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SHINDE GOVT TO FACE FLOOR TEST JULY 4 AGENCIES

Mumbai, July 1: The day-old Shiv Sena-BJP government in Maharashtra will face the floor test July 4. an official said Friday.

BJP MLA Rahul Narvekar filed the nomination Friday for the post of Assembly Speaker, the official said. Election for the post, if needed, will be held July 3, when the spe cial two-day session of the House begins, he said. The position has been vacant since Nana Patole of Congress resigned from the post in February last year. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will table a motion of confidence in the Assembly July 4. the official, a senior functionary in Vidhan Bhawan, said.

RREGULAR by MANJUL



I started respecting tea sellers long time ago. Nowadays I'm learning how not to offend autowallahs!





.ORD OF THE UNIVERSE AMONG THE MULTITUDES: The three chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra lined up near the Gundicha temple in Puri, Friday

About 10 lakh devotees participate in the annual festival after a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic

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Puri. July 1: An estimated 10 lakh people. who thronged the seaside town, Friday pulled the chariots of Lord Jagannath and His siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra from Srimandir with much fanfare up to the Gundicha temple. After a gap of two years devotees were allowed to participate in the annual festival. The Rath Yatra was celebrated without devotees in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pahandi Bije of the deities began at 6:15 am, at least three hours ahead of the schedule. Adorned with tahias (giant floral crowns), the three deities along with Lord Sudarshan were brought out of the sanctum sanctorum amid beats of cymbals, drums and gongs in the Pahandi procession to their respective chariots parked in front of the Lions' Gate of the Srimandir. The deities were placed on the chariots by 9:30am.

Puri Sankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati offered prayers to the deities on their respective chariots.

The titular king of Puri Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb performed the 'Chhera Pahanra', a ritual of sweeping the chariots before the Rath Yatra, emblematic of the belief that all are equal before the almighty, between 11:20am and 12:20pm. Contd...P3 **MORE ON P5, P6, P7**

Nupur's remark 'set country on fire': SC

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is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country." Refusing to entertain Sharma's plea for clubbing of FIRs lodged in various states against her for the remark, the bench held that the comment was made either for cheap publicity, political agenda or some nefarious activities.

"She actually has a loos



While refusing to entertain Sharma's plea for clubbing of FIRs, a vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala allowed her to withdraw the plea.

"She has a threat or she has become a security threat? The way she has ignited emotions across the country... this lady is single-handedly responsible for what is hapMONSOON SESSION OF **HOUSE BEGINS TODAY**

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 1: Amid

tight security, the monsoon ses-

sion of the state Assembly will

begin Saturday at 11 am. This

will be the first session following

got approval of the House through vote-on-account to make expendi-_ ture upto ₹1.06 lakh crore for the first four months (April to July) of the financial year.

The government would seek a nod from the House for a budget estimate for the remaining eight months of the fiscal. The fullfledged budget is expected to be around ₹2.10 lakh crore. Meanwhile, Opposition BJP and Congress have lined up issues including law and order problem, elephant deaths, farmers' issue, to attack the government during the session. The BJD said it is ready to discuss any issue that is raised by the Opposition.

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nefarious activities

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New Delhi, July 1: The Supreme Court Friday came down heavily on suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma for her controversial comments against the Prophet, saying her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she

and has made all kinds of irresponsible statements on TV and set the entire country on fire. Yet. she claims to be a lawyer of 10 years standing ... She should have immediately apologised for her comments to the whole country," the court said.

"These remarks are very disturbing and smack of arrogance. What is her business to make such



remarks? These remarks have led to unfortunate incidents in the country...These people are not religious. They do not have respect for other religions. These remarks were made for cheap publicity or political agenda or some other nefarious activities," the bench said.

pening in the country," the bench said when Sharma's lawyer Maninder Singh pointed out that she was facing threats to life.

The bench further said, "the way she ignited emotions across the country has led to unfortunate incidents. This lady is single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country. We saw the debate.' MORE ON P8

the reshuffle of the Council of Ministers and also for Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Niranjan Pujari and government chief whip Prasanta Muduli.

On the first day of the session, the full budget for FY 2023-23 will be presented by Pujari, who also holds the Finance portfolio.

The state government had presented a budget of ₹2 lakh crore and

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Udaipur killers used bike with number '2611'

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Udaipur, July 1: The motorcycle used for escape by the killers of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal had '2611' as its registration number, a possible reference to the Mumbai terror attacks in 2008.

Serial terror attacks in Mumbai took place November 26 and are referred to as 26/11 in general. The accused Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad had fled after brutally hacking the tailor to death in Udaipur June 28.

Akhtari had paid ₹1000 to obtain the number of his choice for the motorcycle which he had bought in March 2013, officials said.

The accused were caught in the Bhim area by the Rajsamand police hours after the incident.

"The registration number of the bike on which they were fleeing was RJ 27 AS 2611. The motorcycle was handed over to the SIT for further action," SHO of Bhim police station said.

Udaipur RTO Prabhu Lal Bamniya said the motorcycle was issued in the name of Riaz Akhtari and a fee of ₹1,000 was paid for se-



curing the number in March 2013. November 26, 2008, 10 Pakistani terrorists arrived at Mumbai by sea route and opened fire indiscriminately at people, killing 166, including 18 security personnel. Ajmal Kasab was the only terrorist who was captured alive. He was hanged four years later November 21, 2012.

Top cops removed

JAIPUR: In a major reshuffle over the alleged negligence by police in the Kanhaiya Lal murder case, the Rajasthan government has removed the Superintendent of Police and Inspector General (IG) of Udaipur range. Prafulla Kumar, who is heading the SIT set up to investigate the murder, has been made the new IG. Meanwhile, the accused have been shifted from Udaipur to Ajmer's high security jail. Internet remained suspended in Rajasthan for the fourth day Friday

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FORD GOES PUBLIC WITH **MONKEYPOX INFECTION**

American actor Matt Ford has become the first person ever with monkeypox infection to go public. In a series of tweets, Ford, a selfemployed actor who splits his time between Los Angeles and New York City, said the disease sucks as he is unable to sleep through the night.

FOY RECEIVED 1K EMAILS IN A MONTH FROM ALLEGED STALKER

DESCRIPTION OF MOLESTATION IN MEMOIR

Didn't want a pity party: Kubbra

Mumbai: Kubbra Sait recently

opened up about penning the inci-

dent of her molestation in

one of the chapters of

her memoir, Open Book.

In a recent interview,

'Initially, when I was

writing it, this was

the chapter that

took about 3 days.

In my opinion,

this was a long

time frame. I

did not want

a pity party.

It is over. look at

where I

am

the actress said,

British actress Claire Foy received over 1,000 emails in a month from her alleged stalker, a court has been told. The Crown actress' legal representatives warned a court that 38-year-old star was under significant risk from Jason Penrose, who wanted to be her boyfriend.

today, there will be oppressors all along

the way. They will do everything they can

to make you small and want to make you

Elaborating further, she added, "You

realise you are not good enough.'

ing for the person to read and come and

apologise to me. I am over it. He

does not define me anymore. It is

not something I hold so close

to my heart that I will not be

willing to revisit it," opines

the Sacred Games ac-

tress. Agencies



SRK's Jawan sold to OTT giant for ₹120 cr : Report

> Mumbai: Shah Rukh Khan's rugged avatar in Jawan promises an action packed big screen experience. Hitmaker Atlee is calling the shots for this movie, which stars Nayanthara as the leading lady.

are taught to give into these oppressions, And even before its release, but I think writing this was about literally forgiving myself for not knowing what to Jawan seems to have locked a massive deal. It is being specdo. What I could not have done, and I did ulated that the digital streaming not do it and it is okay." "I was not writing to showcase a monster. I was not writrights of this entertainer have been sold to Netflix for a whopping Rs 120 crore, reports Bollywoodlife. However, the makers are yet to confirm on this update. Recently, Shah Rukh Khan had opened up about the film during an Instagram live and shared,



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> You are in a position to affect other peoples' lives. Since you are very compassionate and caring, people will look up to you whether as a peer or a superior. Make good use of this excess energy to solve prickly issues. Ganesha encourages large-scale projects.

TAURUS

Be prepared for taking instant decisions and acting promptly on them. Today you are likely to meet several such situations Ganesha is pleased to see that you have the acumen and experience to deal with such contingencies. You will have no trouble finding the right solutions and seeing things through.

GEMINI

You will be faced with a slew of demands from various people today, and you will find it difficult to meet all of them. However, you will be able to meet the requirements that need to be met to sal vage the day. People will praise your intelligence and creativity, says Ganesha.

Minor ailments like cough and cold may bother you. warns Ganesha. So avoid cold or sweet items. People admire your helpful nature. Take special care of your health, says Ganesha

LEO

You need to curb down on your expenses. You need to moderate the risks you take on in the share market. It is a good day for financial gains though. You need to understand the value of compromise, says Ganesha

VIRGO

Family affairs will predominate today. They will even control your thoughts to the exclusion of everything else. Things will look up on the business front. You may spend time relaxing in the evening. Ganesha says a trip to a place of worship is on the cards

LIBRA

Ganesha says that there are chances that today you might start some long-

ending renovation project for your house. You may decorate your home with new paintings and items. There may be guests over in the evening that will make you very happy. You may also go out for dinner with your family and friends or

Sushmita reveals why she chose no to marry

Mumbai: Sushmita Sen, who is a single mother of two adopted girls, Renee and Alisah, recently spilled the beans on why she never got married. In conversation with

Fwinkle Khanna, Sushmita revealed that after she adopted Renee, there was no man thereafter who came into her life that didn't know what her priorities were. According to her, although she never expected anyone to share the responsibility, they

also cannot ask her to step away from it as her daughter needed her till a certain age. Elaborating further, Sushmita added that she had met some

very interesting men in her life but the only reason she never got married is because they were a let-down. The actress also asserted that her decision to not get married had nothing to do with her kids. Her kids were never in the equation and if at all, she feels they have been very gracious. They have accepted people in her life with open arms, never made a face, and gave equal measure of love and respect to everyone.

Sushmita also revealed that she came close to getting married thrice but God saved her. Although she refrained from revealing what disaster followed with their respective lives, she felt that God saved her and her kids.

Last year. Sushmita parted ways with her boyfriend Rohman Shawl. However, they continue to remain friends. AGENCIES

PEANUTS

A BEE LANDED ON YOUR BACK!

MY STOMACH

FEELS KIND

OF FUNNY ..

CALVIN AND HOBBES

A BEE?

GET IT

AWAY !!

outstanding mass oriented films, again a genre I have never done. So, I wanted to try my hands on it. And I think me and Atlee have good chemistry.' Jawan is all set to hit the theatres on June 2, 2023. It will be released in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada.

Kartik on Roopal's radar

Mumbai: Actress Roopal Tyagi, who was previously seen in the lead role as Gunjan in the TV show Sapne Suhane Ladakpan Ke, has revealed that she would love to choreo

graph actor Kartik Aaryan Roopal, who also works in Hindi films as an assistant choreographer, says: "I was lucky enough to assist Pony Verma (Bollywood choreographer) in the song Mere Dholna from the movie Bhool Bhulaiyaa. "Also, after getting the opportunity to choreograph many popular stars performance on the same song I assisted years back (in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2). Talking ahead about her up-

coming acting projects, the Bigg Boss 9 fame actress adds: ''I'm looking forward to playing more mature characters now... Characters which are more nuanced and layered. Actually, I'm already in talks for something exactly like that, but I can't reveal much now. But if

bably, with your s

SCORPIO

You are all set to paint the town red as you feel romance and love creeping into your life slowly. You may bump into 'someone special' today and see love blooming for you. There are also chances of marriage proposals and meeting prospective candidates, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS

Tough times do not last, but tough people do, remember this fact and move ahead in life. Try to make the complicated life simpler by your optimistic approach. Speak up when it is required and don't get bogged down by unnecessary pressure.

CAPRICORN

Today, you will remain unruffled by the commotion around you, says Ganesha.

However, the emotions locked up inside you will probably cloud your power of reasoning and may leave you feeling a little lost. But this will only be a passing phase, and you will come out of the bewilder ment in no time. You will promptly get back to pursuing your goals and your rep utation with seniors will play a crucial role in bagging you tangible rewards.

AOUARIUS

Today is the day to turn dreams into reality and how! With your talent, wit, and intelligence you will make a great impression on everyone's mind, feels Ganesha. Icing on the cake will be the cash inflow. You know your cards and you play them well to your advantage. There may be a catch though, keep yourself guarded, advises Ganesha.

PISCES

You will communicate with vour friends or relatives living abroad today. There is a chance that these communications could translate directly into substantial gain for you. You will find yourself in the mood for socializing. You will likely invite friends over to dinner at your place in the evening, says Ganesha.



I WONDER

IS ... NO ONE EVER TELLS ME ANYTHING!

TT

HE IMAGINED IT.

WHERE'S

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ITTLE GIRI

WHO ALWAYS

ALKS TO ME

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JUST STAND STILL AND TRY NOT TO IMAGINE THAT

IT MIGHT VERY WELL CRAW DOWN YOUR SHIRT AND

INTO YOUR PANTS!

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STING YOU





SUDOKU

it happens, it will be super fun and interesting.' Roopal is currently part of the web series Biwi and Me. IANS



CROSSWORD

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

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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

21 Sea bird

2 Talisman

10 Salty treat

14 Challenger

12 Torment

SUDOKU





downtown



FOR GREENER TOMORROW

Dignitaries during the plantation drive organised by CMC at Belview Park in Cuttack, Friday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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lia	4,34,69,234	4,28,36,906	5,25,139
isha	12,89,961	12,79,978	9,126

BMC drive against single-use plastic

The ban on single-use plastic items, including wrapping or packaging films, plastic cutlery, straws, and plastic sticks for balloons and



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 1: Following central government's ban on use of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) items, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Friday initiated a drive and awareness campaign against the same in the state capital.

In a move, a team comprising central zone, police and north zone enforcement personnel started awareness and enforcement activity from Nalco Chhak to Damana Bazar. The team members educated the vendors and encouraged them to desist from using SUP items. About 21 street vendors were covered during the drive and about 2.5 quintal of polythene and SUP items were seized. A total of Rs.1800 was collected from vendors as fine. The banned SUP items include earbuds, plastic sticks for balloons,

flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocol), plates, cups, glasses, forks, spoons, knives straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweets boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners of less than 100 microns, and stirrers.

The central government also prohibited manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution, and sale of the SUP items. Moreover, the thickness of plastic carry bags will have

India's biggest amusement park in Khurda soon

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to be increased from 75 microns to 120 microns.

"Intensive campaign will be carried out to spread awareness among people and vendors. Zone-wise enforcement will also be done to check items for a clean and green Bhubaneswar," said Suvendu Kumar Sahoo, deputy commissioner sanitation.

The civic authorities, meanwhile, have formed two more enforcement squads to check the use of plastics in the city here.

Earlier, the city had only one enforcement squad for the purpose. With the formation of two new squads, now the civic body can intensify its surveillance against the use of plastics in all three zones of the capital city.

Apart from enforcing the ban on single-use plastic (SUP) items, the squads will keep tab on the illegal dumping of construction and demolition (C&D) waste in public and open spaces, sources said.

"The squads will enforce the ban on SUP and penalise manufacturers, sellers and individuals found guilty in this regard," said an official of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC).

It can be mentioned here that the capital city usually generates around 600 tonnes of waste in a day. Out of which, 365 tonnes are said to be plastic waste.

Daily Covid cases in state cross 200

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, July 1: Odisha reported 204 new Covid-19 cases Friday, 49 less than the previous day, taking the tally to 12,89,961, the health department said.

The new cases have been detected after testing 15,615 samples, and the positivity rate stood at 1.31 per cent.

The Khurda state's reported the coronavirus highest number death toll remained of new cases at 376, followed by unchanged at 9,126, as no 134 in Cuttack fresh fatality was reported.

Khurda reported the highest number of new cases at 376, followed by 134 in Cuttack. Eighteen children were among those newly infected.

Odisha now has 872 active COVID-19 cases. In the last 24 hours, 61 more people recuperated from the disease, taking the total recoveries to 12,79,910.



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik takes stock of the ongoing Srimandir Heritage Corridor Project in Puri, Friday. Among others, SJTA chief administrator Vir Vikram Yadav and district Collector Samarth Verma are seen

Daringbadi Hill View Park to get major facelift

POST NEWS NETWORK

Daringbadi, July 1: The scenic Hill View Park in Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district will get a major facelift as a private agency has been roped in for its upkeep and

management.

of its upkeep. However, it has recently handed over the responsibility back to the block administration. Notably, Hill View Park is one of the major attractions in Daringbadi with watch tower, a children park and a lot more to entice the tourists.

Endless hills, beautiful valleys and pine forests in the area are enchanting for tourists. The foun-

BOOSTING TOURIST FOOTFALL

he trust has planned to set up new watch towers, construct flower gardens, introduce toy train, install fountains and replace the old fibre statues in the park

he park will be given a modern look by landscaping experts from Kolkata

A market complex will be set up Alongside the NH to accommodate outlets that would sell various minor forest produce, food grain and organic turmeric of Khandhamal

tains and gardens provide the tourists a feel of beautiful places like Mussoorie, Ooty, Coorg and Nainital.

R'S DAY CELEBRATION

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Nestled in the lush greenery, pine forests, plantations and waterfalls, this hill station is at an altitude of 3,000 feet.

The block administration has formed a trust to boost tourism in Daringbadi. The trust has 17 memand feel the sublime atmosphere of Daringbadi, However, tourists are averse to climb the watch tower as it is in a miserable condition due to lack of maintenance.

However, the trust has planned to set up new watch towers, construct new flower gardens, introduce toy train, install fountains and replace the old fibre statues in the park. The main gate of the Hill View Park lies near the national highway. The gate will be made more attractive with fountains. The park will be given a modern look by landscaping experts from Kolkata.

A market complex will also be set up alongside the NH to accommodate outlets that would sell various minor forest produce, food grain and organic turmeric of Khandhamal. The outlets will be lease out while land has been earmarked for the market complex.

Raths roll amid sea of devotees

Continued from P1

sub-collector Dukhabandhu Nayak.

Hundreds of tourists from var-

ious parts of the country set their

foot in Daringbadi every day. There

is a watch tower for the tourists to

have the glimpses of the greenery

As per the tradition, devotees started pulling the Taladhwaja chariot of Lord Balabhadra at 12:35pm. Debadalana chariot of Devi Subhadra at 1:30pm and Nandighosa chariot of Lord Jagannath at 2:30pm. Taladhwaja reached Gundicha temple at 3:55pm, Darpadalan at 5:20pm and Nandighosa at 6:30 pm. Governor Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Orissa High Court Chief Justice S Muralidhar were among those who were seen pulling the Nandighosha chariot amid lakhs of devotees who blew conch shells and chanted 'Hari bol'. The arrival of the chariots at the Gundicha temple culminates the first phase of the Ghosha Yatra. The CM, who returned from his 11-day tour to Italy and Dubai early morning, rushed to Puri for darshan of the divine siblings. He waved to the crowd as people cheered for him.

The CM. who returned from his 11-day tour to Italy and Dubai early morning, rushed to Puri for darshan of the divine siblings



According to sources, the block administration handed over the

park's management to Trishakti Construction Company Friday. Earlier, Jagruti was on the charge

Bhubaneswar, July 1: Bangalorebased amusement parks operator Wonderla Holidays has announced that it has signed an agreement with the Odisha government for getting 50.63 acre land on lease at Kumarbasta in Khurda district to set up an amusement park, touted to be one of the biggest in the country.

The firm will invest Rs 115 crore towards developing the project based on an asset-light business model.

"Odisha government has been giving us a lot of favourable terms and incentives to set up the park in KHurda, on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar. We thank Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his visionary leadership towards making this project a reality. The funding for the project will be a combination of internal accruals and some debts according to internal reports," said Wonderla Holidays Managing Director Arun K Chittilappilly.

Photo journalist dies on way to cover car fest

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, July 1: Veteran photo journalist Ashok Panda died in a road mishap Friday when he was on way to cover Rath Yatra in Puri, police said.

Panda was 57. He is survived by his wife and a 10-year-old daughter.

The accident took place near Satasankha around 5am. It is suspected that Panda's motorcycle hit a roadside culvert, police said, adding that though he was wearing a helmet, blood had oozed from his nostril.

Panda was initially rushed to Sakhigopal hospital and later to Capital Hospital in the City, where doctors declared him dead, Capital police IIC Girija Shankar Chakrabarty said.



Guests at the celebration of National Doctors' Day at IMA House in Ranihat area of Cuttack, Friday

"The Grand Trunk Road adjoining the temple came alive with celebrations as emotion and enthusiasm were palpable among the devotees," Patnaik said on Twitter.

Pradhan, too, took to the microblogging platform to say that Rath Yatra was all about "universal love and humanity"

"Fortunate and overwhelmed to seek blessings from Mahaprabhu on this special and auspicious day in Puri. May he bless us all. Jai Jagannath," he wrote.

The administration has deployed 180 platoons of police force, teams of fire fighters and life guards in the beach town to tackle possible incidents of drowning in the sea.

India gets \$1.75bn World Bank loan for health, pvt investment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 1: The World Bank has approved loans totalling USD 1.75 billion (about Rs 13,834.54 crore) to fund India's PM Ayushman Bharat scheme and private investment in a bid to boost the economic growth.

Of the total loan, USD 1 billion will go towards the health sector, while the rest USD 750 million will be in the form of development policy loan (DPL) to fill the financing gaps through private sector investment in the economy

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved two complementary loans of USD 500 million each to support and enhance India's health sector.

Through this combined financing of USD 1 billion, the World Bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021, the World Bank said in a release Friday.

The funds will be used to improve public healthcare infrastructure across the country. In addition to the national-level interventions, one of the loans will prioritize seven states- Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, the multi-lateral

funding agency said. Separately, its board approved the DPL to the union government to support reforms critical to addressing financing gaps by leveraging private sector investment in infrastructure, small businesses, and the green finance markets.

The World Bank said India's performance in the health sector has improved over time. It has estimated India's life expectancy at 69.8 in 2020, up from 58 in 1990 -higher than the average for the country's income level.

It said despite these advances in the health sector, Covid-19 has underscored the need for revitalizing, reforming, and developing capacity for core public health func-



tions, as well as for improving the quality and comprehensiveness of the health service delivery.

'The Covid-19 outbreak has reemphasized the urgency for significant reforms to improve the health sector performance in India," said Hideki Mori, World Bank's Acting Country Director for India. Mori said India's decision to invest early and significantly to strengthen its health system even as it emerges from the pandemic, is a pioneering choice and "we are pleased to support this important agenda.

Under health, two loans-- Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Programme (PHSPP) and Enhanced Health Service Delivery Programme (EHSDP) -are designed to be complementary and transformational in impact. PHSPP will support the gov-

SHOT IN THE ARM FOR INFRA

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ernment's efforts to prepare India's surveillance system to detect and report epidemics of potential international concerns; enhancing capacity to detect pathogens, including zoonotic diseases and strengthen coordination and build institutional capacity of core public health institutions.

EHSDP will support the government's efforts to strengthen service delivery through a re-

designed primary health care model; improve quality of care by supporting the National Quality Assurance Standards certification across Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs); and transform the health sector governance and accountability by strengthening implementation capacity.

About the DPL, the World Bank said the Indian government has taken several measures over the past decade to improve financial inclusion as well as the stability of the financial sector and the domestic capital markets.

This has resulted in a more efficient and resilient sector in the face of the COVID-19 crisis and other external shocks.

Of the USD 750 million commitment, USD 667 million will be a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and USD 83 million will be financed by a credit from the International Development-Association (IDA), the World Bank's concessionary lending arm.







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To be young is never to accept the irreparable THE MOTHER

DASS Reshuffle

'n one of his first significant decisions since taking over, the new Lt Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena has ordered the suspension of PC Thakur, deputy secretary in Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's office, and two SDMs - Harshit Jain and Devender Sharma - over corruption charges. Sources have informed DKB that disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil) Services (DANICS) officers.

However, there are even bigger changes being effected in the Delhi government, which will likely impact 60-70% of Delhi Administrative Subordinate Services (DASS) officers. According to sources, Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar has reportedly asked the heads of departments to prepare a list of DASS officers posted in a department for several years and transfer them. This decision comes days after the Delhi government transferred over 40 IAS and DANICS officers

What's behind this major revamp? It seems that 70% of officials have been serving in the same department for over five years. The guidelines of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) state that officials on key posts should be moved every three years while others should be transferred after five years in a post

However, given the sheer numbers involved, sources have told DKB that the transfers will likely be done in phases to avoid large-scale disruption of work.

Mixing style and substance

India's representative to Bhutan, Ruchira Kamboj, is on her way to the United Nations to succeed TS Tirumurti as India's new Permanent Representative. An Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1987 batch, Kamboj has a lot of expertise with political problems, maintaining peace, and handling crises.

Besides, she will be returning to a place she is familiar with because previously in her career, she was assigned to India's Permanent Mission to the UN.

While most diplomats usually work behind the scenes, as India's

Chief Protocol Officer-another first as she is the first Indian woman to occupy the position-Kamboj had attracted public attention in a way that most diplomats don't, during the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, where several heads of state from SAARC nations and Mauritius were present.

Protocol, as insiders point out, is a frontline tool of diplomacy - and much more than welcoming foreign dignitaries and showing them around. It is the key to effective diplomacy – and not to be confused with grandeur, pomp and ceremony. There is relentless hard work behind the glitter. Like good wine, protocol often sets the mood and creates the right atmospherics for the serious diplomatic business that is being conducted.

In this sense, Ruchira Kamboj is at a decided advantage at the UN as India's ambassador, having met most global leaders when they visited India during her days as protocol in charge. Her new assignment will, of course, require more than a genteel formality and diplomatic etiquette. But, by all indications, she is prepared to be India's voice on the world's biggest diplomatic stage.

Ministry stands by babu

R Jaya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, will continue to hold additional charge of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED) despite the unanimous decision of the Board of Directors of TRIFED to discontinue her services. This unanimous stance was conveyed to Secretary of Tribal Affairs Anil Kumar Jha by the TRIFED chairperson Ramsingh Rathwa.

But, to the surprise of many who expected Jaya to be divested of her additional charge, the ministry has ignored the Board's drastic decision and chosen to stand firmly behind the babu. It has been made clear that Jaya will continue in this additional charge until a regular official is appointed.

The ministry's stance should be shot in the arm for Java, whose position had become shaky after the Board stated that it did not wish to continue with her as its Managing Director, after her alleged non-cooperation in implementing the Board's decisions.

While the ministry has decided to stick with Jaya, for the moment, it does make some observers wonder how it will work out for Java who will have to continue working with the TRIFED directors, who have already made their stance clear. It's not going to be smooth sailing, for sure.

DISSENT IN JUDICIARY twasHaroldJLaskiwhohad famously said that

famously "Responsible dissent is the essence of democracy". In these troubling times, when one is dubbed antinational for pouting a reasonable contrarian viewpoint the role of judiciary and dissent-There are important lessons to be a hoary history of two centuries is seven decade old. They have gone a long way in promoting the right to life, liberty and equality, which otherwise would have been trampled upon by political whim, supported by committed judges.

A few defining dissenting opinions in the US Supreme court can be recounted to buttress the above observation. In Plessey Vs Ferguson (1896), the majority of judges ruled that racial segregation laws do not violate the US Constitution as long as the facilities for each race were equal in quality. The lone dissenting opinion by Justice Marshall Harlan has become a classic of American civil rights jurisprudence. He wrote: "Our Constitution is colour blind. The arbitrary separation of citizens on the basis of race is wholly inconsistent with civil freedom and equality before law." The above landmark dissent-

ing viewpoint found its fruition in Brown vs Board Education (1954) case, when the court unanimously decreed that 'separate but equal doctrine' and racial segregation in public schools are unconstitutional. It paved the way for racial integration in USA and bolstered civil rights movement from 1954 to 1968 to abolish institutional segregation, discrimination and disenfranchisement.

The above case will clearly reveal how in the USA deep colour prejudices politically and supported by the majority of judges were smashed into smithereens by perceptive dissenting judges. In India judges like Fazal Ali,

The most defining dissenting judgment in India has been given by Justice HR Khanna in ADM Jabalpur Vs SP Sukla case of 1976. The limited issue was whether during imposition of emergency, right to life stands suspended or not

become leitmotif of Supreme Khanna & Chelameswar have shown remarkable spine to dif-Court's evangelical role subsefer with their majority counterquently as architect of several second generation rights like, parts and even risked supersession, being politically unpalatable. right to livelihood, unpolluted Mention must be made of the AK water& environment, primary ed-Gopalan Vs State of Madras case ucation & privacy. (1950) where the majority of judges The most defining dissenting judgment in India has been given held that the power of preventive detention by the state under Art by Justice HR Khanna in ADM 22 is not subject judicial review as

Jabalpur Vs SP Sukla case in 1976. The limited issue was whether during the imposition of emerwith. Further the judges were of gency, right to life stands suspended or not. While four judges Freedom), Art 21 (Protection of Life & liberty) and Art 22 felt helpless because Art 359 suspends all fundamental rights when Emergency under Art 352 was in operation, Justice Khanna was of the view that Article 21 is not the sole repository of human right to life and liberty. Even if Article 21 able'. This unique dissenting judgewas suspended, the state cannot deprive a person of life and liberty without authority of law. Justice Khanna was superseded as CJI , Bhagawati. It found resonance but remains a beacon light for inin Maneka Gandhi Vs UOI Case dependent minded judges Forty one years later in the

Puttaswamy case (2017) all the judges went into the ADM Jabalpur and the dissenting opinion voiced by Justice Khanna and unanimously upheld it. To quote Justice Kaul "The majority opinion in ADM Jabalpur Case is an

aberration in constitutional jurisprudence of our country and should be buried ten fathom deep, with no chance of resurrection. Justice Nariman opined that 'the rule of law under a constitutional democracy can never be sacrificed at the altar of expediency' The Puttaswamy case clearly reveals how the intelligence of a future day can free constitutional democracy from the claws of arbitrary arrest by a despotic state and restore habeas corpus as a fundamental right.

One of the least discussed dissenting judgments in recent times was given by Justice Chelameswar in the NJAC case (2015) where the majority of the judges had struck down the constitutionality of a Committee system to select Supreme Court and High court judges, instead of the collegium system, which consists of only Supreme Court judges. Many believe that the judges in order to protect their turf had invoked the basic structure doctrine to strike down a broad based committee system to select Supreme Court & high court judges. The Committee system was also recommended by the National Commission to Review the Constitution in 2002.

In a scintillating dissent Justice Chelameswar had observed: "Transparency is a vital factor in court governance. Proceedings of a collegium are absolutely opaque and inaccessible. Excluding the executive branch from the ambit of the selection process is destructive of a basic feature of the constitution which includes the concept of check and balances as the essence of healthy & democratic functioning. One hopes that the judges will see the merit of this dissenting opinion and revisit its 2015 judgement. A broad based selection process with representation from outside the judiciary would make the whole process more transparent and bring up nobility of thought and objectivity.

The writer teaches Constitutional law. Views are personal

SPECTRUM SPACE RACE

Europe, we have a problem

long as the procedure is complied

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(Protection from arbitrary arrest)

are not interlinked. Justice Fazal

Ali dissented and was of the view

that arbitrary preventive detention

is indefensible and that the pro-

cedure must be 'fair and reason-

ment became the template for

subsequent judgments by activist

judges like Krishna Iyer &

1978, when Bhagwati decreed that

the procedure must be free from

arbitrariness, caprice & bias. He

also held that Arts 19, 21 & 22 are

a golden triangle, encapsulating

life, liberty and freedom, which are

interlinked & inalienable. Fazal

Ali's dissenting voice has thus

conomies, and support the green transition relies heavily on technologies that are literally out of this world. Powering today's automated services and artificial-intelligence applications requires precise, timely data furnished by space-based technologies (global navigation, earth observation, environmental monitoring, and communication satellites). This is true in agriculture, transportation, energy, defence, and even finance. Farmers rely on satellites to make decisions about which crops to plant and when, while ships, planes, trains, and automobiles use satellite data to navigate safely and efficiently. Power companies need satellites to monitor performance and maintain their grids, and financial services use the unique data they collect to inform investment decisions and for accurate time stamping. The European Union has invested heavily in this area through multi-billion-euro projects such as Galileo and EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service); Copernicus, the Earthobservation system; and GOV-SATCOM, the secure satellite-communication program. Europe also boasts many companies that are at

The digital revolution's po- the forefront of space innovation. sources to reinvest and easy ac- We have also invested in innovative, as consumer solutions and drones - is being outpaced by others, in-

tential to create new growth But European investment in space- cess to capital markets, smaller high-potential European satellite opportunities, transform based technologies - particularly European companies find it much makers such as Spire fast-growing strategic sectors such more difficult to secure funding, especially compared to their US or Asian competitors. One factor holding Europe back is a lack of venture-capital investors who specialise in the space sector. This scarcity forces many of Europe's rising stars to turn to foreign capital. Over the last five years, North American and Asian competitors have acquired stakes of at least 5% in as many as 14 European companies in the satellite-navigation sector. Such acquisitions not only lower Europe's share of global revenues; they also undercut its competitiveness by reducing potential technological capabilities along the innovation

(Luxembourg), D-Orbit (Italy), and EnduroSat (Bulgaria).



Dilip Cherian



Satya Narayan Misra

THE **PUTTASWAMY CASE REVEALS HOW THE INTELLIGENCE OF A FUTURE DAY CAN FREE CONSTITUTIONAL** DEMOCRACY FROM THE **CLAWS OF ARBITRARY ARREST BY A DESPOTIC STATE AND RESTORE**

HABEAS **CORPUS AS A FUNDAMENTAL** RIGHT

ing opinion amongst the judges can be an effective guarantee for upholding constitutional majesty. learnt from judicial dissent from the US Supreme Court, which has and Indian Supreme Court which

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- A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes MAHATMA GANDHI
- True religion is a revolutionary force: it is an inveterate enemy of oppression, privilege, and injustice.

SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN

My Best Friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read." ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WORDS**WORTH**

Alcolock

n alcolock, or more formally in Euro-bureaucrat-speak a "breath alcohol Aignition interlock device" (BAIID), is fitted to a car's ignition to stop a driver from starting it if he's over the drink-driving limit. The device is seen as a way to stop people who have been convicted of driving under the influence from offending again. Trials have been taking place in recent years in the US, Australia, Canada, and Sweden, though not always under this name. The European Union has been conducting studies to see if it ought to be adopted throughout the EU and as a follow-up to this investigation a trial is to take place in two areas of the UK shortly. Supporters of the scheme argue that it helps to prevent repeat offences.

Xeric

hree words for the price of one this time: xeric, hydric and mesic. Something xeric is very dry. It's a term in ecology and might be applied, for example, to a bare rock exposed to the sun. It was formed from classical Greek xeros, dry (also the source of Xerox, a method of dry copying), as a comparatively modern creation. We offer the terms 'xeric', 'hydric' and 'mesic', to be defined as follows: Xeric (hydric, mesic): characterized by or pertaining to conditions of scanty (abundant, medium) moisture supply. Until 1926, the only word available was xerophytic, which strictly could be used solely of plants (because of the ending -phytic, from Greek phuton, a plant) that were adapted to dry habitats. Messrs Cooper and Weese wanted a term to describe habitats in general. The second word they invented. hydric (from Greek hudor, water), of a habitat that has a plentiful supply of water, was potentially confusing, since it already existed as a term in chemistry for hydrogen in chemical combination. And mesic (from Greek mesos, middle), for a habitat having an intermediate supply of water, has since been independently recreated by atomic physicists to refer to the subatomic particle called the meson. But in practice ambiguity in either case is unlikely. These days, though xeric is hardly an everyday word, serious gardeners will know it in connection with dry landscaping or xeriscaping:



By Rodrigo da Costa and Kris Peeters

THE STAKES OF THE NEW SPACE **RACE ARE AS HIGH AS THEY WERE DURING THE COLD** WAR. BUT THIS **TIME, EUROPE IS A CONTENDER**

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cluding the United States and Asia Europe's place in tomorrow's world will be determined largely by its competitiveness, influence, and ability to act autonomously. That means we will need to invest more in space-based technologies, many of which have defence as well as civilian applications.

According to the EU Agency for the Space Programme and the European Investment Bank's joint Global Navigation Satellite Systems Investment Report, research spending on satellite navigation-related technologies and services in Europe rose at a compound annual rate of 5.7% between 2016 and 2019. Yet North American and Asian companies increased their annual research spending in the field by 8.6% and 8.7%, respectively. To stay competitive and maintain its spacetechnology autonomy, Europe will need to invest as much as €42 billion (\$44 billion) in research and development over the next ten years.

As much as 85% of European R&D spending on satellite-navigation services comes from just five large companies. While these industry leaders have both revalue chain. The public sector plays a huge role in the space industry both in Europe and among our competitors. As the EU bank, the EIB supports the European space industry through its regular lending activities, venture debt operations, the European Investment Fund (EIF) and various targeted programs. These include the €1 billion **CASSINI Space Entrepreneurship** Initiative, launched in January 2022, and the new €6 billion Strategic European Security Initiative, which the EIB unveiled in March 2022.

But it is not enough to match America, China, and Japan, which, in addition to providing direct funding to help space start-ups grow and mature, also support their space industries by awarding government contracts to rising-star companies. This approach affords American, Chinese, and Japanese companies a public stamp of approval and steady revenues, which in turn help them emerge as powerful global players.

The stakes of the new space race are as high as they were during the Cold War. But this time, Europe is a contender. To stay in the match, however, we will need to do much more to make our brightest stars shine. That starts by channeling more tailored funding to small and medium-size enterprises in this critical sector to help scale up and commercialize their new technologies

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Global recognition

Sir, It is a momentous pride and honour for the Tamils and the Tamil film industry, as Suriya has become the first Tamil actor, and as well as the first South Indian actor to be invited to join the Oscar organiser's membership committee. Though Suriya has given many blockbuster Tamil movies, the films Jai Bhim and Soorarai Pottru have earned him international acclaim, and no doubt his splendid performance in these two films must have favoured the Oscar committee to decide to extend him the invitation. If Suriya has an unbridled passion for Tamil films, his involvement in social causes is no less equal. His services to young underprivileged children in the field of education through his 'Agaram Foundation' are widely known and well appreciated. When Suriya raised his voice against the NEET and how it impedes the dreams of many aspiring doctors in rural Tamil Nadu, he was not just emotional but also factual. Also his write-up in a Tamil newspaper on the Pollachi sexual abuse issue showed that he is a rationalist and a progressive thinker, who is above caste, creed and religion

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

High beam menace

Sir, Driving a vehicle should be like mediation focused on the road, without fewer disruptions. But most of the Indian drivers would not allow you to do that. The newer models of cars and motorbikes have introduced the white light which is a good option considering that it is brighter and long lasting compared to its halogen friend. Halogen lights on the other hand are cheaper and light on the eyes which makes the ride enjoyable not only for the driver but also for those on the road. Both LeD and halogen have their own good and bad sides but the problem arises when people drive on high beams, when they do that the white light or the LeD is more blinding than the halogen ones and this is also the reason for many road accidents. According to a survey 74% of people use high beams in India which is a matter of great concern. The licensing authorities should take strict action against these drivers and cancel their licenses for some months as a penalty so that they think twice before putting on high beam the next time.

> Noopur Baruah, TEZPUR (ASSAM)













DEITIES EMBARK ON ANNUAL SOJOURN

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Rath Yatra of Iskcon Temple in Bhubaneswar passed off peacefully amidst participation of a large number of devotees, Friday



Thousands of devotees pulled the chariot of Lord Jagannath at Hauz Khas in New Delh



The chariot of 'Baladevjew' was pulled by devotees in Keonjhar on the auspicious occassion of Rath Yatra



In a unique celebration, Rath Yatra was organised on three boats in Chilika Lake

Govt may blacklist Hyd firm for projects delay

POST NEWS NETWORI

Chhatrapur, July 1: Peeved at the slow pace of construction work for two mega drinking water projects in Ganjam and Puri, the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) department has served a notice on the Hyderabad-based con-



1 dies, 7 critically hurt as Rath touches live wire

POST NEWS NETWORI

Balasore, July 1: Amid festivity and celebrations on the auspicious occasion of Rath Yatra, a devotee died while seven others sustained critical injuries after a chariot came in contact with an 11 KV live wire at Gudikhala mutt under Basta police limits in Balasore district Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Anil Kumar Sahu of Agarpada village. The injured are currently under treatment with critical burn injuries.

As per ritual, the chariot pulling started amid the participation of a large number of devotees.

Unfortunately, the metal crest of the chariot came in contact with the high tension wire, leaving eight persons injured at the spot.

The victims were rushed to Basta hospital in an ambulance. However, Anil was declared dead at the healthcare facility

Others are undergoing treatment, reports said. The tragic incident spoilt the celebratory atmosphere in

Berhampur ITI makes chariot using scrap as many horses are also in-

said

the chariot.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, July 1: The Berhampur ITI, which has become a trendsetter in using waste articles to create sculptures and artefacts, Friday made a chariot using scrap materials. The chariot, which weighs around 600 kg, has a height of 12.5 feet and measures 7 feet each in width and length.

It was installed in the insti-The open-air scrap park on the tute's open-air scrap material campus of the institute was dotpark during the day on the octed with several giant sculptures-all made of scrap and aucasion of Rath Yatra. Artefacts of two parrots and tomobile waste materials.

stalled in the chariot, like in

the Nandighosh -- the chariot of

Lord Jagannath, Berhampur

ITI principal Rajat Panigrahy

The parrots and horses were

Several students and teachers

also made of waste materials.

of various departments worked

for around a fortnight to make

struction firm asking it to expedite the work.

The department has sent a strong warning to the company through the notice saying that the tardy pace of two projects is not acceptable. It said that if the firm fails to carry forward the project expeditiously, it will be blacklisted by the department.

The company will not be allowed to take part in tenders for the departmental works in future, said the notice. Reports said the state government had planned two mega drinking water projects under Buxi Jagabandhu Assured Drinking Water to Habitations (Basudha) scheme to sort out drinking water problems in some pockets of Puri and Ganjam in 2018.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

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had laid the foundation stones for the projects. The construction work was awarded to Hyderabad-based GVPR Engineers Limited. However, the construction work has been moving at snail's pace for which the RWSS department has sent reminders to the company several times in the past. The inordinate delay has forced the department to

extend the deadlines. Sources said one mega drinking water project is being constructed to supply piped drinking water to 55 villages in seven pan-

chayats under Ganjam block and 92 villages of 14 panchayats under Krushnaprasad block. The other mega drinking water

project is underway in Puri district to provide drinking water to 126 villagers under Kanas block and 18 villages under Brahmagiri block and 14 villagers under Satyabadi block. The total cost of both the projects has been estimated to be ₹203.46 crore. The work started August 28, 2018 and was to be completed by August 26, 2020. In view of slow pace of work. its deadline was extended by two years -August 26, 2022. However, a lot of work still re-

mains incomplete and the project may miss this deadline too. It was learnt during a recent review meeting.

According to reports, locals had participated in the Rath Yatra of the deities organised at Gudikhala mutt.

Balasore. A pall of gloom descended in Basta area as devotees returned home with a heavy heart.

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Hindol tense over 'leopard poaching'

Hindol: Tension flared up in Baunsapokhari panchayat under Hindol range of Dhenkanal Friday after forest officials arrested three people of a village in connection with death of a leopard. Protesting against the action by the forest officials, angry villagers blocked Hindol-Angul Road near Karnapur beat house. Two days ago, the carcass of a leopard was found in Gadiapola forest near Baunsapokhari panchayat. It was suspected that the animal was poached. Forest officials lifted three people of Karnapur late Thursday night, suspecting their involvement in the 'leopard poaching.' As the matter became public Friday, locals resorted to road blockade. The villagers claimed that the arrested villagers were innocent and demanded their release.



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Cop critical in attack by cattle smuggler

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rupsa, July 1: In bid to escape an attack by a cattle smuggler, a police constable jumped off a moving vehicle and sustained grievous iniuries near Haladipada bypass under Sadar block in Balasore district late Thursday night.

The injured has been identified as Ramesh Das, a constable at Amarda Road police outpost.

Sources said a group of youths from Dhitapura village under Basta police limits intercepted a Tata Ace van carrying four cows. On being informed, a team of cops from Amarda Road police outpost reached the spot and seized the vehicle. The vehicle was then taken to a cowshed where the cows were freed

Later, the cops returned to the police station with the cattle smuggler. While other police officials boarded office vehicle. Ramesh sat with the cattle smuggler as there was no

alternative driver.

Taking advantage of the situation, the cattle smuggler took out a sharp weapon from the vehicle and attacked Ramesh, who had to jump off the moving vehicle to save himself. While Ramesh sustained critical injures on his head and limbs, the cattle smuggler sped away with the vehicle.

Ramesh was rescued and has been admitted to Basta community health centre (CHC) where his condition was stated to be stable after treatment. Despite repeated cases of cattle smuggling, there has been no serious action taken by the police and administration, locals alleged.

"A few police officers are hand in glove with the cattle smugglers. Now, the cattle smugglers have the guts to attack a police constable because of such errant officials," a local said. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and launched a manhunt to nab the driver.

Man, son found hanging from tree

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bansapal/Bhawanipatna, July 1: A man and his son were found hanging from a tree at Rajabandha Munda Sahi under Bansapal block in Keonjhar district Friday morning. The deceased have been identified as Sukra Munda and his son Shankar Munda.

The incident has spread shockwaves in the area. The exact reason behind the deaths was known immediately. Local police seized the bodies and sent them for autopsy while a probe has been launched in this connection.

Sources said, the father-son duo broke out in a fight over some reason while they were working at their farmland. This infuriated Shankar who went to the forest and hanged himself using a towel.

Later, Sukra went to search for the boy and found him dead. Holding himself responsible for his son's death, Sukra also hanged himself near Shankar's body.

Locals spotted the bodies and informed the cops.

In a similar incident, a 23-year-old youth reportedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan in his house in Bhawanipatna town of Kalahandi district. The deceased has been identified as Susanta Sahoo.

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Tata Capital Financial Services Limited And M/s. Royal Automobiles & Others. Arising out of AP No. 183 of 2022, before the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta.

By Order dated 17.05.2022, passed by Hon'b High Court of Calcutta in AP No. 183 of 2022, M Anil Kumar Gupta, Advocate has been appointe as Arbitrator in the aforesaid matter. Notices for the arbitration meeting sent by spee post have been returned undelivered. So, you are eing given a last chance to appear and contest the above arbitration. The next meeting for th arbitration shall be held on 11.07.2022 at 05:00 pm. at the chamber of the earned Arbitrator at "Ramdas Apartment, 1st floo 90 Moore Avenue, Tollygunge, Kolkata - 700 040. I case you fail to appear, please note that the mat shall be heard in your absence. Mr. Avishek Guha, Advocat M/s. Guha & Co., Advocate

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The wait was finally over for lakhs of devotees, who were deprived of their loving Lord's darshan for the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, when the ceremonial Pahandi procession began at 6:15am, Friday. The regained electrifying atmosphere of Badadanda not only reminded many of the Rath Yatra during pre-Covid era but also signified the beginning of the festive season and the way forward. A sea of humanity converged at the Badadanda in Puri to catch a glimpse of the Trinity out on 9-day annual sojourn at Srigundicha. The entire Badadanda came alive with celebrations as emotions and enthusiasm were palpable among the devotees. **Orissa POST** catches some of the spectacular moments of the festival...





Devi Subhadra's Darpadalan chariot on its way to Saradhabal



Governor Ganeshi Lal and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik pulling Nandighosa chariot in Puri



Lord Jagannath's Nandighosa chariot being pulled towards Srigundicha temple amid a sea of devotees in Puri on the occasion of Rath Yatra, Friday



Puri Sankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati visits a chariot

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SOAKED IN BLISS AFTER 2 YEARS



Gajapati king Dibyasingha Deb performing Chhera Panhara on a chariot

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Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra, Lord Jagannath and Lord Sudarshan being carried to the chariots from the sanctum sanctorum of Srimandir through Pahandi procession









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I had said that the Prime Minister has created two Indias. one for the rich and one for the poor. In one of his rallies, the prime minister became a bit emotional for the mothers who cook on the stoves but today, in just one year (2021-22), he has forced 3.59 crore people to light the stove. How do you shed so many fake tears, Mr Prime Minister? RAHUL GANDHI CONGRESS LEADER

STUDY REVELATION

With 69 per cent people reporting headache prior to a Covid infection, it has become the leading symptom of the disease, according to a study



AGNIPATH SCHEME

Army and Navy begin recruitment

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New Delhi, July 1: The Indian Army and Navy began their recruitment processes under the Agnipath scheme on Friday, the defence ministry stated.

The Indian Air Force had on June 24 started its recruitment process under the scheme and it received 2.72 lakh applications till Thursday, the ministry said. Violent protests against the scheme had rocked several states for nearly a week after it was unveiled on June 14 and opposition parties demanded its rollback. The Ministry of Defence on

Friday said on Twitter, "Registration for Agniveers in Indian Navy begins today.""Join the Indian Army. Fulfill your dream of serving the country as Agniveer. Registration open for Agnipath recruitment scheme from July 1," it said.

Under the Agnipath scheme, youths from 17-and-a-half years to 21 years will be inducted into the armed forces for four-year tenure, while 25 per cent of them will be subsequently inducted for regular service.

The government had on June 16 increased the upper age limit for recruitment under the scheme to 23 years from 21 for this year, and subsequently announced a slew of placatory steps such as a preference for Agniveers in central paramilitary forces and defence public sector undertakings upon their retirement. Many BJP-ruled states also declared that 'Agniveers' -- soldiers inducted under the Agnipath scheme -- will be accorded priority in induction into state police forces.

SC OBSERVATIONS AGAINST NUPUR SHARMA BJP should hang head in shame, says Oppn The court has very

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 1: The Opposition Friday launched a scathing attack on the government over the Supreme Court's observations against suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma for her controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad, and accused it of creating an "environment of anger and hatred" in the country.

An apex court bench heavily criticised Sharma for her comments, saying her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country".

The Congress said the Supreme Court has rightly called out Sharma for being responsible for igniting emotions across the country with her remark against the Prophet, and that the ruling party should hang its head in shame. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused the BJP-



led government at the Centre of creating an "environment of anger and hatred" in the country and said this is against the interest of India and its people. In a statement, Congress gen-

eral secretary Jairam Ramesh said the court has strengthened the party's resolve to fight "destructively divisive ideologies". He said the Supreme Court of India has made crucial and far-reaching observations

The Left parties also hit out at the government over the Supreme

Plea to CJI to remove remarks against Nupur

New Delhi: A letter petition was filed Monday before Chief Justice NV Ramana seeking withdrawal of adverse remarks made by a Supreme Court bench against suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma while declining her plea seeking clubbing of the FIRs against her at various places over alleged controversial remarks made on the Prophet. The letter petition, filed by Delhi-based Ajay Gautam, who claims to be a social activist, said, "issue appropriate orders or directions... To withdraw their observations in the matter of Nupur Sharma so that Nupur Sharma gets a chance of fair trial." The letter petition said that it be treated as a PIL and the adverse remarks made during the hearing be declared as "uncalled for".

peing 'single-handedly responsible for igniting emotions across the country', and that she should apologise to the entire nation JAIRAM RAMESH I CONGRESS LEADER Court's observations."We hope that

the **BJP**

rightly called out

spokesperson for

beyond words, if according to Supreme Court, Ms Sharma is responsible for starting the hate spiral & most recent reprehensible cycle of violence, she will be proceeded upon as per law...," CPI general secretary Sitaram Yechury said in a tweet

"But if the law does not act against her and others like her promoted by the party, who sow discord, separatism and damage India, the wrong message would be going out. We would find many more like her mushrooming from the RSS/BJP's hate factory and on vitriolic TV debates," he said.

CPI MP Binoy Viswam tweeted, "Red carpet for Nupur Sarma, prison cells for Teesta and Sreekumar! Comments from Supreme Court should alert Modi Govt. Irresponsiblity, driven by bigotry should n't be hall mark of any spokesperson. Such elements caused Udaipur incident. They should apologise to People & Nation.



Manipur landslide:

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Imphal, July 1: Rescue teams Friday recovered 12 more bodies from the debris at a railway construction site in Manipur's Noney district, which was hit by a massive landslide, pushing the death toll in the tragedy to 20. officials said.

Of the deceased, 10 are from the Territorial Army, they said. Fortythree people were still missing following the mudslide that occurred at the railway construction camp in Tupul Yard on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Chief Minister N Biren Singh

had announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each for those injured. Search operations are being conducted by personnel of the Indian Army, Assam Rifles, Territorial Army and the National Disaster Response Force, along with state agencies.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Friday evening said nine jawans from her state have lost their lives in the incident. "Shocked to know that nine jawans of the Darjeeling hills (107

43 people were still missing following the mudslide that occurred at the railway construction camp

in Tupul Yard

Territorial Army unit) are among the casualties in the Manipur landslide. Deeply mourn the demise and extend all solidarity and support to the next of kin. Heartfelt condolences," Banerjee tweeted.

Earlier in the day, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said at least one person from the neighbouring state died in the massive landslide, and 16 others were missing.

"Saddened to learn that one person from Morigaon, Assam lost his life, 5 are undergoing treatment & 16 still missing in the Manipur landslide," Sarma wrote on Twitter: "Cabinet colleague Shri @Pijush_hazarika will reach Manipur as early as possible to coordinate in rescue ops," he said.

PPE KIT ROW HIMANTA SUES SISODIA FOR DEFAMATION

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, July 1: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has filed a defamation case against Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia for levelling "baseless" corruption charges against him in connection with the supply of PPE kits at "higher than market rates" to National Health Mission authorities during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sarma's advocate said Friday.

The case has been registered in the court of chief judicial magistrate, Kamrup Rural, on Thursday and listed on July 22 for initial deposition by the complainant, he said. The case pertains to the al-



legation of supply of PPE kits at "higher than market rates" during the first wave of COVID-19 to National Health Mission (NHM), Assam, by JCB Industries, which is co-owned by Sarma's wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma.

Bhuyan Sarma had also filed a Rs 100-crore defamation case against Sisodia at the court of Civil Judge No 1 of Kamrup Metropolitan district on June 21, over the same allegations made by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader.

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I, Prakash Kumar Palai. aged about 42 years, S/o-Niranjan Palai of Village-Balipada, P.O.-Sohada, P.S-Dhamnagar, Dist.-Bhadrak do hereby solemnly affirm that I am the permanent inhabitant of the above noted address.That the Khata No-431/113, Plot No.-1550/1989, Gharabadi A0.03 dec., Plot No. 1549/1988, Gharabadi A0.04 dec., Plot No.-1548/1987, Gharabadi A0.03 dec., of Mouza-Balipada stands recorded in the name of my mother Santilata Palai, W/o-Niranjan Palai. That in the publication said ROR, I have obtained the original Patta but unfortunately the said Original ROR/Patta has been missing and as my best effort I could not tress it out. So I requested any person find it please contact my Mob No.-9776403419. I, Satyabhama Meher, W/o- Radha Krushna Meher, R/o-Rajendra College Chowk, Balangir declare that Regd. Sale deed No.-226 dated 15.01.1979 of Mouza-Larkipali, Khata No.-1078/144, Plot No.-1619/4594- Ac.0.111decs. recorded in my name. The above Regd. Sale deed has been lost on dt. 14.06.2022. I wish to create mortgage of the said property and the building constructed over the same for a loan/credit facility from State Bank of India.

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By virtue of an affidavit before Notary, Bargarh Dt.30.06.2022. I have changed my name from Sabitri Rath to Sabitri Kar. Henceforth, I shall be known as Sabitri Kar for all purpose.

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SAD to back Murmu



Chandigarh, July 1: The BJP's for-

mer ally Shiromani Akali Dal

Friday said it will support NDA can-

didate Droupadi Murmu in the

The decision was taken by the

party a day after BJP president J

P Nadda reached out to SAD pres-

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presidential elections.

but the SAD always worked for the poor and weaker section of society. "This issue is of a woman who belongs to a poor family and she is getting an opportunity to become the President," he said.

"Keeping our political differences aside, we have decided to choose the right path. The SAD's history says that it always fought for the poor, minorities and the weaker section. After considering for almost three hours, we (in the core committee meeting) unanimously decided that we will support Murmuji," said Badal.

oners, Badal said his party has "many differences with the BJP'

MAKING A POINT



ident Sukhbir Singh Badal to seek By virtue of an affidavit support for Murmu. The SAD had snapped ties with the BJP over sworn before the Executive Magistrate,

the now-withdrawn farm laws. Addressing the media here, Badal said, "We have unanimously (Dt.27.06.2022). I, Devi decided to support Droupadi Nivedita Choudhury / Murmu for the post of the President." Citing issues of farm D/o- Subash Chandra laws and the release of Sikh pris-Choudhry, W/o- Rabindra Kumar Panda, Village / P.O./P.S./ Tahasil-Buguda, Dist.- Ganjam. That on

The SAD chief said Nadda had called him on Thursday to seek support for Murmu. He said Murmu, a tribal leader from Odisha, also called him for his party's support.

The SAD had parted ways with the NDA in 2020 over the issue of three farm laws, which were later repealed. Harsimrat Kaur Badal had also resigned from the post of a Union minister over the same issue.

Kathakali artistes interact with students after their performance at a college in Kochi

Amarnath Yatra resumes with a 'smart' makeover

EIGHT BASE HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN SET UP ON THE BALTAL ROUTE AND 20 ON THE PAHALGAM ROUTE, ALONG WITH MEDICAL CAMPS ON THE WAY. THE INSURANCE COVER HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM ₹3 LAKH TO ₹5 LAKH

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, July 1: In the lap of the Himalayas began the journey of lakhs of devotees on June 30 to catch a glimpse of Lord Shiva in the form of an Ice Lingam. 2,750 pilgrims set off from the base camp for the journey that takes about three days on foot with the night halts at Sheeshnag and Panchtarni. The Jammu and Kashmir administration is expecting more than six lakh pilgrims this year, after three years of postponement of

this annual event. Since the beginning of the year, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has been

building the machinery for a smooth and safe yatra. The pilgrimage will continue for 43 days till August 11, the day of Raksha Bandhan as per the tradition. The LG is personally supervising all the Yatra arrangements.

The enthusiasm and attendance of the Yatris are enough to prove that the devotees know they are in safe hands. Rather than "negotiating" for peace, the UT administration has uprooted the very eco-system of terrorism.

A five-tier security system is in place. The Yatris will be prioritised for NH-44, the only permissible vehicular route. Traffic will be



redirected so that the general public is not inconvenienced. The pilgrim vehicles have RFID-based (Radio Frequency Identification)

tracking and surveillance which will note each person's movement on the route. All pilgrims have a wristband fitted with microchips connected

to satellite towers to track their movements.

For those who cannot make it to Amarnath, the government is bringing Lord Shiva to them via an 'online' darshan of the Ice Lingam. The journey will take two courses the traditional 48-km from Nunwan to the cave shrine from Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag, and the more challenging 14-km Baltal route in the Ganderbal district in central Kashmir. Shelter sheds are dotted along both routes.

Eight base hospitals have been set up on the Baltal route and 20 on the Pahalgam route, along with medical camps on the way.

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Delhi government will provide skill training and educational support to Tihar jail inmates to help them reintegrate better with the society after completion of their jail term MANISH SISODIA DELHI DEPUTY CM

IMD FORECAST

After a 'normal' June, the India Meteorological Department Friday predicted 'normal to above normal' rainfall over some parts of north and central India and most parts of south peninsula



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MONSOON PREPAREDNESS

member cabinet committee has been formed for the regularisation of the services of the contractual employees working in the government departments

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BHAGWANT MANN PUNJAB CM

Decorated with the lakes of development under the BJP rule...this is the BJP's pond of corruption --

'Jal Nagar Gorakhpur. The Gorakhpur tourism is inviting you saying: Kuchh din to tairive Gorakhpur mein. (Swim in Gorakhpur for a few days) AKHILESH YADAV SP CHIEF

As per the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expectation. work is being done to make Uttarakhand the number one state of the country by 2025. A prosperous and self-reliant Uttarakhand will be

built PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI UTTARAKHAND CM

SHORT TAKES

Fake call centre busted in Gurugram

Gurugram: A fake call centre that had been operating out of a building in Gurugram has been busted, the police said, adding that nine persons, including five women, have been apprehended in this connection. The employees of the call centre located in DLF Phase-2 had been allegedly duping the US and German citizens by posing as members of the Federal Police department. The accused used to threaten foreign nationals in the name of falsely suspending their National Identity Number, police added Thursday.

Mild tremors in Karnataka

Bangalore: Mild tremors were felt in Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada districts of Karnataka Friday morning. Local people of Chembu, Peraje, Karike of Kodagu and Sullia, Sampaje and Kallugundi villages of Dakshina Kannada districts felt the tremors which lasted 4 to 5 seconds at 1.12 a.m. Panicked people rushed out their houses. This was the fifth time the people of Kodagu-Dakshina Kannada district border hilly areas experienced tremors this week.



A vendor sells umbrellas during monsoon in Amritsar

PM holds talks with Putin **Shinde not 'Shiv**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin Friday discussed the state of global energy and food markets in the backdrop of the Ukraine crisis, and also ways to further encourage bilateral trade in agricultural goods, fertilisers and pharma products.

In the telephonic conversation, Modi reiterated India's long-standing position on the situation in Ukraine and favoured dialogue and diplomacy to resolve it, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The Kremlin said Putin stressed that Russia "has been and remains" a reliable producer and supplier of grain, fertilisers and energy including to the Indian partners and that the



leaders expressed mutual intention for "comprehensive strengthening" of the special and privileged strategic ties between the two sides.

It said leaders discussed "topical" issues relating to bilateral relations, paying "special attention to the further development of mutually beneficial ties in the economic sphere." The comments came amid sharp rise in India's oil imports from Russia in the last

few months notwithstanding some disquiet in the West on the procurement

"The two leaders reviewed the implementation of the decisions taken during President Putin's visit to India in December 2021. In particular, they exchanged ideas on how bilateral trade in agricultural goods, fertilizers and pharma products could be encouraged further," the PMO said in a statement.

It said the leaders also discussed global issues, including the state of the international energy and food markets."In the context of the ongoing situation in Ukraine, the Prime Minister reiterated India's long-standing position in favour of dialogue and diplomacy. The leaders agreed to maintain regular consultations on global and bilateral issues," the PMO said.

ED ARRESTS 2

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from me and it is my duty as a Member of Parliament, a responsible citizen and a leader of a political party to cooperate with them." He said he was "fearless and

He was seen leaving the office

undaunted" as he has "not done anything wrong in life". When asked whether it is a politically motivated case, Raut said, "We will come to know that later. I think I



am appearing before an agency which is neutral, and I have full confidence in them.

around 10 at night. Heavy police Earlier in the day, the Sena leader force was deployed outside the posted a tweet saying, "I will be apcentral agency's office as a large pearing before the ED today at 12 number of Shiv Sena workers were noon. I respect the Summons ispresent at the spot. Barricades sued to me and it's my duty to cowere placed on the roads leading operate with the Investigation agencies. I appeal Shivsena workers not After his arrival, the Sena MP, to gather at the ED office. Don't sporting a saffron muffler around worry!" The ED had summoned his neck, waved at his supporters the Rajya Sabha member for questioning in the money laundering

probe linked to the re-development of a Mumbai 'chawl' (tenement) and related financial transactions involving his wife and friends. The agency had earlier summoned him on June 28

However, Raut had termed the ED's summons as a "conspiracy" to stop him from fighting against the Shiv Sena's political opponents in the wake of a rebellion by party MLAs, and said he will not be able to appear before the agency Tuesday as he had to attend a meeting in Alibag (Raigad district)

Woman, lover held for murder

Mathura: The police have arrested a woman and her lover for allegedly killing her aunt and cousin as she was unable to repay a loan of Rs 4 lakh taken from them, officials said Friday. The bodies of 40year-old Mala and her 18-yearold son Vinay were found floating in the Gangnahar canal around three months ago. The two were killed by drowning by the accused -Neha and Yogesh -- and their two accomplices, who are missing. Superintendent of Police (city) Martand Prakash Singh said, "We have arrested Neha and her lover Yogesh in connection with the murder of her maternal aunt Mala and her son Vinay."

3 criminals held

Delhi's Holambi Khurd village.

New Delhi: Three wanted

not be a part of the new government, was conspicuous by his absence during a celebration held at the party's state headquarters. He would also not attend the BJP's national executive meeting in

Hyderabad, a party source said.

in south Mumbai was meant to cel-

ebrate its return to power after

two-and-half years following the

collapse of the Uddhav Thackeray-

led MVA government. In his first

public comments after stepping

down as chief minister on June

29, Thackeray asserted there can be

no Shiv Sena chief minister by

keeping the party aside and said had

Union Home Minister and then-

BJP president Amit Shah kept his

word of rotating the top post in the

state in 2019, the BJP would have

been steering the government now.

ence at Shiv Sena Bhavan, the party

headquarters at Dadar in central

Mumbai, Thackeray also made a fer-

vent appeal to the new government

led by Shinde not to go ahead with

Addressing a first press confer-

The programme at the BJP office

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Mumbai/Panaji, July 1: A day

after rebel leader Eknath Shinde

took over as the new Maharashtra

Chief Minister, Shiv Sena presi-

dent Uddhav Thackeray Friday

sought to corner the BJP for in-

stalling a "so-called Shiv Sainik"

as CM and claimed the national

party did not honour its 2019 prom-

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra

Fadnavis of the BJP, who was ap-

pointed No. 2 in the Shinde cabinet

after initially stating that he will

ise of rotating the top post.

SC to hear Sena's plea

Sena CM': Uddhav

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday agreed to hear Shiv Sena chief whip Sunil Prabhu's plea seeking suspension of 16 MLAs, including Eknath Shinde, from the Maharashtra Assembly till the disgualification proceedings initiated against them are decided and also a direction to restrain delinquent MLAs from entering the Assembly. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Prabhu, mentioned the matter before a vacation bench comprising Justices Surva Kant and I.B. Pardiwala, Sibal submitted that there was no merger of the Shinde

faction with the BJP and the moment Eknath Shinde was sworn in. he violated the Tenth Schedule (antidefection law) of the Constitution. the Metro-3 car shed project at

Aarey Colony, a green belt in suburban Goregaon. In their first cabinet meeting held on Thursday, chief minister Shinde and his

deputy Fadnavis of the BJP directed the state administration to submit a proposal to build the Metro-3 car shed in Aarey Colony instead of Kanjurmarg.

The Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government had shifted the proposed car shed site to Kanjurmarg from Aarey Colony on ground of environment protection, but the issue got embroiled in a legal dispute. "The way this (Shinde) government was formed and those (the BJP) who formed the government...they have said that a so-called Shiv Sainik has been made the chief minister. "Those who did not keep the word two-and-a-half-years back and by back-stabbing (the Sena)... again attempts are made to create confusion among the Shiv Sainiks by calling it (Shinde) a Shiv Sena CM, then this is not a Sena CM. There can be no Sena CM by keeping the Sena aside, Thackeray asserted.

HC seeks police stand on Zubair's plea against remand

tweets

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 1: The Delhi High Court Friday sought the stand of Delhi police on a plea by Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair challenging the legality of his police remand in a

case related to an alleged objectionable tweet he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity.

Justice Sanjeev Narula issued notice on the petition and granted two weeks to the inves-

tigating agency to file its response to the petition which challenges the legality and proprietary of the trial court's June 28 order granting four days of custody of Zubair to the police.

ficult to confirm their identity, ex-

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The judge listed the case for fur-

ther hearing on July 27 and said that proceedings before the trial court would continue without being influenced by the present proceedings. The court noted that the remand order would expire on July 2 and said, "The police remand order is for four days. I will have Zubair was

to hear the other side. I arrested by the will issue notice". **Delhi Police June** Zubair was arrested 27 for allegedly by the Delhi Police June hurting religious 27 for allegedly hurting resentiments ligious sentiments through one of his through one of his tweets

Magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria.

and was sent to one-day police custody by the trial court on the same day. After being produced on the expiry of his one-day custodial interrogation, his custody was extended by another four dering case. days by Chief Metropolitan

have been named in both -- the CBI and ED's cases. Satyendar Jain was arrested on May 30 and is currently lodged in Tihar Jail. His bail plea was dismissed by the

The ED officials have not issued any official statement in this regard. Money laundering investigation was iniated by the ED on the basis of an FIR registered by CBI in 2017 under section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e)of the PC Act, 1988 against Jain, his wife Poonam Jain, and Ajit Prasad Jain, Sunil Kumar Jain, Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain.

A charge sheet was filed by the CBI on December 3, 2018 against Jain, his wife Poonam Jain, and other accused. It was alleged that Jain, while holding the office as a Minister in the Government of Delhi, during the period February 14, 2015 to May 31, 2017 had acquired assets which were disproportionate to his known sources of income. The CBI has accused Jain, his wife and other accused, for -(commission of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Presumed extinct plant species rediscovered in HP

This species was first discovered and described in 1835 by British botanists -- John Forbes Royle and Robert Wight -- from Doongie village (now Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh)

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

fore been presumed extinct by

persons, including two iuveniles, who were involved in a shootout at the house of an Assistant Superintendent of Jail in the national capital, were apprehended by the Delhi Police following an encounter. Jasmeet threatened and presumed extinct Singh, the Deputy species Brachystelma attenuatum Commissioner of Police (Special after a gap of 188 years. Cell), said that total three This species was first discovrounds that is, two by the ered and described in 1835 by accused and one by the police, British botanists -- John Forbes were fired on Wednesday Royle and Robert Wight -- from evening. The police official Doongie village (now Hamirpur added that Subham, 20, was in Himachal Pradesh). Since its apprehended along with his two first collection, the species have iuvenile associates from the main road near North West not been observed and have there-

the scientists. In year 2020, while doing field surveys in the Western Shimla, July 1: Researchers from Himalayas, some interesting the Botanical Survey of India in tuberous plants were observed by Dehradun and Himachal Pradesh Nishant Chauhan in the Bhoranj University in Shimla Thursday region of Hamirpur. said they have rediscovered a rare,

These plants were brought to the Botanical Survey of India and there it was identified by Amber Srivastava as Brachystelma parviflorum, a species thought to be extinct by the scientists 186 years

Recently, another presumed extinct species Brachystelma attenuatum has been rediscovered in Hamirpur and Mandi districts. The species was first observed last year in August 2021, but during



that time the plants were in their last stage of growth and flowering period was over, making it dif-



The rediscovery of both these species is published in the international journal 'Oryx' published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of Fauna and Flora International. The rediscovery of Brachystelma parviflorum was published in May 2021 and that of Brachystelma attenuatum is recently published issue of the Oryx journal.



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New Delhi, July 1: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Friday arrested two close aides of Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain in connection with a money laun-Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain

court.



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Trade and energy relations between Iran and Russia are at a high level EBRAHIM RAISI PRESIDENT

STRICT LAW IN BANGLADESH

Bangladesh will start a de-radicalisation campaign for Islamists in iail as years of security clampdown has waned the strength of the militant outfits in the country since the 2016 terrorist attack on a posh Dhaka restaurant in which 20 people, including an Indian and 16 other foreigners, were killed, officials said here Friday



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Machu Picchu, one of world's 7 wonders, threatened by forest fire

Sitting atop a mountain, the complex of stone structures was built more than 500 years ago by the Incas

fry and other aquatic creatures is necessary to increase fisheries resources, which are a source of protein and income for

The release of

people HUN SEN CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER

Road fatalities are closely linked to poor infrastructure, unplanned urbanisation, lax social protection and healthcare systems, limited road safety literacy and persistent inequalities both within and between countries

ANTONIO GUTERRES UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Presidents of (Libya's) House of Representatives and **High Council of State** met in Geneva June 28-29. They reviewed the outstanding provisions of the

2017 Libyan Draft Constitution, taking into account the agreement reached during the Cairo talks earlier this month

STEPHANIE WILLIAMS UN SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

SHORT TAKES

UK: Cov cases up by more than 30%

London: The number of new coronavirus cases across Britain has surged by more than 30 per cent in the last week, new data showed Friday, with cases largely driven by the super infectious omicron variants. Data released by Britain's Office for National Statistics showed that more than three million people in the UK had Covid-19 last week, although there has not been an equivalent spike

9 injured in **US shooting**

in hospitalisations.

Washington: A shooting in the US city of Newark has left nine people injured, multiple media outlets reported. The shooting Thursday took place on the 200 block of Clinton Place at

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Lima, July 1: Peruvian firefighters were fighting to contain a forest fire near the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu Thursday, as the fire threatened to close in on the ancient city high in the Andean mountains

REUTERS

The fire, which had engulfed an area about half the size of Vatican City, was started Tuesday by farmers burning grass and debris to prepare to sow new crops.

Xi defends vision of HK as 25-year anniversary marked

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hong Kong, July 1: China's leader Xi Jinping marked the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return with a speech Friday that emphasised Beijing's control over the former British colony under its vision of "one country, two systems" - countering criticism that the political and civic freedoms promised for the next quarter-century have been largely erased under Chinese rule.



Xi praised the city for overcoming "violent social unrest" – a reference to massive pro-democracy protests in 2019 that were followed by a Beijing-driven crackdown that has snuffed out dissent and shut down independent media, aligning Hong Kong more closely with stricter controls under China's

ruling Communist Party The shift shocked many in the city of 7.4 million people that Britain returned to China in 1997 after running it as a colony for more than a century. As part of the agreement, China agreed to allow Hong Kong to have its own government and legal system for 50 years.

In the ensuing years, Hong Kong activists pushed back against Chinese efforts to curtail freedoms in the city and even made demands for fully democratic elections, drawing out hundreds of thousands of



As of Wednesday, about 20 hectares (49 acres) had been affected by the fire, the mayor of the nearby city of Cusco said.

Machu Picchu, a complex of stone structures sitting atop a mountain, was built more than 500 years ago by the Incas. whose empire controlled large swaths of South America from what is today southern Ecuador to central Chile.

The fire's remoteness has hindered firefighters' efforts.

"We have already been fighting the forest fire for two days and it has not been possible to get it under control, given the area is quite inaccessible," said Roberto Abarca, director of the Cusco risk management and security office.

The breathtaking ruins, which have made the surrounding Cusco region Peru's top tourist destination, are considered one of the new seven wonders of the world.

people. Kyiv says Moscow has dra-

matically escalated its long-range

attacks hitting civilian targets far

from the front line in recent days,

which Ukraine describes as a war

crime. Russia says it has been

aiming at military sites. Thousands

of civilians have been killed since

Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24

in what Ukraine says is an un-

provoked war of aggression. Russia

calls the invasion a "special op-

first day and had used to

control the north-

western Black

Sea, where it

has block-

aded Odesa

and other

ports. In his

video address,

nightly

President

Volodymyr

Zelenskiy hailed what he

described as a strategic victory

rejects link to 'any acts of terrorism' PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Karachi/Lahore, July 1: The Dawat-e-Islami, one of Pakistan's largest Sunni-Barelvi Muslim or-

TAILOR MURDER

Dawat-e-Islami

ganisations, which has been in the news after the brutal killing of a tailor in India, Friday rejected links to "any acts of terrorism," saying it is purely an educational, missionary and charity institution which preaches peace.

The organisation, with its head quarters in Pakistan's commercial capital Karachi, has been under the spotlight after it emerged that one of the two men who carried out a deadly attack in Udaipur, Rajasthan, was inspired by the Dawat-e-Islami and visited Karachi in 2014.

Two men, identified as Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad. allegedly hacked tailor Kanhaiya Lal to death with a cleaver at his shop in Udaipur Tuesday and posted videos online saving they are avenging an insult to Islam. Distancing the Dawat-e-Islami from the gruesome murder in Udaipur, Maulana Mahmood Qadri, a senior figure in the organisation's headquarters (Faizan-e-Madina) in Karachi's Gulshan-e-Iqbal area rejected his organisation's links to any act of ter rorism.

"Dawat-e-Islami has nothing to do with any act of terrorism. We are purely an educational, missionary and charity institution and globally preach peace in our lives," Mahmood told PTI in an interview. He said that thousands of students from all over the world visit the organisation's headquarters for Islamic studies that does not preach or promote extremism or radicalism. "We are also apolitical," he emphasised.

Russian missiles kill 21 in Ukraine's Odesa

REUTERS

Serhiivka, Ukraine, July 1: Russia flattened part of an apartment building while residents slept on Friday in missile attacks near Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odesa that authorities say killed at least 21 people, hours after Russian troops abandoned a nearby outpost at Snake Island.

Neighbours in the resort village of Serhiivka helped workers comb through the rubble of the ninestorey apartment block, a section of which had been completely destroyed at 1:00 a.m.

Walls and windows of a neighbouring, 14-storey apartment block had also been damaged by the blast wave. Nearby holiday camps were also hit.

'We came here to the site, assessed the situation together with emergency workers and locals, and together helped those who survived. And those who unfortunately died. We helped to carry them away," said Oleksandr Abramov, who lives nearby and had rushed to the scene when he heard the blast. Serhiy Bratchuk,

ON THE BOIL



Bodies of civilians killed are seen in front of a damaged residential building

spokesman for the Odesa regional administration, said 21 people had been confirmed killed, including a 12-year-old boy. Authorities said earlier 41 people had been rescued from the apartment building where 152 lived. The regional governor said the Soviet-era missiles had been fired from the direction of the Black Sea

The Kremlin denied targeting civilians: "I would like to remind words that the **Russian** Armed Forces do not work with civilian targets, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told re-



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at Snake Island.

London, July 1: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, still under the shadow of the partygate scandal of Covid law-breaching parties in Downing Street, has been hit with vet another drunken scandal



porters. The attack came just four days after Russia struck a crowded shopping mall in central Ukraine killing at least 19

eration" to root out nationalists. On Thursday, Russia pulled its troops off Snake Island, a desolate but strategically important outcrop that it seized on the war's you of the president's

MISSILES HIT APARTMENTS, RESORT ZELENSKIY HAILS VICTORY AT SNAKE ISLAND RUSSIA ASSAULTING

LYSYCHANSK, DENIES TARGETING CIVILIANS

around 6.20 p.m., Xinhua news agency quoted the reports as saying citing police.

Quake jolts Philippines

Manila: An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted Cagayan province in northern Philippines Friday, authorities said. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the quake, which occurred at 2.40 a.m., hit at a depth of 27 km, about 27 km southeast of Dalupiri Island in Calayan town, reports Xinhua news agency.

NZ leader makes first trip to UK

London: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern Friday made her first visit to the UK since both countries signed a free trade agreement, meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to boost bilateral ties and discuss Russia's war in Ukraine. The trip came after both leaders attended the NATO summit in Madrid. They will also discuss security challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region.

Pak steeply hikes petroleum prices

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Islamabad: The Pakistan government has steeply hiked petroleum prices to implement the tough preconditions set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to revive the stalled USD 6 billion bailout package for the cash-strapped country. Prices of all petroleum products went up by about Rs14-19 per litre after the decision came into effect from midnight Thursday.

people for marches in the streets. Under Xi, that pushback has been silenced

For years, the anniversary of the July 1 handover was marked by an official ceremony in the morning and a protest march in the afternoon. Now protesters have been cowed into silence in what the Communist Party hails as restoring stability to the city.



Sudanese anti-military protesters march in demonstrations in the capital of Sudan, Khartoum. A Sudanese medical group says at least 9 people were killed in the anti-coup rallies during which security forces fired on protesters denouncing the country

India, Pak share list of prisoners

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Islamabad/New Delhi, July 1: India and Pakistan Friday through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad exchanged the lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen in their custody. Under the provisions of the

2008 Agreement on Consular Access, such lists are exchanged every year January 1 and July 1. "The Government has called for early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian

defence personnel, and fishermen along with their boats, from Pakistan's custody. In this context. Pakistan was asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 536 Indian fishermen and three Indian civilian prisoners to India, who have completed their sentence and whose nationality has been confirmed and conveyed to Pakistan.

"In addition, Pakistan has been asked to provide immediate consular access to the remaining 105 fishermen and 20 civilian prisoners, who are in Pakistan's cus-

tody and are believed to be Indians," said the Ministry of External Affairs. It said that India remains committed to address ing, on priority, all humanitarian matters, including those pertaining to prisoners and fishermen in each other's country. "In this context. India has also urged Pakistan to expedite necessary action at its end to confirm the nationality status of 57 Pakistani prisoners, including fishermen, whose repatriation is pending for want of nationality confirmation by Pakistan. In view of the Covid-19

INDIA HANDED OVER LISTS OF **309 PAKISTANI CIVILIAN** PRISONERS AND 95 FISHERMEN IN INDIA'S CUSTODY

SIMILARLY, PAKISTAN SHARED LISTS OF 49 CIVILIAN PRISONERS AND 633 FISHERMEN IN ITS CUSTODY, WHO ARE INDIANS OR ARE BELIEVED TO BE INDIANS

pandemic, Pakistan has been requested to ensure the safety, security and welfare of all Indians and believed-to-be Indian civilian prisoners and fishermen.

as an ally in charge of discipline within the governing party resigned.

Chris Pincher, 52, stepped down as the Deputy Chief Whip of the Conservative Party Thursday night after admitting in his resignation letter that he "drank far too much" and "embarrassed myself and other people"

There have been growing calls for Johnson to suspend him from the party after allegations emerged of him groping two men at a private members' club in London. "Last night I drank far too much," reads Pincher's resignation letter. "I think the right thing to do in the circumstances is for me to resign as deputy chief whip. I owe it to you and the people I've caused upset to, to do this," he said.

'The Sun' newspaper first reported the resignation, saying the senior Conservative MP was drinking at the Carlton Club in central London when he is said to have assaulted two other male guests. Several concerned Tory MPs contacted the Conservative whips' office to complain about his behaviour, the paper claims. Opposition Labour MP Yvette Cooper called for his suspension whilst the "really serious" allegations are formally investigated. "This is about sexual as sault," she said. "This latest episode shows how far standards in public life have been degraded on Boris Johnson's watch. The Conservative Party is so mired in sleaze and scandal that it is totally unable to tackle the challenges facing the British people," added Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner.

As Deputy Chief Whip, the Tory member of Parliament for Tamworth had been responsible for party discipline and ensuring the smooth running of government business. It now marks the second time that Pincher has quit a government whip's job.

In November 2017, he resigned as a junior whip after a complaint that he made an unwanted pass at former Olympic rower and Conservative Party candidate Alex Story, But then Prime Minister Theresa May brought him back into a government position in 2018 by making him Deputy Chief Whip. In July 2019, Johnson moved Pincher to the Foreign Office as a junior minister before his return to the whips' office again.

Court leaves dwindling paths for Biden's climate mission

The ruling suggests the US Supreme Court is poised to block other efforts by Biden and federal agencies to limit the climate-wrecking fumes emitted by oil, gas and coal

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Washington, July 1: More than 500 days into his presidency, Joe Biden's hope for saving the Earth from the most devastating effects of climate change may not quite be dead. But it's not far from it. Supreme Court ruling Thursday

not only limited the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate climate pollution by power plants but also suggests the court is poised to block other efforts by Biden and federal agencies to limit the climate-wrecking fumes emitted by oil, gas and coal. It's a blow to Biden's commit-

ment to slash emissions in the few years scientists say are left to stave off worse and deadlier levels of global warming. And it's a sign, to Democrats at home and allies abroad, of the dwindling options remaining for Biden to reverse the



legacy of former president Donald Trump, who mocked the science of climate change.

Trump's three Supreme Court appointees provided half of the affirmative votes in Thursday's 6-3 ruling. After the ruling, a veteran Democratic lawmaker acknowledged he saw little hope of Congress producing any meaningful climate legislation, either.

There's no easy fix from Congress from this mess, Rhode Island Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said.

The foreign allies whom Biden once spoke of leading to a global clean-power transformation are wondering if the US can even lead

itself. The climate decision in some ways "may have broader impacts at least on the European populace that this is a country that, A: can't get things done and B: is going in a really bizarre direction domestically," said Max Bergmann, director of the Europe programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

And in a Houston neighbourhood entering hurricane season, a man who had spent four decades advocating for the Black communities and other communities of colour and poorer communities hit hardest by pollution and the record heat, cold, floods and storms of climate change reacted to the ruling like many others did — saying salvaging climate efforts depends on Biden now, and his willingness to act and lead.

'This is real," said Robert Bullard, an academic who became a pioneer in what became the US environmental justice movement, of the multiplying natural disasters-the kind scientists say are influenced by the heating atmosphere -- wrecking cities on America's vulnerable Gulf of Mexico

Biden's EPA still has meaningful moves left to make, but it must move quickly, Eric Schaeffer, a former director of civil enforcement at the agency, said in a statement.





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US stocks see worst 1st half dip in over 50 yrs

The GST had serious birth defects. In the last five years these defects have only become worse and all those touched by GST have been seriously injured P CHIDAMBARAM EX FINANCE MINISTER

INFLATION IN 19 NATIONS USING EURO HITS 8.6%

Inflation in the 19 countries that use the euro currency hit a record 8.6% in June, pushed higher by a strong increase in energy costs fueled partly by Russia's war in Ukraine. Food prices also picked up pace Annual inflation in the eurozone surged past the 8.1% recorded in May



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Last week, we crossed ₹1 lakh crore portfolio in gold loans for the first time. In the first quarter of the current year, we have seen much better growth as compared to what we have achieved in the past

DINESH KHARA CHAIRMAN, SBI

India must look at multiple technology options, including hybrids, to tackle carbon emissions and not just restrict to electric vehicles

MASAKAZU YOSHIMURA MD. TOYOTA KIRI OSKAR MOTOR



have a short term impact on margins, largely in comparison with the corresponding

quarter of the previous year DEEPAK PAREKH CHAIRMAN, HDFC

SHORT TAKES

Edtech companies under govt radar

New Delhi: The government Friday warned edtech companies against indulging in unfair trade practices, including misleading advertisements, and said it will be forced to bring stringent guidelines if there is no self regulation by the industry players. The increase in fake review in the edtech space and ways to curb it were also dicussed during a meeting by Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh with self-regulatory body India Edtech Consortium (IEC) and other industry players in the national capital.

CIL sees record rise in Apr-June

New Delhi: State-owned Coal India Friday said its coal production increased 29 per cent year-on-year to a record 159.8 million tonne (MT) in April-June this fiscal. It had produced 124 MT coal in the year-ago period, Coal India Limited (CIL) said in a statement. "CIL ended April-June FY23 capping a historic high of 29 per cent. CIL produced 159.8 MT of coal, which is 35.8 MT more than the 124 MT in April-June FY22. All the coal companies of CIL have registered growth," the company said.

The grim situation comes as central banks around the world are trying to rein in soaring living

costs, with prices of

essential goods like food

and fuel skyrocketing

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New Delhi, July 1: The govern-

ment Friday slapped an export tax

on petrol and diesel after some re-

fineries made "phenomenal prof-

its" shipping overseas at the cost

of domestic supplies, and imposed

a ₹66,000 crore windfall tax on

A ₹6 per litre tax on export of

petrol and ATF and ₹13 per litre

tax on export of diesel is effective

from July 1, finance ministry no-

tifications showed. Additionally, a

₹23,250 per tonne tax was levied on

crude oil produced domestically,

which at last year's production

level of close to 29 million tonne

translates into annual revenue of

₹66,000 crore to the government.

ers was triggered by Oil and Natural

Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil

India Ltd (OIL) reporting bumper

profits in the March quarter (when

international prices soared to a

near 14-year high of \$139 per bar-

rel) and record earnings in 2021-22.

profit of ₹40.306 crore on a rev-

enue of ₹1,10,345 crore in the 2021-

22 fiscal. OIL posted ₹3,887.31 crore

net profit in the fiscal. Vedanta's

Cairn Oil & Gas, which is India's

second-largest oil producer, too

ONGC reported a record net

The windfall tax on oil produc-

crude oil produced locally.

over how steps to curb inflation will affect economic growth. In the last six months, the benchmark S&P 500 index fell 20.6 per cent,

while other major US indexes also dropped sharply, the BBC reported. Stocks in the UK, mainland Europe and Asia have also suffered steep losses. Some economists expect the US, which is the world's biggest economy, to go into a recession as early as this year as interest rates

a year since 1970, as concerns grow

Washington, July 1: US stocks continue to rise. have seen their worst first half of "If the US Federal Reserve con-

Govt slaps export tax

on petrol, diesel, ATF

The export tax is to deter companies such as Reliance and Rosneft-based

Nayara Energy from preferring overseas markets over domestic supplies



tinues hiking rates the stock market will react quite negatively. Dan Wang, chief economist at Hang Seng Bank China.

Another major US stock index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by more than 15 per cent in the first half of this year, the biggest

drop for the period since 1962, the BBC reported. At the same time the technology-focussed Nasdaq Composite lost almost 30 per cent. marking its largest ever percentage drop for the first half of a year.

Major stock market indexes outside the US have also fallen sharply this year. The UK's FTSE 250 has dropped by more than 20 per cent, while Europe's Stoxx 600 index has slipped by almost 17 per cent and the MSCI index of Asia-Pacific markets has fallen by more than 18 per cent.

INFLATION WORRIES June factory growth eases to 9-month low

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 1: India's manufacturing sector activity eased to a nine-month low in June as growth of total sales and production moderated amid intense price pressures, a monthly survey said Friday.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 53.9 in June from 54.6 in May, the weakest pace of growth since last September.

The June PMI data pointed to an improvement in overall operating conditions for the twelfth straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"The Indian manufacturing industry ended the first quarter of fiscal year 2022/23 on a solid footing, displaying encouraging resilience on the face of acute price pressures, rising interest rates, rupee depreciation and a challenging geopolitical landscape," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

rose for the twelfth straight month in June, but in both cases the rates of expansion eased to nine-month lows. Increases were commonly attributed to stronger client demand, although some survey participants indicated that growth was restricted by acute inflationary pressures, the survey said.

As per the survey, inflation concerns continued to dampen business confidence, with sentiment slipping to a 27-month low

EU approves rules to tame 'Wild West' crypto market

Crypto markets have tumbled this year, pressured by the collapse of the terraUSD stablecoin and major US crypto lender freezing withdrawals and transfers



REUTERS

London, July 1: Cryptocurrency companies will need a licence and customer safeguards to issue and sell digital tokens in the European Union under groundbreaking new rules agreed by the bloc to tame a volatile "Wild West" market.

Globally, crypto assets are largely unregulated, with national operators in the EU only required to show controls for combating money laundering. Representatives from the European Parliament and EU states thrashed out a deal late Thursday on itsMarkets in Cryptoassets (MiCA) law.

"Today we put order in the Wild West of crypto assets and set clear rules for a harmonised market," said Stefan Berger, a centre-right lawmaker who led negotiations on behalf of the parliament.

Bitcoin, the biggest token, has slumped some 70% since its November record of \$69.000, dragging down the overall market. **PROTECTING CONSUMERS**

The landmark regulation confirms the EU's role as a standardsetter for digital issues, EU states said. "With the new rules, cryptoasset service providers will have to respect strong requirements to protect consumers' wallets and become liable in case they lose investors' crypto-assets," they added. The deal will need formal rubberstamping by the European Parliament and EU states to be-

he new law gives issuers of crypto assets a "passport" to serve clients across the EU from a single base

Brussels will assess within 18 months whether standalone rules are needed for NFTs

he United States and Britain, two major crypto centres, have yet to approve similar rules

come law, followed by an implementation period.

Holders of stablecoins - a type of crypto designed to hold a steady value - will be offered a claim at any time and free of charge by the issuer, with all stablecoins supervised by the bloc's watchdog EBA. NFT COMPROMISE

Many states, including Ireland, Lithuania and Greece, have long opposed including non-fungible tokens (NFTs), which are digital assets representing objects from art to videos. But under pressure from EU lawmakers, the compromise reached Thursday night foresees that "NFTs will be excluded from the scope except if they fall under

existing crypto-asset categories". National regulators will be responsible for licensing crypto firms, but they will have to keep the EU's securities watchdog ESMA informed about large operators.

ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority) will develop standards for crypto firms_ to disclose information on their environmental and climate footprint.

We don't grudge people earning profits. But if oil is not being available (at petrol pumps) and they are being exported with such phenomenal profits. We need at least some of it for our own citizens and that is why we have taken this twin-pronged approach NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

had bumper earnings.

The new levy plus the oil industry development cess and royalty the producers currently pay will take the total incidence of taxation to about 60 per cent of the oil price.

A windfall tax is a one-off tax on companies that have seen their profits surge extraordinarily not because of any clever investment decision they have taken or an increase in efficiency or innovation, but simply because of favourable market conditions.

The government also framed

Govt imposed a ₹6/L tax on export of petrol, ATF and ₹13/L on diese ₹66,000 crore as windfall tax imposed on crude

Govt also levied a ₹23,250/tonne additional tax on

Govt to review export, windfall oil tax every fortnight, says Finance

Minister

new rules requiring oil companies exporting petrol to sell in the domestic market the equivalent of 50 per cent of the amount sold to overseas customers for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. For diesel, this requirement has been put at 30 per cent of the volume exported. A special additional excise duty

(SAED) of ₹6 per litre has been imposed on exports of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF). Like diesel and petrol, the international prices of ATF have risen sharply and so an additional duty has been imposed.

local production

oil produced locally

Factory orders and production

June auto sales see good growth

New Delhi: Major carmakers, including Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Tata Motors Friday reported arowth in their passenger vehicle sales in June as semiconductor shortage woes showed gradual signs of easing out. Other manufacturers, Kia India, MG Motor India and Skoda Auto India also reported robust sales growth last month. Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) reported 5.7 per cent increase in total wholesales at 1,55,857 units in June as compared to 1.47.368 units to dealers in June 2021.

GM junks deal to sell India plant

New Delhi: General Motors said Friday it had called off the sale of a shuttered Indian plant to China's Great Wall Motor after they failed to obtain regulatory approvals, amid a tougher stance by New Delhi towards investments from Beijing. GM struck a deal in January 2020 to sell the plant to Great Wall, with the Chinese SUV-maker expected to pay up to \$300 million as part of a broader plan to invest \$1 billion to establish a presence in India's growing car market

Gold set to get dearer as import duty hiked June GST mop-up rises 56% to ₹1.44L cr

The surge in gold imports is putting pressure on the CAD, the finmin said

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New Delhi, July 1: The government has hiked gold import duty to 15 per cent from 10.75 per cent to check the current account deficit (CAD) and rising import of the vellow metal. The duty changes came into effect June 30.

Earlier, the basic customs duty on gold was 7.5 per cent, now it will be 12.5 per cent. Along with the agriculture infrastructure development cess of 2.5 per cent, the effective gold customs duty will be 15 per cent.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India does not produce much gold. So, the import of yellow metal put stress on the country's forex. "Gold is inelastic in its



demand. So, you would want to see whether you can at least try to discourage to that extent people importing. Or if you are importing and you still want to import, please pay up that much more so that country can have some revenue," she said.

There has been a sudden surge in imports of gold. In May, a total of 107 tonne of gold was imported and in June also, it was significant. Since the war in Ukraine broke

out in February, the RBI has expended its foreign exchange reserves in order to shield the rupee from steep depreciation. The headline forex reserves have declined by \$40.94 billion.

THIS IS THE FIFTH TIME THAT THE MONTHLY GST COLLECTIONS CROSSED THE ₹1.40-LAKH-CRORE MARK SINCE THE INCEPTION OF GST AND THE FOURTH MONTH AT A STRETCH SINCE MARCH 2022

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New Delhi, July 1: GST collections in June witnessed a 56 per cent vear-on-vear rise to over ₹1.44 lakh crore, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Friday as she exhorted tax officers to ensure the system is so transparent that even an iota of discretion is not there.

The gross GST collection in June is the second-highest collection after April when it was about ₹1.68 lakh crore.

Speaking at the GST Day celebrations, the minister said within five years of its implementation. the Goods and Services Tax is showing its potential and ₹1.40 lakh crore is now the "rough bottom line" for monthly GST rev-



SECOND-HIGHEST SINCE ROLLOUT

enue collections.

"The gross GST revenue collection for the month of June is ₹1,44,616 crore, 56 per cent rise from the same month last year. So, the trend that was being talked about, we are now reversing that and showing that

the GST revenues remain above ₹1.40 lakh crore. So, ₹1.40 lakh crore is the rough bottom line, we are not going below that. We will remain above that," she said.

"Coupled with economic recovery, anti-evasion activities, especially action against fake billers have been contributing to the enhanced GST," the ministry added.

Of the ₹1.44 lakh crore GST collected in June, Central GST is ₹25,306 crore, State GST is ₹32,406 crore, Integrated GST is ₹75,887 crore (including ₹40,102 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹11,018 crore (including ₹1,197 crore collected on import of goods).

The gross cess collection in June is the highest since the introduction of GST.

Revenues from the sale of goods and services were ₹92,800 crore in June 2021, while last month, it was over ₹1.41 lakh crore. Besides. the average monthly gross GST collection for the April-June quarter of the current fiscal was ₹1.51 lakh crore.

Large FMCG, agro-food firms switch to paper-based straws

PLASTIC STRAW BAN COMES INTO EFFECT



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New Delhi, July 1: With the ban on plastic straws coming into effect from Friday, large FMCG and agrofood companies have removed integrated plastic straws from small tetra packs of fruit juices as well as dairy products, and are shifting to paper-based straws and other alternative sustainable solutions. Leading companies, including Parle Agro, Dabur, Amul and Mother Dairy, have replaced integrated plastic straws in the tetra

packs with alternative sustainable solutions Industry body Action Alliance for Recycling Beverage Cartons

(AARC) said FMCG companies are facing difficulties in replacing



biodegradable straws Parle moves to PLA straws that are compostable and made from

cornstarch or sugar cane Mother Dairy is using imported paper

straws for its juices, dairy packs being manufactured from July 1

Dabur, which sells its Real brand juices, has also started production with integrated paper straws

retailers but they have complied with the government's decision to ban single-use plastic by importing paper straw and whatever solution is available in the markets, AARC said.

The ban on single-use plastics, including plastic straws, which was announced last year, has come into effect from Friday.

Parle Agro, a leading player with popular brands such as Frooti and Appy Fizz, has started integrating biodegradable straws in its tetra juice paks as per the new guidelines.

"Our manufacturing locations have started with integrating biodegradable straws as per the new guidelines. We have imported paper-based straws for now to meet the deadline, and will move to PLAbased straws," Parle Agro CEO Schauna Chauhan told PTI.

'We, at Mother Dairy, are in adherence to the new norms and have already imported paper straws in order to ensure compliance. Our carton products, that come under the purview, being manufactured from today (July 01, 2022) onwards will now come integrated with paper straws," Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Managing Director Manish Bandlish said.

"Dabur has already commenced 🗦 production of Real juice packs with integrated paper straws. We are committed to meeting the regulations and will ensure that all packs come with integrated paper straws," Dabur India-**Executive Director-Operations** Shahrukh Khan said.

plastic straws and that there

would also be disruption in sup-

The companies are also fac-

ing issues such as left over in-

ventory with their stockists and

plies as well.







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Pant, Jadeja prop India Bowlers help India beat SL



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Birmingham, July 1: Rishabh Pant (146, 111b, 19x4, 4x6) played a knock for the ages to turn the tables on England and take India to an imposing 338/7 on a rain-hit day one of the rescheduled fifth Test here Friday.

At 98/5, India were staring down the barrel but Pant scripted a remarkable turnaround in the company

of Ravindra Jadeja (83 batting, 163b, 10x4) as the duo shared a match

changing 222-run stand off 239 balls. The rain in the morning meant only 73 overs could be bowled on the opening day. Having faced criticism for his struggles in white-ball cricket recently. Pant continued his love affair with the red-ball format by smashing his fifth century overall

and fourth in overseas conditions. The conditions and match situ-



ation was against him but he once again thrived on it to leave the opposition frustrated.

As only he could, he danced down the track against the great James Anderson, reverse scooped him but also played conventional strokes en route to the fastest hundred (89 balls) by an Indian wicketkeeper.

In the nervous 90s, he fell on the ground while going aerial over Jack Leach but that still fetched him a four before reaching three figures in the following over.

Stokes fancied Leach's chances against Pant but the ploy failed miserably as the southpaw collected boundaries off the left-arm spinner at will. Leach ended up with day's figures of 0/71 in nine overs. Pant went ballistic in what happened to be Leach's last over of the day, clobbering him two sixes and as many fours

With a couple of hundreds in England, one each in Australia and South Africa, Pant has already walked into the list of the finest wicketkeeper-batters to have come out of India. The 24-year-old's epic innings came to an end towards close of play with part-timer Joe Root (1/23) providing the much needed breakthrough.

After overs were lost in the first two sessions due to rain, the evening session was played in bright sunshine. Pant and Jadeja's counterattacking partnership had helped India recover to 174/5 at tea after the visitors lost half their side shortly after lunch.

Rain delayed the start of the second session by an hour and

England were all over India soon after play resumed. While Anderson did the damage in the morning, Matthew Potts got the prized wicket of an out of form Virat Kohli (11) and a shaky Hanuma Vihari (20) post lunch to put England on top.

Vihari was the first to go after Potts trapped him in front of the stumps with a full ball that darted back sharply. In his following over, Potts sent back Kohli, who dragged one on to his stumps in his halfhearted attempt to leave the ball.

Shreyas Iyer (15), playing his first Test outside India, started on an aggressive note. However, the 39year-old pacer angled one around the rib cage area that induced a faint edge on way to Sam Billings, who took a brilliant one handed catch diving full-stretched to his left. India looked down and out at

that stage and fresh lease of life was infused in the innings by the two southpaws, Pant and Jadeja.

Earlier, England's most decorated pacer Anderson produced probing spells in the rain-hit morning session to reduce India to 53/2. Rain forced the lunch break 20 minutes before time.

Anderson had openers Shubman Gill (17) and Cheteshwar Pujara (13) caught by Zak Crawley at second slip to give England the advantage after Stokes opted to 'chase' at Edgbaston. India could have been three down had Crawley held on to a tough chance presented by Vihari off Matthew Potts.

BRIEF SCORES: India 338/7 (Rishabh Pant 146, Ravindra Jadeja 83 batting; James Anderson 3/52. Matthew Potts 2/85) vs England.



STARS OF THE DAY: (From L) Deepti Sharma, Renuka Singh and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur rejoice after a Sri Lankan wicket, while Shafali Verma rushes in to join the celebration, Friday

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Pallekele, July 1: The experienced Deepti Sharma (22 n o; 3/25) shone with the bat after her exploits with the ball, coming to the Indian women's team's rescue in a tricky chase for a four-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the first ODI here Friday.

In the company of Pooja Vastrakar (21 n o), Deepti guided the team home in 38 overs after being set an easy target of 172, in Harmanpreet Kaur's first match as full-time ODI captain.

Cruising at 123/3, India nearly made heavy weather of what seemed a comfortable run-chase after Harmanpreet departed for a well-made 44 (63b, 3x4), slipping to 138/6. But Deepti and Vastrakar ensured India emerged winners.

India bowled out Sri Lanka for 171 in 48.2 overs, and then chased down the target with 12 overs to spare. The three-match series is part of the ICC ODI Championship.

Harmanpreet took over the reins in the 50-over format after the recent retirement of long-time skipper Mithali Raj. Thanks to the Indian bowlers' excellent show in the series opener. Sri Lanka's de-

BRIEF SCORES

SRI LANKA WOMEN 171 (Nilakshi de Silva 43, Hasini Perera 37; Deepti Sharma 3/25,

Renuka Singh 3/29) lost to **INDIA WOMEN 176/6** (Harmanpreet Kaur 44, Shafali Verma 35. Harleen Deol 34.

Deepti Sharma 22 n o, Pooja Vastrakar 21 n o; Inoka Ranaweera 4/39) by 4 wickets

cision to bat first on winning the

toss did not yield the desired result. Seasoned off-spinner Deepti and medium pacer Renuka Singh (3/29) were the wreckers-in-chiefs. finishing with impressive figures of 3/25 and 3/29 respectively.

Renuka gave the team's first breakthrough when she removed Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu with a peach of a delivery that landed in the channel outside off, forcing the batter to fish at it, and Yastika Bhatia did the rest behind the stumps.

It was a huge wicket for India, and straightaway put the hosts on the backfoot. Deepti enjoyed early success when she dismissed Hansima Karunaratne for an eleven-ball

duck. Seeking to break the shackles, the batter went down the track to a delivery that was tossed up, but the lack of elevation meant the ball did not travel beyond mid off.

A partnership ensued but not for long, with Deepti getting the better of opener Hasini Perera by hitting her pads while the batter attempted to play the sweep shot. Hasini made 37 off 54 balls.

Sri Lanka were in for more shock as 63/3 soon became 65/4, this time skipper Harmanpreet, enjoying success with the ball by dismissing Kavisha Dilhari for a nought. As wickets tumbled at one end, Nilakshi de Silva held fort at the other until she was trapped in front of the wicket for a 63-ball 43.

The Indians also got off to a poor start, losing Smriti Mandhana (4) as early as the second over. Wicketkeeper Bhatia (1), too, did not last long, leaving India at 17/2 in the fourth over.

Skipper Harmanpreet then played the role of an anchor allowing Shafali Verma to blaze her way to 35 off 40 deliveries. Harleen Deol chipped in with 34 Off 40 balls, before the duo of Deepti and Pooja Vastrakar took the visitors home

New high-tech for offside calls at FIFA World Cup Neeraj misses 90m mark by a whisker

OLYMPICS GOLD WINNER SETTLES FOR SILVER WITH A THROW OF 89.94M BREAKING NATIONAL RECORD IN THE PROCESS

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Stockholm, July 1: Olympic cham-

League last month before 90.75m effort at Hengelo in the Netherlands. Julian Weber of Germany was third with a fifth round throw of

89.08m while Tokyo Olympic silver

medallist Jakub Vadlejch (88.59m)

of Czech Republic was fourth.

Another Czech athlete and Tokyo

Olympics bronze medallist Vitezslav

Vesely was seventh in the eight-

this month-in Turku where the ath-

lete from Grenada was third and in

the Kuortane Games, also in Finalnd,

where the Indian superstar had

won gold with a best throw of 86.69m

under wet and slippery conditions.

hopes of him scripting history of

becoming the first Indian to win a

Diamond League event.

Chopra's first throw had raised

Chopra has beaten Peters twice

man field with 82.57m.



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Geneva, July 1: FIFA will introduce new technology to improve offside calls at the World Cup in Qatar this year, using a limb-tracking camera system.

FIFA said Friday it is ready to launch semi-automated offside technology (SAOT) that uses multiple cameras to track player movements plus a sensor in the ball and will quickly show 3D images on stadium screens at the tournament to help fans understand the referee's call.

It's the third World Cup in a row that sees FIFA introduce new technology to help referees. Goal-line technology was ready for the 2014 tournament in Brazil after a notorious refereeing error in 2010. In 2018, video review to help referees judge game-changing incidents was rolled out in Russia

The new offside system promises faster and more accurate decisions than are currently made with the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) svstem, even though the 2018 World Cup avoided major mistakes on offside calls. Controversy has since flared in European leagues, especially where VAR officials draw on-screen lines over players for marginal calls. They have been mocked as "armpit offsides" because of the tiny margins.

"Although these tools are quite accurate, this accuracy may be improved," said Pierluigi Collina, who leads FIFA's refereeing program and worked the 2002 World Cup final in the pre-technology era.

Each stadium in Qatar will have 12 cameras beneath the roof synchronized to track 29 data points on each player's body 50 times per second. Data is processed with ar-

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tificial intelligence to create a 3D offside line that is alerted to the team of VAR officials.

A sensor in the match ball tracks its acceleration and gives a more precise "kick point" -when the decisive pass is played to align with the offside line data, FIFA innovation director Johannes Holzmüller said in an online briefing.

Ensuring soccer's biggest event is a showcase for technological progress - and avoids obvious errors that live on in World Cup lore -has been a long-time FIFA goal. The shot by England's Frank

Lampard that crossed the Germany goal-line in 2010 but was not given as a goal almost immediately ended then-president Sepp Blatter's opposition to giving referees technological aids.

Later that same day in South Africa, a clearly incorrect offside call let Carlos Tevez score Argentina's first goal in a 3-1 win over Mexico in the round of 16.

In 2014, Bosnia-Herzegovina failed to advance from the group in its first World Cup after Edin Dzeko's early goal against Nigeria was wrongly judged offside. Nigeria went on to win 1-0.

FIFA's push to get the new offside technology ready for the World Cup was slowed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Live in-game trials were run at the Arab Cup in Qatar last December and FIFA's Club World Cup played in February in the United Arab Emirates. Within seconds of a possible offside, a specialist member of the VAR team can manually check the data-created line for attackers and defenders and the kick point of the pass, Holzmüller

pion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top-3 finish at the prestigious Diamond League Meeting with a national record-shattering effort but missed the 90m mark by a whisker in a star-studded field here Thursday.

The 24-year-old Chopra opened with a stunning throw of 89.94m, just 6cm shy of the 90m mark, the gold standard in the world of javelin throw and that effort eventually turned out to be his best as he finished second.

His other throws measured 84.37m, 87.46m, 84.77m, 86.67 and 86.84m. He bettered his earlier national record of 89.30m, which his spear had travelled while finishing second in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, June 14.

World Champion and season leader Anderson Peters of Grenada



won the competition with a best throw of 90.31m which he came up with in this third attempt.

"Today, I feel good and after first throw, I thought I could throw even

1st T20I: Rohit Sharma

Suryakumar Yadav,

Deepak Hooda, Rahul

(wk), Hardik Pandya,

Tripathi, Dinesh Karthik

Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi

Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar

Kumar, Harshal Patel,

Avesh Khan, Arshdeep

Singh & Umran Malik

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1st T20I

2nd T20

3rd T20

1st ODI

2nd ODI

3rd ODI

Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra

(C), Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj

Gaekwad, Sanju Samson,

over 90m today. But it is OK as I have more competitions coming this year," Chopra said after the event "I am close to 90m now and I can throw it this year. Despite the fact

that I did not win tonight, I feel very good because I did my best." Peters has thrown 90m-plus twice

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Nonetheless, he became the secthis season - 93.07m while winning the Doha leg of the Diamond

ond Indian to finish in top-three in a Diamond League competition after discus thrower Vikas Gowda.

India to have full strength from 2nd T20I Sindhu, Prannoy bow out

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Birmingham, July 1: Skipper Rohit Sharma, who has been ruled out of the rescheduled Test match against England after testing positive for COVID-19, will be available to lead the side in the white-ball series as he was named in squads for T20Is and ODIs by the BCCI Thursday. The three-match T20 series will begin July 7 in Southampton.

Rohit was already supposed to play from the second T201 but since he missed out on the Test match, he is available from the first game. Five players, including Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Jasprit Bumrah and Shreyas Iyer will join the team from the second game in Edgbaston July 9.

One notable omission in the T20 squad is Mohammed Shami, who hasn't been picked in shortest format since last T20 World Cup as he isn't scheme of things for Australia World Cup.

Shami, oldest player in the current set up, Shikhar Dhawan (37)

THE SQUADS 2nd & 3rd T20Is: Rohit

Sharma (C), Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel Arshdeep Singh. & Umran Malik

SCHEDULE					
Т	DATE	VENUE	TIME (IST)		
I	July 7	Ageas Bowl	10:30 pm		
ונ	July 9	Edgbaston	7 pm		
I	July 10	Trent Bridge	7 pm		
	July 12	The Oval	5:30 pm		
l l	July 14	Lord's	5:30 pm		
	July 17	Old Trafford	3:30 pm		

and Mohammed Siraj are part of Gaikwad, Sanju Samson, Arshdeep the ODI squad which will be played Singh, Rahul Tripathi to name a few. from 15 to 20th of July. It is understood these players are The players who will return not first choice going into the T20 home after first T20I are Ruturaj World Cup.

Shikhar Dhawan, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, J Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj &

ODIs: Rohit Sharma (C),

losing to her nemesis Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei in a hard-fought three-game contest here Friday.

Sindhu, seeded seventh, squandered a game lead to lose 13-21, 21-15, 21-13 to the second seed Tai Tzu, a silver medallist at the Tokyo Olympics.

Kuala Lumpur, July 1: Two-time

Olympic medallist PV Sindhu

crashed out in the women's sin-

gles quarterfinals of the Malaysia

Open badminton tournament after

By virtue of the win, the Chinese Taipei shuttler extended her domination over the Indian ace, leading 16-5 on head-to-head record. Sindhu has now lost six matches on the trot against Tai Tzu. Indian challenge ended in the

Super 750 event as HS Prannoy also made a quarterfinal exit, losing to seventh seeded Jonatan Christie of Indonesia 18-21 16-21 in 44-minute men's singles match. Sindhu, playing against drift, made a slow start and trailed 2-5 in

the opening game. But she soon got her act together and pocketed 11 points on the trot to go into the break leading 11-7. The Chinese Taipei shuttler tried to make comeback into the contest by playing long rallies but Sindhu was upto the task to pocket the opening game.

Sindhu started the second game brightly but her fancied rival dominated the proceedings after the early exchanges to lead 11-3 at the break. Tai Tzu continued in the same vein after the change of ends and extended her lead to 14-3 before Sindhu relied on her powerful smashes to reduce the deficit to 17-15.

Tai Tzu, however, regrouped quickly and pocketed the next four points to draw level in the contest. It was a close contest in the decider as both the shuttlers fought tooth and nail till 12 points before Tai Tzu put Sindhu under pressure with a mix of drop shots and smashes to clinch the third game and keep her title defence hopes alive.

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