Region along with SMELF and Credit department of both of regions were present on the occasion. Also around 15 financial consultants and 20 new MSME customers were present in the meeting. There was a fruitful interaction with financial consultant and MSME customers about hassle free loan for mew entrepreneurs and existing customers.

Zomato shares tumble over 8%

New Delhi: Shares of Zomato Ltd fell for the second straight day Tuesday, tumbling over 8 per cent amid concerns over the company's proposed acquisition of Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd (formerly known as Grofers) for ₹4,447.48 crore. The stock dived 8.35 per cent to settle at ₹60.35 on the BSE. During the day, it fell 9.18 per cent to ₹59.80. At the NSE, it fell 8.04 per cent to settle at ₹60.55 apiece. Shares of Zomato had fallen by over 6 per cent Monday also. In two days, the company's market valuation has fallen by ₹7,861.49 crore to ₹47,517.51 crore on the BSE. Zomato Ltd on Friday said it will acquire Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd for ₹4,447.48 crore in a share swap deal.

The announcement outlines a clear transfer of wealth by the 65-year-old

tycoon, who was embroiled in a bitter inheritance dispute with

his younger brother after their father died in 2002 without a will

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, June 28: In the first clear signs of a succession plan being charted out at India's most valuable company, billionaire Mukesh Ambani resigned from

the board of his USD 217 billion group's telecom arm, Reliance Jio. and handed over the firm's reins to elder son Akash.

In a stock exchange filing, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd Tuesday said the company's board at a meeting on June 27, "approved the appointment of Akash M Ambani, non-executive director, as chairman of the board of directors of the company." This comes after his father resigned with effect from the close of working hours on June 27, it said.

Jio is a unit of Reliance Industries Ltd, whose business spans from oil refining and petrochemicals to

retail, media and new energy. Ambani, 65, has three children - twins Akash and Isha and voungest son Anant. It is widely anticipated that he may hand over the reins of



Mukesh Ambani hands over telecom business reins to son Akash

the retail business to Isha, 30, who is married to Anand Piramal (son of Piramal Group's Ajay and Swati Piramal). Akash and Isha have been on the boards of Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd - the company that operates supermarkets offering consumer electronics, food and grocery, fashion, jewellery, footwear, and clothing, as well as the online retail venture, JioMart - and digital arm Jio Platforms Ltd (JPL)

since October 2014. Anant, 26, has recently been inducted as a director on RRVL. He has been a director on JPL since May 2020.

Among other appointments, Pankaj Mohan Pawar was appointed Managing Director of Reliance Jio Infocomm for five years beginning June 27, the filing said. Former union finance secretary Raminder Singh Gujral and former CVC KV Chowdary were appointed independent directors, it added. The two are already on board of Reliance Industries Ltd.

Reliance has three broad businesses - oil refining and petrochemicals, retail and digital services that include telecom. While retail and digital services are housed in separate wholly-owned subsidiaries, the oil-to-chemical or O2C business is a functional division of Reliance. The new energy business is also with the parent firm. The three businesses are almost equal in size. While Akash and Isha have been both active in the group's new-age businesses of retail and telecom, Anant has been looking at the renewable energy and oil and chemical units of Reliance as a director.

The announcement outlines a clear transfer of wealth by the 65year-old tycoon, who was embroiled in a bitter inheritance dispute with his younger brother after their father died in 2002 without a will.

Ambani, whose net worth is over USD 109 billion, continues to bethe chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Ltd.















FOR SHUTTLERS



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kuala Lumpur, June 28: India's HS Prannov faced stiff resistance before prevailing against local hero Daren Liew as the Indian shuttler progressed to the men's singles second round of the Malaysia Open, here Tuesday.

A former top 10 player, Prannoy who had reached the semifinals of Indonesia Open Super 1000 earlier this month, emerged a 21-14, 17-21. 21-18 winner in 62 minutes.

The 29-year-old from Kerala ranked 21st currently, will face fourth seeded Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei next at the Super 750 badminton tournament.

Prannov's win brought some cheers to the Indian camp after B Sai Praneeth and Sameer Verma made early exits. While Praneeth went down to World No.6 Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia, Sameer lost to World No.8 Jonatan Christie, also from Indonesia.

The 30-year-old Praneeth, currently ranked World No.19, lost 1521, 21-19, 9-21 to Ginting in a 50minute men's single match. This was eight meeting between

the two players with the Indonesian now leading the head-to-head record 5-3. They last played at the 2020 Asian Team championships where Ginting won the contest after Praneeth retired due to an injury.

Sameer, who is making a comeback from injury, fought for 49 minutes before losing 14-21, 21-13, 7-21 in another match.

In doubles, women's pairing of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also bowed out of the tournament after losing 15-21, 11-21 to Japanese duo of Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida, seeded sixth.

Prannoy was slow off the mark but opened up a healthy 11-7 lead at the break. His strokes penetrated the defence of his opponent, who looked little passive as Prannoy was rewarded for his alertness and better control in the rallies.

The Indian kept putting the shuttles on the right areas and with Liew making some uncharacteris-

tic errors meant Prannoy's lead was not threatened. In the end, it was another return at the baseline which gave Prannoy the bragging rights. After the change of sides, Liew took a 7-4 advantage with Prannoy

going to the nets repeatedly. The Indian soon turned the tide with his smashes on his rival's forehand. After the break, Prannoy tried to play at a good pace but a series

of unforced errors, mainly at the net, handed four game points to Liew and he sealed it with a smash. In the decider, Prannoy moved up 6-3 but Liew again clawed his way

back with three points, including an excruciating rally which left Prannoy flat on the ground. The duo played with electrifying pace and Prannoy managed to eke out a three point cushion at the interval.

The second half of the decider was a roller-coaster ride as Liew kept breathing down Prannoy's neck but the Indian ensured he had the last laugh, sealing the contest with another powerful smash which Liew sent wide.

MIXED FORTUNES Morgan hangs up international gloves

London, June 28: Eoin Morgan confirmed his retirement from international cricket and stepped down as England's white-ball captain after more than seven years Tuesday.

After England's dismal failure at the 2015 Cricket World Cup, Morgan spearheaded the team's white-ball transformation to a bold, attacking approach and unprecedented heights.

He led England's to its first global 50-over title at the 2019 World Cup, and the No.1 ranking in one-day internationals and Twenty20s. They enjoyed series victories against every major team and 60 per cent success on his watch.

"As with all great players and leaders, he has changed the way the game has been played, and he has changed the way an entire generation and generations to come will play this form of the game," Rob Key, the managing director of England men's cricket, said. "His legacy within the game will be felt for many years to come."

Morgan's teams have the three highest ODI totals; last week in the Netherlands they raised the world record to 498/4. However, he scored consecutive ducks in the first two matches and missed the third with a groin issue. His form and fitness have been

in decline. Over the last year and

in international and domestic T20s and ODIs. "To call time on what has been without doubt the most enjoyable and rewarding chapter of my

sion, but I believe now is the right time to do so, both for me, personally, and for both England white-ball sides I have led to this point," he said.

England all-rounder Moeen Ali, who won the 2019 World Cup with Morgan, wasn't surprised by the captain's timing. "The team for him still comes first, which just shows how unselfish he is," Ali told the BBC. "He's done a remarkable job and he's the best we've ever had, for sure.

Morgan was also part of England teams that won their first global cricket title in 2010 at the World Twenty20 and captained the team to the final in 2016. Morgan holds the team records for most ODIs (225) and T20s (115), and the most runs in both formats.

Ali lauded Morgan's "massive achievement" in changing the team's mindset, as well as being a great captain.

"There were so many times where people were caught on the boundary and they were like, I should have just hit a single,' and he was like, 'No, no, next time you hit it out of the ground.' We'd never come across a captain like that before.'

Swiatek makes it 36th in a row

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Wimbledon, June 28: From the red clay of the French Open to the green grass of Wimbledon, the wins keep coming for Iga Swiatek. The top-seeded Pole won her opening match on Centre Court Tuesday, beating Croatian qualifier Jana Fett 6-0, 6-3.

The victory was Swiatek's 36th in row and includes all seven matches she played at this year's French Open in winning her second title at Roland Garros. It's the longest winning streak on the women's tour since 1997, when Martina Hingis won 37.

Even with seven-time champion Serena Williams in the draw at the All England Club. Swiatek is the woman to beat. She won five tournaments before heading to Paris in May, earning consecutive titles in Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart and Rome.

Swiatek, again wearing a pin with the colors of Ukraine on her hat, started out like she left off in her last match at the French Open. But she went down 3-1 in the second set before recovering.

Coco Gauff, who lost to Swiatek in this year's French Open final, also won her opening match. The 11thseeded American beat Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Gauff got the go-ahead break in the third set at 5-5 on her sixth break point of the game when Ruse double-faulted. In her two previous ap-



pearances at the All England Club, Gauff reached the fourth round.

Barbora Krejcikova, who won the French Open in 2021 to split Swiatek's two titles there, also advanced to the second round. The 13th-seeded Czech defeated Maryna Zanevska of Belgium 7-6(7-4), 6-3.

No.4 Paula Badosa, No.5 Maria Sakkari, No.12 Jelena Ostapenko and No.33 Shuai Zhang of China also advanced. Among the seeded player to lose was Olympic champion Belinda Bencic. The 14tha half, the 35-year-old Morgan has only one half century in 48 innings

seeded Swiss player lost to Qiang

In the men's draw, No.18 Grigor

Dimitrov of Bulgaria retired from

his match with an apparent injury.

He was leading Steve Johnson of the

United States 6-4, 2-5 when he

No.15 Reilly Opelka of the United

States, No.19 Alex De Minaur of

Australia, No.29 Jenson Brooksby

of the United States. No.31 Sebastian

Baez of Argentina and unseeded

Nick Kyrgios of Australia also won.

Wang of China 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

stopped.

Odisha FC rope in Miranda as assistant coach

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, June 28: Odisha FC Tuesday announced the appointment of former India midfielder Clifford Miranda as the ISL team's assistant coach. The 39year-old will be part of chief coach Josep Gombau's backroom staff from the July 1.

Miranda mostly played for Dempo in the National Football League and the I-League from 2000-2015. During his time with the Goan side, Miranda won five league titles and the Federation Cup in 2004. He also helped the

club win four domestic cup honours. Miranda played for the Indian national team from 2005 to 2014, earning 45 caps and scored six goals. He was a part of the 2008 AFC Challenge Cup-winning Indian team. He also won two SAFF Championships.

After starting his career with the Salcete FC, he moved to the prestigious Tata Football Academy in Jamshedpur, where he honed his skills for four years. Miranda was the only TFA graduate from his batch to sign a professional contract when he signed for Dempo, a second division club in 2000.

In July 2015, Miranda was picked to play for Atlético de Kolkata and retired in 2017 and went into coaching after being convinced to do so by his former coach. Derrick Pereira. He joined his former playing club, FC Goa, as assistant to Pereira for the club's youth development team and reserve side. In 2018, Miranda became the head coach of the Goa Reserves side in the Goa Professional League and I-League 2nd Division.

Hooda ton, Sanju **THIRD & FOURTH PACERS FOR ENGLAND TEST** AGARKAR BACKS SIRAJ, SHARDUL take India to 225/7



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Malahide (Ireland), June 28: Deepak Hooda (104, 57b, 9x4, 6x6) produced a master-class knock, becoming only the fourth Indian to hit a T20I century, as the visiting side posted a mammoth 225/7 against Ireland in the second and final match here Tuesday.

During his maiden T20I ton, Hooda showed he belonged to the big stage with his scintillating stroke play, both off the front and backfoot. While Hooda was elegant and at ease on the frontfoot, he was equally good on the backfoot, dispatching the ball over the midwicket boundary for a few sixes. He was ably supported by Sanju

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Samson (77, 42b, 9x4, 4x6), who, opening the batting in place of injured Ruturaj Gaikwad, played second fiddle but grabbed his opportunity with both hands. Both Hooda and Samson's strokeplay down the ground were a treat for the eyes.

But India did not have the best of starts as they lost Ishan Kishan (3) early. The left-handed opener once again wasted an opportunity, nicking a Mark Adair delivery to Lorcan Tucker behind the stumps in the third over.

Hooda and Samson joined hands and the duo batted effortlessly, albeit handing two difficult chances, to share 176 runs off just 85 balls to lay the foundation for India's huge total.

It was a one-way traffic after Kishan's dismissal as Hooda and Samson toyed with the Irish bowlers and did not let them settle down. Except for a difficult chance which Paul Stirling dropped at extra off in the eight over, Hooda played a perfect knock.

Samson too was handed a life in the ninth over when leg-spinner Gareth Delany dropped a difficult caught-and-bowled chance.

Hooda brought up his maiden T20I century off 55 balls with a single to join the likes of Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and Suresh Raina in the elite club of only four Indian centurions in the format.

Once Hooda departed at the team score of 212, Surya Kumar Yadav (15) and skipper Hardik Pandva (13 n o) tried to accelerate the scoring but failed as India lost three wickets for the addition of just 14 runs in the last two overs.

BRIEF SCORES: India 225/7 (Deepak Hooda 104, Sanju Samson 77: Mark Adair 3/42, Craig Young 2/35, Josh Little 2/38) vs Ireland.



Mohammed Siraj on his follow through while bowling; Shardul Thakur appeals during India's warm-up game against Leicestershire

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, June 28: Former Indian pacer Ajit Agarkar said he would prefer Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur as the team's third and the fourth pacers respectively when India take on England in the

rescheduled fifth and final Test beginning in Edgbaston Friday. With Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami a certainty in the playing XI, India has other pace options in Siraj, Prasidh

Krishna, Shardul Thakur and Umesh Yadav to choose form.

"Siraj had a really good series last year when India played those four Tests (against England) and he is one of most improved bowlers

around at the moment. So I don't see any reason why Siraj would miss out," Agarkar said during an interaction, organised by Sony Sports, the official broadcaster of the rescheduled test match.

Agarkar felt that Shardul's ability with the bat could give him an edge in earning a place in the final eleven. "Shardul offers a bit more with the bat at number eight and if there is likely help for the seamers, then he becomes even more effective. There is some swing and seam on offer," Agarkar said

'So, I would think that's the way they go. Otherwise, the tail becomes too long, if at eight, you look at someone like Umesh (Yadav) or even Prasidh Krisna is part of the squad. But I think, Shardul will probably make (the cut) if they go with four seamers," added the 44-year-old, who represented India in 26 Tests.

Agarkar also backed Siraj in saying that while the latter did have a forgettable performance in the IPL, that, however, would not affect his chances of being a part of the Indian side.

"I don't think Siraj necessarily bowled badly and I don't think you need to equate IPL to test cricket in England. So, you just see his form in test cricket in the last 12 months. Even when India played New Zealand at home, he (Siraj) was really good.

"And he can do the tough work for you. When the ball is little bit older can bowl long spells and bowl quick. I would be very surprised if he (Siraj) is not the third seamer," reasoned Agarkar.

The fifth and final Test is from last year's incomplete series against England which got rescheduled due to outbreak of COVID-19 in the Indian camp.

Agarkar also praised the veteran batter Cheteshwar Pujara hit four centuries, including two double centuries for Sussex in Division Two County Championships to make a comeback in the Indian team. He reckoned that Pujara's current form would be an advantage for India in the final Test.

INDIA TO TOUR NZ POST WT20

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Wellington, June 28: India will be touring New Zealand for a whiteball series comprising three T20Is and as many ODIs after the World T20 in Australia, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) said Tuesday.

The series will be held between November 18 to 30 and New Zealand will return to India for a whiteball series in January next year.

"India will arrive in New Zealand at the conclusion of the world cup to play the BLACKCAPS in three T20s at Wellington, Tauranga and Napier, and three ODIs at Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch," NZC said in a release.

"The BLACKCAPS will then depart for the sub-continent for a tour of Pakistan and a short form series in India, before returning in early February to prepare for the two Tests against England - at Tauranga (D/N) and Wellington.

India will be playing a rescheduled one-off fifth Test against England beginning Friday, besides featuring in three T20Is and as many ODIs at the Old Blighty.

India will then tour the West Indies for a white-ball series comprising three ODIs and five T20Is in July-August in the run-up to the T20 World Cup.

In a jam-packed international schedule, New Zealand will also play a day-night Test against England, while six teams will be touring the country in the 2022-23 home summer.

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