



TOUGH TASK

Actor Fatima Sana Shaikh starts preparing to essay the role of India's first female Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

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G-20 DIPLOMATS FAIL ON UNITY

Deeply divided top diplomats from all over world failed to find common ground over Russia's war in Ukraine

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HS Prannoy continues his impressive run at the Malaysia Masters badminton tournament, making into the semifinals

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DEITIES' RETURN JOURNEY TODAY

POST NEWS NETWORK

Puri, July 8: Lord Jagannath and His siblings—Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra—are scheduled to return to the Lions' Gate of the Srimandir from Srigundicha temple on the occasion of Bahuda Yatra, Saturday.

The deities had reached Srigundicha temple for a nine-day sojourn on the occasion of Rath Yatra, July 1.

The Three Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) and Puri district administration have made elaborate arrangements for the return car festival of the deities which is being organised with participation of devotees after two years of Covid hiatus.

The chariots of the Trinity—Nandighosha, Darpadalana and Taladhawaja—have been parked at the Nakachana gate of Srigundicha temple to bring back the deities to Srimandir. The Mangal Alati ritual of the deities would commence at 4am. The deities would be taken in a procession to their respective chariots from Srigundicha shrine through customary Pahandi procession soon after completion of Mangalarpan ritual. The chariots would be pulled towards Srimandir at 4pm.

Meanwhile, thousands of devotees Friday gathered at the Srigundicha temple for 'Sandhya Darshan' of the Trinity. However, the duration of 'Sandhya Darshan' was brought down till 4pm as against the usual 7pm.

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The chariots of Lord Jagannath and His siblings at Saradhawali in Puri, Friday, on the eve of Bahuda Yatra

OP PHOTO

Man kills father

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bargarh, July 8: In a bone-chilling incident, a man killed his father and subsequently tried to burn the body to conceal his crime at Pipilipali village under Barpali police limits in the district Friday.

On being informed, police rushed to the village and seized the half-burnt body from the pyre. The accused was identified as Hari Pradhan, while his father Nama Pradhan.

According to police, Hari in an act of revenge killed his father over a land dispute. Later, he took the body to the village graveyard and tried to burn the corpse.

However, he was detained after locals alerted the cops regarding the crime.

Tehsildar arrested

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Baripada, July 8: Vigilance sleuths Friday arrested a tehsildar and an amin at Raruan tehsil office while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000 from a person to issue a land patta.

Vigilance sleuths said they have arrested Raruan tehsildar Satya Sundar Rout and Bhanjakia amin Lochan Patra while accepting Rs 15,000 from the complainant Chakradhar Mahanta for issuing the latter a land patta.

Soon after, simultaneous searches were conducted at Rout and Patra's residence, office and other properties when the last report came in.

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Yes, I carry safety equipment with me. I travel with budget airlines

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VAIATION
SENSEX	54481.84 ↑ 303.38
NIFTY	16220.60 ↑ 87.70
DOLLAR	79.83 ↑ ₹0.14
EURO	80.73 ↑ ₹0.32
GOLD	₹50,959 ↑ ₹338
SILVER	₹57,356 ↑ ₹417

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	32.8°C	31.6°C
TEMP MIN	24.9°C	25.0°C
Humidity	97%	97%
Rainfall	12.4mm	3.4mm

Forecast: Light rain likely

ABE ASSASSINATED

Saddened beyond words, says PM Modi; national mourning today

REUTERS

Nara (Japan), July 8: Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest-serving leader, died Friday hours after he was shot while campaigning for a parliamentary election, shocking a country in which political violence is rare and guns are tightly controlled.

The shooter opened fire on Abe, 67, from behind as the former premier addressed members of the public on a drab traffic island in the western city of Nara. Japanese media reported that the weapon appeared to be a homemade gun.

"This attack is an act of brutality that happened during the elections - the very foundation of our democracy - and is absolutely unforgivable," said Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Abe's protege, struggling to keep his emotions in check.

It was the first killing of a sitting or former Japanese leader since a 1936 coup attempt, when several figures including two ex-premiers were assassinated.

Doctors were unable to revive Abe, who was taken to hospital in cardiopulmonary arrest and showing no vital signs. He was declared dead at 5:03pm (0803 GMT), about

five and a half hours after being shot.

He bled to death from deep wounds to the heart and the right side of his neck, despite receiving more than 100 units of blood in transfusions over four hours. Hidetada Fukushima, the professor in charge of emergency medicine at Nara Medical University Hospital, told a televised news conference.

Police said a 41-year-old man suspected of carrying out the shooting had been arrested. NHK quoted the suspect, identified as Tetsuya Yamagami, as telling police he was dissatisfied with Abe and wanted to kill him. The suspect told police he had made multiple homemade explosives and guns in the past, NHK said.

Abe was making a campaign speech outside a train station when two shots rang out. Security officials were then seen tackling a man in a grey T-shirt and beige trousers.

"There was a loud bang and then smoke," businessman Makoto Ichikawa, who was at the scene, told Reuters.



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THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FORMER JAPANESE PM STUNNED THE NATION WITH SOME OF THE STRICTEST GUN CONTROL LAWS ANYWHERE

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13 dead, many missing in Amarnath cloudburst

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, July 8: A flash flood triggered by a cloudburst near the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir swept away scores of people, killing at least 13 and swamping tents and community kitchens with mud and rocks hurtling down a hillside, police and NDRF officials said.

An official of the Union Territory administration said the Amarnath yatra, which began June 30, has been suspended following the tragedy and a decision on its resumption will be taken after rescue operations get over.

An official on the ground said about 30-35 people are missing while five have been rescued.

NDRF Director General Atul Karwal said a team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was already based in the affected area and two more from nearby locations of Barari Marg and Panchtarni have reached there.

"We have three teams comprising about 75 rescuers in action right now," Karwal said.

The cloudburst that occurred around 5.30pm dumped copious rain and thick streams of sludge rolled down the mountain slopes into the valley.

According to the automatic weather station at the holy cave, the



area received 31mm rainfall from 4:30 pm to 6:30pm.

The gushing waters hit the base camp outside the shrine, damaging 25 tents and three community kitchens where the pilgrims are served food, according to officials.

Videos showed water running through the tents and people scrambling to safety carrying gas stoves and blankets.

A group of rescuers was seen digging the earth with bare hands as they gingerly looked for survivors under the rock-and-mud debris.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Phone tapping case: Ex-NSE CEOs booked

New Delhi: Former NSE top brass including Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramkrishna had allegedly roped in a company founded by retired Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Pandey to snoop in on the stock market's employees by illegally intercepting their phones, the CBI has alleged in a recent FIR against them. The CBI Friday started a search operation in 18 cities after filing the FIR on a reference from the Union Home Ministry. The agency has booked Pandey, his Delhi-based company, NSE officials former MD and CEOs Narain and Ramkrishna and executive vice president Ravi Varanasi among others in the FIR. P7

SC to hear fresh plea against Shinde July 11

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday agreed to hear July 11 a fresh plea of the Uddhav Thackeray led faction challenging appointment of Eknath Shinde as Maharashtra CM. A vacation bench of the SC said it will be listed before an appropriate bench July 11. Advocate Devadatt Kamat, appearing for Shiv Sena leader Subhash Desai, said they are seeking listing of the fresh plea along with other pending petitions which are coming up for hearing July 11. Desai has challenged the Governor's June 30 decision to invite a coalition of the Shinde faction and the BJP to form government in Maharashtra. P9

Naveen kept rakhi promise, says Droupadi

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DROUPADI MURMU | NDA PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Bhubaneswar, July 8: Emotional over the rousing welcome accorded to her in Odisha, her home state, NDA presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu Friday said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik kept his 'rakhi' promise by announcing his party's support for her candidature.

Officials had said Thursday that Murmu, a tribal resident of Mayurbhanj district, would be treated as a 'state guest' when she visited Odisha for her campaign.

Murmu, during her interaction with the MLAs and MPs of the BJD on Assembly premises, said, "As

Subhadra (sister), I had tied rakhi on the wrist of Jagannath (Patnaik). Before the sister could ask for anything, the brother declared his support for her."

"I am indebted to him (Patnaik) for this good gesture towards this daughter of Odisha," she stated.

The CM hosted lunch for Murmu at his residence—Naveen Niwas—here. Odia delicacies such as 'Baigan Bhaja', 'Alu Bharta' and 'Badi Chura' were served with rice and dal for lunch, sources at the CM's residence said.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and BJD's Parliamentary Party Leader Pinaki Misra also



NDA presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and BJD's Parliamentary Party Leader Pinaki Misra having lunch at Naveen Niwas in Bhubaneswar, Friday

joined Murmu for lunch at Naveen Niwas. Pointing out that she was elected to the Odisha Legislative

Assembly twice, Murmu (64) said all MLAs in the state were her brothers and sisters.

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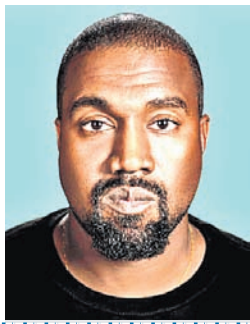


SELMA BLAIR'S RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST EX-BOYFRIEND EXTENDED

Actress Selma Blair had filed for a protective order February 25 after she alleged her ex Ronald Carlson - whom she dated for around even years - attacked her February 22. Now the restrictions will stay in place until at least September 10.

KANYE WEST SUED FOR FAILING TO RETURN CLOTHES

Kanye West is being sued for failing to return various rare pieces of designer clothing to fashion archivist David Cassavant. West loaned 49 garments in March 2020 and returned 36 of them. But he stopped paying the weekly fees on the remaining 13 pieces, claimed Cassavant.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES

Today, you may set out to please your beloved, and maybe even woo him/her all over again. There may be a bit of dissatisfaction regarding friends and relatives, but you can look forward to partying and new friendships this evening, says Ganesh.

TAURUS

Today, you are likely to pay attention to your health issues and eating habits. Fortune may not favour your efforts. However hard you may try, you may still find yourself back to square one at the end of the day. Try until you taste the sweet fruit of success, suggests Ganesh.

GEMINI

You will be able to express your thoughts and opinions to the people you come in contact with today. They will also reciprocate and echo your feelings and emotions. This will give you validation and satisfaction. The day should be filled with fun and entertainment overall, says Ganesh.

CANCER

Your career will reach a decisive moment. You can expect a transfer, promotion or pay hike. Alongside your responsibilities will also increase. A chance of new job is also indicated. You can reject a tempting job offer.

LEO

Your expenses may shoot through the roof if you do not pay careful attention to your finances. You will want to splurge on expensive perfumes and clothing. You will be able to attract those of the opposite sex. You must guard against coming off as a show-off.

VIRGO

Logic as well as emotions will hold sway in your relationships today. Emotionally you will feel a little confused and will swing between your feelings and what is actually expected of you. However, finally you will pay more heed to your inner voice rather than depending on the views of others.

LIBRA

Ganesh says you will be more aware about your beauty and outward appearance and try to enhance it by going to a beauty parlor. You will spend most of your time looking after your external beauty. Due to this you will not be able to pay attention to anything else other than your looks.

SCORPIO

Despite a secured job and a harmonious home environment, you are still looking for something else. Long-term, financial security keeps bothering you. And your worries are solved to some extent as unexpected monetary gains are on cards today, predicts Ganesh.

SAGITTARIUS

Tedious day in store for you as hectic work is likely to keep you on toes; this is not-so-good-news. And well, it's time for some good news now. You will do so much running around for your work, that you will actually shed a few kilos of weight. Celebrate by treating your taste-buds, but with low-cal food!

CAPRICORN

You love your family and you will try your best to live up to the expectations of your family members. If you are student, you will finish up your existing projects and get on with some fresh assignments, foretells Ganesh. Don't block your imagination; give yourself some freedom so that you can test your creativity and talent.

AQUARIUS

You may have to remain indoors today. But, don't think that you will get bored. You can do a lot of things, like playing cards and other board games, reading, watching the natural world around, and what not. You will spend the day in a relaxed mood and look at life from a different perspective, feels Ganesh.

PISCES

You will work hard to organize your day to day routine but due to the ill alignment of the planets you will not be able to sort things out successfully today. Ganesh advises you to be patient and let things be as they are but also to hold on to the sentiments of change.



Fatima preps to play Indira

The actress previously garnered a lot of praise for her realistic portrayal of Indian wrestler Gita Phogat in hit movie 'Dangal'

Mumbai: Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh, who received a lot of positive response for her work in the anthology *Modern Love Mumbai*, is set to focus on her upcoming movie based on the life of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Sam Bahadur where she will essay the role

of India's first female Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Friday saw the actress give a glimpse of her prep sessions for the film with director Meghna Gulzar on her social media. In her caption, she wrote, "Sinking my teeth in #SamBahadur @meghnagulzar"

Fatima had earlier said that she is watching former prime minister late Indira Gandhi's interviews and reading a lot of material on her. She had also said that though all this won't be shown on screen but it is really interesting to learn about eminent figures who have changed history.

Fatima has previously garnered a lot of attention and praise for her realistic portrayal of Indian wrestler Gita Phogat in hit movie *Dangal*.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Fatima is presently working in Taapsee Pannu's production *Dhak Dhak* along with Dia Mirza, Ratna Pathak and Sanjana Sanghi.



THE ROCK ON ACTOR'S MCU DEBUT

Vellani's energy is infectious: Farhan

Mumbai: Actor and filmmaker Farhan Akhtar made his Marvel Cinematic Universe debut with the fourth episode of *Ms. Marvel*.

He praised actress Iman Vellani, who essays the titular role of Kamala Khan and Ms. Marvel in the series, and said that her energy is very infectious.

Farhan essays the role of Waleed, the leader of the ancient order known as the Red Daggers. Waleed, who acts as a mentor to Kamala Khan when she lands in Karachi to meet her maternal grandmother, helps answer and uncover the mystery behind her superpowers and her true identity.

Sharing his experience with fellow debutant Vellani, Farhan said: "She is an absolutely wonderful person and that's the most important thing. Her energy is infectious and is

the driving force when it comes to the cast of *Ms. Marvel*. She is someone to look out for, she is incredibly gifted and incredibly talented."

Fronted by Pakistani-Canadian debutant Iman Vellani as Kamala Khan, Ms. Marvel is a coming-of-age story of a Muslim teenager

who discovers that she has superpowers and that her family history goes back to the India-Pakistan Partition in 1947. An avid gamer and a voracious fan-fiction scribe growing up in New Jersey, Kamala is a superhero megafan with an oversized imagination - particularly when it comes to *Captain Marvel*.

The series, which is inching towards the finale, has been directed by Adil El Arbi and Bilal Fallah, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy a two-time Oscar winner in the short documentary category, and Meera Menon.

Avneet sets Internet on fire

Mumbai: Avneet Kaur has come a long way since making her television debut as a participant on *DID Little Masters*. Despite having a relaxed demeanour, Avneet stands out thanks to her fashion choices. She makes absolutely stunning sartorial style statements as seen on her social media handle. The actress's stylish photos show why she is so well-liked by her fans.

She has a sizable following on social media. She carries every outfit with confidence and grace. Little wonder then that the netizens are going crazy this time since seeing her crushing the oomph game and conquering hearts with her black transparent attire. Avneet is dressed in a black corset jumpsuit with structured top and floral embellishments. The jumpsuit is distinguished by silver flower embroidery on mesh fabric. Her jumpsuit

costs Rs.11,490 and is from the racks of Pameen.

Avneet chose a dewy makeup look that gave her a refreshed and glowing appearance without being overdone. She went for flushed cheeks, bare lips, and open hair. She kept her accessories simple, opting for sleek thread earrings.

On the work front, she is all set to make her Hindi film debut alongside Nawazuddin Siddiqui in *Tikka Weds Sheru*.

When Rishi called Taapsee a 'veteran'

Mumbai: Actress Taapsee Pannu remembers late actor Rishi Kapoor on the sets of *Dance Deewane Juniors*. She appeared on the show to promote her film *Shabaash Mithu*.

Helmed by Srijit Mukherji, this movie is a biopic on former Indian cricketer Mithali Raj where Taapsee will be seen essaying the role of the cricketer.

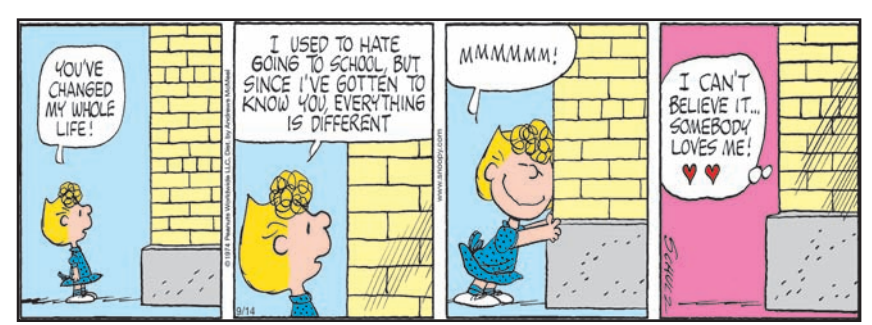
Talking about her experience of working the late actor; the *Pink* actress shared: "Initially when I met him the first thing he said 'what kind of name is this, Taapsee?' in jest."

She continued: "Rishi ji used to call me a veteran actor after knowing that I have done 10 South Indian films. During the Mulk shoot, we shared a great bond and had a good time working together. I

used to call him a bully bag."

"I used to feel proud listening to the compliments from him. Working with him and getting compliments will always be one of my greatest achievements. I will always flaunt the compliments that I got from Rishi Ji and will remember them," Taapsee concludes.

PEANUTS



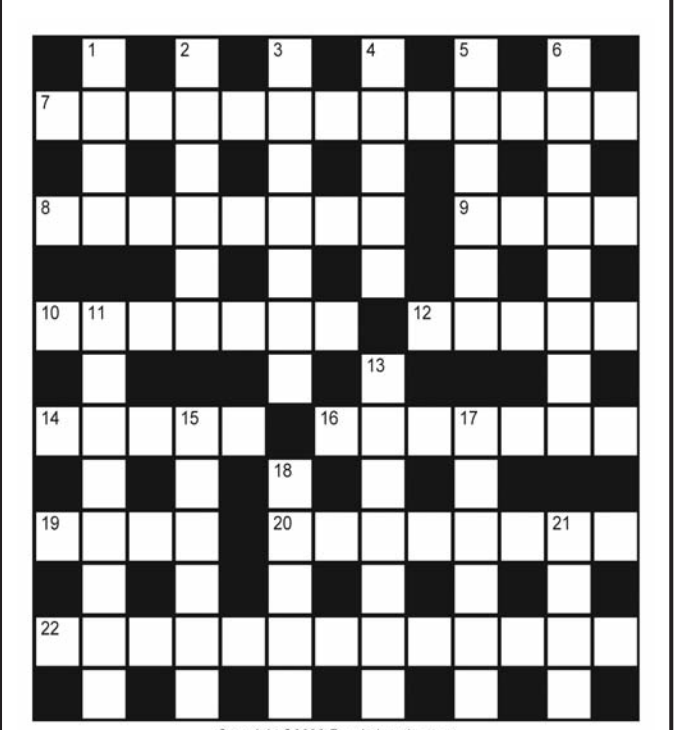
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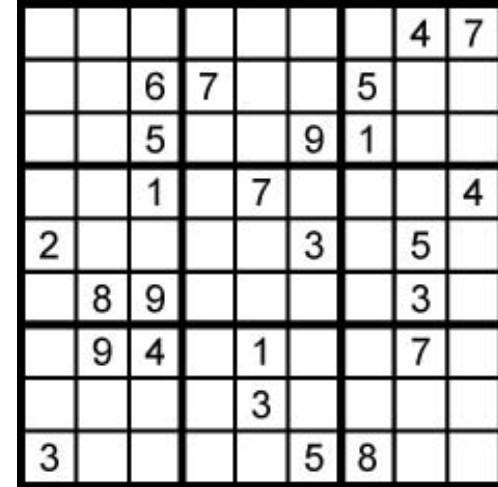
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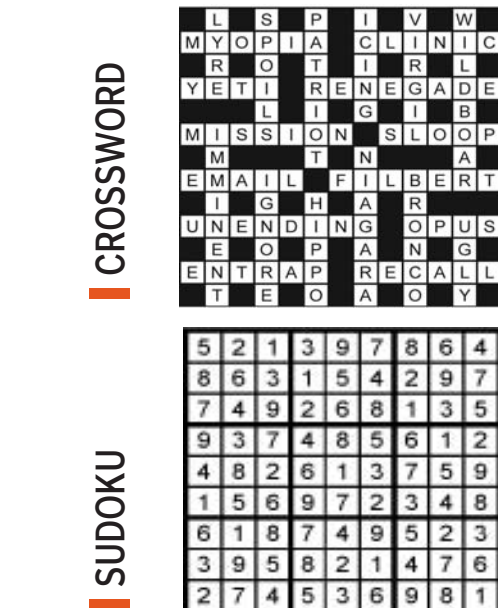
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 - 2 Fife relatives
 - 3 Meal fit for a king
 - 4 Parting word
 - 5 Cane material
 - 6 Imaginary place of great wealth
 - 11 Big name in pottery
 - 13 Misrepresent
 - 15 Like some humour
 - 17 Flatware
 - 18 Jewelled headress
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SUDOKU

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



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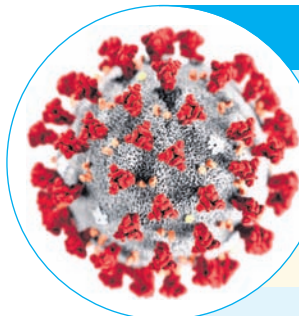
CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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FAIR VISIT

People visiting stalls at Pallishree Mela at Puri Saradhali, Friday



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	55,88,53,551	53,22,98,444	63,69,510
India	4,35,85,554	4,29,37,876	5,25,343
Odisha	12,92,416	12,80,954	9,126

Dip in tourist footfall worrisome

DECLINE IN TOURIST INFLOW AFFECTS HOTEL INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT SECTOR

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 8: The Covid-19 pandemic has dealt a body blow to the tourism sector in Odisha.

Moreover, the coastal state has failed to attract domestic as well as overseas tourists despite an improvement in the pandemic situation.

As per the data available with the Tourism department, the inflow of tourists from abroad has gone down significantly in the past two years.

The tourism sector used to be a prominent source of revenue for the state. As per an assessment by the World Travel and Tourism Council, the contribution of tourism sector to the GDP of Odisha is around 4 per cent and the sector has the potential to create employment opportunities for 2 lakh people.

However, the state has failed to tap its vast potential in the tourism sector. Apart from releasing some promotional posters and holding a few road shows, the tourism department has not introduced any concrete measures to attract tourists to the state, sources said.



File photo of tourists visiting Konark temple

The tourism department is yet to identify and develop hitherto unexplored tourism sites in Odisha. That is why the tourist inflow to state has come down significantly in recent years. This has also affected the hotel industry and employment sector, they added.

As per the available data, the state had witnessed the footfall of altogether 1,15,128 overseas tourists in 2019 while the number came

down to 10,206 in 2020 and 2,269 in 2021. The inflow of domestic tourists has also gone down significantly. Altogether 1,53,07,637 domestic tourists visited Odisha in 2019 while the number plunged to 46,22,273 in 2020 and 37,42,223 in 2021, revealed the tourism department data.

It is learnt that the state government has spent around Rs 300 crore in holding road shows and

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other promotional events in last three years. However, it has failed to improve infrastructure and facilities for the tourists. Besides, no step has been taken to identify and develop new tourist sites, sources said.

Replying to the opposition members' queries in Assembly recently, Minister Aswini Kumar Patra said the pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the tourism sector and the state government is allocating land to private parties through Idco for establishment of hotels near tourist sites.

Cyber fraudsters target sr IAS officer PK Jena

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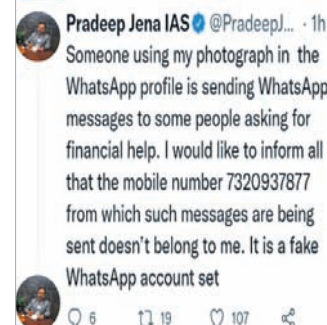
Bhubaneswar, July 8: Cyber fraudsters continue to cheat common people by creating fake social media accounts in the name of influential persons. Senior IAS officer and state development commissioner, Pradeep Kumar Jena is the latest target for the cyber criminals.

Jena, through his official twitter handle, revealed that unknown cyber criminals have created a fake WhatsApp account in his name and have been sending messages to persons requesting for financial help.

"Someone is using my photograph in the WhatsApp profile and sending messages to some people asking for financial help. I would like to inform all that the mobile number 7320937877 from which such messages are being sent doesn't belong to me. It is a fake WhatsApp account created in my name to possibly defraud people," tweeted Jena.

In a series of tweets, Jena has sought help from the cyber crime

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officials over the issue. He also urged people not to believe in such fake messages being sent from social media account with his picture as profile photo.

"You are hereby requested to not act on any such request for financial favours. I shall never request anyone for financial help. I hope, all my friends and all well wishers take note of this and in case they receive any such messages, may kindly inform police to act. I'm also asking Cyber Crime Police of Odisha government to immediately initiate a criminal case

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and find out the thug and take stern action to prevent such fraudulent WhatsApp messages. Thank you," added Jena.

Notably, the cyber criminals also created fake accounts of senior IAS, IPS and politicians of the state during the last couple of months.

Last week, Cuttack district collector Bhabani Shankar Chayani lodged a complaint with the crime branch alleging that unknown person was seeking money from different persons by creating a fake WhatsApp account in his name.

RUCHIKA RAGGING NHRC seeks ATR from HE secy, Police Commissioner



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 8: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the Higher Education (HE) Principal Secretary and the Twin City Commissioner of Police to submit Action Taken Report (ATR) over Ruchika Mohanty's suicide in the hostel of BJB Autonomous College due to ragging.

While hearing a petition filed by advocate Radhakanta Tripathy, the commission has asked the authorities to submit the ATR within four weeks from receipt of the order.

The authorities have also been advised to intimate the commission if they received any notice or order from the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) in this regard within four weeks. The commission has instructed the state rights body to inform the NHRC about the date of taking cognizance of the matter.

"The concerned authorities shall also intimate the commission, if any notice, order etc, has been received by him/them in the instant matter from the state human rights commission. If yes, a copy of such order be sent to the commission within four weeks. Let a copy of the complaint be also transmitted to the

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secretary of the concerned state human rights commission, calling upon him to inform this commission the date of cognizance, if any taken at their end in the instant matter within four weeks", directed NHRC.

Tripathy has urged NHRC to direct the state government for a fair enquiry into the matter and action against the wrongdoers, cordial atmosphere in educational institutions and adequate financial compensation to the next of kin of the victims in ragging cases.

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Govt directs colleges to join NATS training

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 8: The Higher Education department Friday directed all the colleges of the state including professional colleges to attend the training of the graduates under National Apprentice Training Scheme (NATS).

NA TS is one of the flagship programmes of government of India for skilling Indian youth. The apprentices are placed for training at Central, state and private organizations which have excellent training facilities.

In a letter to the colleges, higher education department under secretary, Balabhadra Sahoo said the Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BOPT-ER) is conducting webinar on skilling of graduates under NATS from July 4-13 and you were requested to attend the same. But as reported by BOPT-ER, only a few colleges have attended the webinar so far. You are therefore requested, once again, to attend the remaining dates of the scheduled webinar to know more about the scheme which will benefit our passed out graduates.

The National Apprentice Training Scheme in India is a one year programme which equips technically qualified youth with practical knowledge and skills required in their field of work. The Apprentices are imparted training by the organizations at their place of work. Trained Managers with well-developed training modules ensure that apprentices learn the job quickly and competently.

During the period of apprenticeship, the apprentices are paid a stipend amount, 50 percent of which is reimbursable to the employer from government of India. At the end of the training period, the apprentices will be issued a Certificate of Proficiency by government of India which can be registered at all employment exchanges.

SEEKING SUPPORT



NDA presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu meets BJD legislators at the Odisha Assembly conference room (Top) and BJP MPs and MLAs at state guest house in Bhubaneswar as part of her campaign for the July 18 election

Larger than Antarctic ozone hole may up skin cancer risk

A huge hole in the Earth's ozone layer, seven times larger than the Antarctic ozone hole, may increase the risk of skin cancers, and cataracts among humans and also affect agricultural productivity and aquatic organisms, warned a Canadian researcher.

The ozone layer is known to absorb most of the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV).

Qing-Bin Lu, a scientist from the University of Waterloo in Canada's Ontario, revealed a large, all-season ozone hole -- defined as an area of ozone loss larger than 25 per cent compared with the undisturbed atmosphere -- in the lower stratosphere over the tropics comparable in depth to that of the well-known springtime Antarctic hole, but its area is roughly seven times greater.

"The tropics constitute half the planet's surface area and are home



to about half the world's population," said Lu, adding that "the existence of the tropical ozone hole may cause great global concern".

"The depletion of the ozone layer can lead to increased ground-level UV radiation, which can increase risk of skin cancer and cataracts in humans, as well as weaken

human immune systems, decrease agricultural productivity, and negatively affect sensitive aquatic organisms and ecosystems," Lu noted, in the paper published in the journal AIP Advances.

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QING-BIN LU | SCIENTIST, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA

The observation of the ozone hole comes as a surprise to Lu's peers in the scientific community, since it was not predicted by conventional photochemical models.

As with the polar ozone hole, approximately 80 per cent of the normal ozone value is found to be depleted at the centre of the tropical ozone hole. Preliminary reports show ozone depletion levels over equatorial regions are already endangering large populations and the associated UV radiation reaching these regions is far greater than expected.

Lu said the tropical and polar ozone holes play a major role in cooling and regulating stratospheric temperatures, mirroring the formation of three "temperature holes" in the global stratosphere. He said this finding may prove crucial to better understanding global climate change.

"The present discovery calls for further careful studies of ozone depletion, UV radiation change, increased cancer risks, and other negative effects on health and ecosystems in the tropical regions," said Lu.

Deo, Mangaraj take oath



POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, July 8: Newly-elected Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MPs Sulata Deo and Manas Ranjan Mangaraj Friday took oath owing allegiance to the Constitution as required to commence their functioning as members of Rajya Sabha.

Deo and Mangaraj took oath in Odia in the presence of Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu.

At least 27 of the 57 members elected to the Rajya Sabha during the recently held biennial polls took oath Friday. Naidu, meanwhile, clarified that

the newly-elected Rajya Sabha MPs, who are yet to take oath in the House, can cast their votes in the Presidential election July 18.

He further elaborated that the winners of the biennial polls to Rajya Sabha have already become the members of the Upper House of the Parliament and taking oath is only a prerequisite for the newly-elected MPs to participate in the proceedings of the House and of its Committees.

Naidu also informed that the upcoming Monsoon Session of the House will be held as per the Covid-19 protocol.

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JAPAN STUNNED BY ABE KILLING

Japan struggled with shock and sadness Friday, trying to come to terms with the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in a nation where firearms are strictly regulated and political violence extremely rare.

Abe was shot while giving a campaign speech on a street corner and taken to hospital by helicopter. His death was announced late Friday. From Abe protégé Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to ordinary people on social media, there was an outpouring of grief in a nation where political violence is so rare the last time a former or sitting prime minister was killed was nearly 90 years ago.

"I am incredibly shocked," Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike told a regular news conference before Abe's death was announced, fighting back tears and sniffing audibly. "No matter the reason, such a heinous act is absolutely unforgivable. It is an affront against democracy."

Koki Tanaka, a 26-year-old IT worker in downtown Tokyo, voiced a similar view: "I was simply astonished that this could happen in Japan."

Shootings, when they occur, typically involve "yakuza" gangsters using illegal weapons. In 2021, there were 10 shooting incidents, eight involving gangsters, according to police data. One person was killed and four wounded.

Japan has had mass killings, but they usually have not involved guns. In 2016, 19 residents

of a facility for mentally disabled people were murdered in their beds by a knife-wielding assailant, while in 2019 34 people were killed in an arson attack on an animation studio.

Attacks on politicians, though, are unusual. There have been only a handful in the last half century, most notably in 2007 when the mayor of Nagasaki was shot and killed by a gangster - an incident that resulted in still further tightening of gun regulations.

The last time a former prime minister was killed was in 1936 during Japan's pre-war militaristic buildup, one of a series of similar assassinations.

The man arrested for allegedly shooting Abe is a former member of the Japanese military who fired a homemade firearm, according to media reports. Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi, Abe's brother, declined to comment on those reports.

Responses to the shooting flooded social media, with "Abe-san" the top-trending topic on Japanese Twitter by afternoon.

"I can't stop shaking. This is the end of peaceful Japan," wrote



- ▶ WITH A POPULATION OF 125 MILLION, JAPAN HAD ONLY 10 GUN-RELATED CRIMINAL CASES LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN ONE DEATH AND FOUR INJURIES, ACCORDING TO POLICE
- ▶ EIGHT OF THOSE CASES WERE GANG-RELATED. TOKYO HAD NO GUN INCIDENTS, INJURIES OR DEATHS IN THE SAME YEAR, ALTHOUGH 61 GUNS WERE SEIZED
- ▶ JAPAN'S GUN-OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW PRIVATE CITIZENS TO HAVE HANDGUNS, AND LICENSED HUNTERS MAY OWN ONLY RIFLES
- ▶ GUN OWNERS MUST ATTEND CLASSES, PASS A WRITTEN TEST AND UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION AND A BACKGROUND CHECK

Twitter user Nonochi. Twitter and Facebook parent Meta said Friday they're deleting any videos of the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that break their rules on harmful content. Multiple

videos of the attack showing a gunman firing a double-barreled weapon twice at Abe were circulating on social media. Some only show the moments before and after the attack while others showed both shots.



I am stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened by the news that my friend Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan, was shot and killed while campaigning. This is a tragedy for Japan and for all who knew him

JOE BIDEN | US PRESIDENT

KEIR STARMER CLEARED IN 'BEERGATE' POLICE PROBE

The UK's Opposition leader, Sir Keir Starmer, and his deputy were Friday cleared in a police investigation into alleged Covid lockdown rule breaches at a gathering in April last year



CAREER MOMENTS

Born into a prominent political family, Shinzo Abe had been the country's longest-serving Prime Minister.

Here is a look at some key dates in Abe's life and career.

SEPT. 21, 1954: Abe is born in Tokyo, the son of Shintaro Abe, who served as Japan's foreign minister, and grandson of Nobusuke Kishi, a former Prime Minister.

1979: Begins working at Kobe Steel as the firm was expanding its presence abroad.

1982: Leaves the company to pursue new positions at the Foreign Ministry and with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

1993: First elected as a LDP legislator representing the southwestern prefecture of Yamaguchi.

2005: Abe is appointed chief cabinet secretary under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, during which he leads negotiations to return Japanese citizens abducted to North Korea. The same year, he is elected head of the LDP, putting him in line to take over as Prime Minister.

Sept. 26, 2006: Abe becomes Japan's Prime Minister for the first time, overseeing economic reforms while taking a hard line on North Korea and seeking to engage with South Korea and China.

2007: Following electoral defeats that saw the LDP lose control of the legislature for the first time in 52 years, Abe resigns as Prime Minister, citing health reasons.

2012: After again being elected LDP president, Abe becomes Prime Minister for the second time.

2014-2020: Re-elected LDP leader, he serves two additional terms as Prime Minister for a total of four, during which he develops close relations with then-president Donald Trump, holding summits and golfing together.

Aug. 28, 2020: Announces he will step down as Prime Minister, again citing health reasons, after his ulcerative colitis flares up again.

2021: Despite leaving office, Abe shows he can still rile up Beijing with comments on Taiwan, the self-governing island China claims as its own territory and threatens to attack. In a speech, Abe warned that "military adventure would lead to economic suicide."

July 8, 2022: Abe is fatally shot while giving a speech at a campaign event in the city of Nara.

Not only has the international community lost an important leader, but Taiwan has also lost an important and close friend

TSAI ING-WEN | PRESIDENT, TAIWAN

I send my condolences to the bereaved families and Japanese people who have lost the longest-serving prime minister and respected politician in Japan's constitutional history

YOON SUK-YEOL | PRESIDENT, SOUTH KOREA

The assassination of Abe is shocking and profoundly disturbing. He was as a leader of great vision

ANTHONY BLINKEN | US SECRETARY OF STATE

Japan has lost a great prime minister, who dedicated his life to his country and worked to ensure order in the world

EMMANUEL MACRON | PRESIDENT, FRANCE

Incredibly sad news about Shinzo Abe. His global leadership through uncharted times will be remembered by many. My thoughts are with his family, friends and the Japanese people

BORIS JOHNSON | PM, UK

Stunned and deeply saddened. We stand closely by Japan's side even in these difficult hours

OLAF SCHOLZ | CHANCELLOR, GERMANY

The tragic death of former Japanese Prime Minister Abe Shinzo is devastating news. Mr Abe was one of Australia's closest friends on the world stage

ANTHONY ALBANESE | PM, AUSTRALIA



Shinzo Abe lies on the ground after apparent shooting during an election campaign



A man, believed to be a suspect shooting Shinzo Abe, is held by a security agent

India loses a dear friend

With a 'tilak' on his forehead and a puja thali in his hands, Shinzo Abe's picture attending the 'Ganga Aarti' alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the fabled Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi in 2015 symbolised his 'India connect' and reflected the very special bond he shared with the country.

The former Japanese Prime Minister's special bond with India is also evident from the fact that he was given the Padma Vibhushan - India's second-highest civilian award - in 2021.

Over the years, the camaraderie between Abe and Modi was always on display as the two were often seen sharing a light moment and paying

each other compliments. Abe had described Modi as one of his most "dependable" friends.

In 2007, Abe became the first-ever Japanese PM to address a joint session of the Indian Parliament. Addressing the MPs, the Japanese leader recalled the time India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru hosted Abe's maternal grandfather the then Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi in New Delhi in 1957.

Abe was also the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi in 2014. Then came a series of annual summits where the bonhomie between Abe and Modi was there for everyone to see. Prime Minister Modi visited Japan in 2014



and during that visit, the two sides upgraded the relationship to a 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership'.

In subsequent visits, Abe and Modi included personal touch and cultural messaging to deepen the ties between the two nations further.

Abe's 2017 India visit during which he visited Ahmedabad also saw the laying of the foundation of India's first bullet train project. The 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed corridor is being built at an estimated cost of Rs 1.1 trillion and will have 12 stations in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The bullet train may still take some time to become operational but Abe ensured that his country's ties with India remain on a fast track.

G-20 diplomats fail on unity over Ukraine

Kuala Lumpur, July 8: Deeply divided top diplomats from the world's richest and largest developing nations failed to find common ground Friday over Russia's war in Ukraine and how to deal with its global impacts, leaving prospects for future cooperation in the forum uncertain.

At talks that were knocked off balance by two unrelated and unexpected political developments, including the shocking assassination of a former Japanese prime minister, far from the Indonesian resort of Bali where they were meeting, Group of 20 foreign ministers heard an emotional plea for unity and an end to the war from their Indonesian host.

Yet, consensus remained elusive amid deepening East-West splits driven by China and Russia on one side and the United States and Europe on the other. There was no group photo taken nor a final communique issued as has been done in previous years, and acrimony appeared pervasive, especially between Russia and Western participants.

Although they were present in the same room at the same time for the first time since the Ukraine war began, US Secretary of State



Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov pointedly ignored each other.

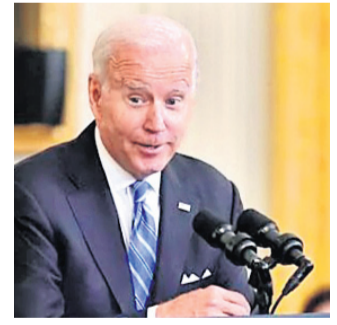
Lavrov walked out of the proceedings at least twice: once when his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock spoke at the opening session and again just before Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba was to speak by video at the second session, according to a Western diplomat present.

The meeting opened only hours after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation Thursday, prompting his foreign secretary Liz Truss, to depart Bali, and was just underway when former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot. Abe later died of his wounds.

Both Johnson and Abe are well known to the G-20 family, having participated in numerous similar conferences and leaders' summits in the past. One goal of Friday's meeting was to lay the groundwork for the upcoming G-20 summit that Indonesia will host in November.

Biden signs executive order on abortion, contraception access

Biden has been under pressure from his own party to take action after the landmark decision last month to overturn Roe v Wade, which upended roughly 50 years of protections for women's reproductive rights



Kuala Lumpur, July 8: US President Joe Biden said the Supreme Court decision overturning the right to an abortion was an exercise in "raw political power" and signed an executive order on Friday to help protect access to services to terminate pregnancies.

The actions he outlined are intended to mitigate some potential penalties women seeking abortion may face after the ruling but are limited in their ability to safeguard access to abortion nationwide.

Biden acknowledged the limitations facing his office, saying it would require an act of Congress to restore access to abortion in the more than a dozen states where strict limits or total bans have gone into effect in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling. About a

dozen more states are set to impose additional restrictions in the coming weeks and months.

"The fastest way to restore Roe is to pass a national law," Biden said. "The challenge is go out and vote. For God's sake there is an election in November. Vote. Vote. Vote!"

Biden formalized instructions to the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services to push back on efforts to limit the ability of women to access federally approved abortion medication or to travel across state lines to access clinical abortion services. He was joined by Vice President Kamala Harris, HHS secretary Xavier Becerra and Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco in the Roosevelt Room as he signed the order.

His executive order also directs agencies to work to educate medical providers and insurers about how and when they are required to

Sunak bids to be UK PM

London, July 8: Rishi Sunak, the former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, Friday formally launched his bid to succeed Boris Johnson as the new Conservative Party leader and future Prime Minister with a promise to lead the UK in the "right direction", becoming the highest-profile Tory Member of Parliament yet to throw his hat in the ring for the leadership race.

The 42-year-old British Indian minister resigned from the UK Cabinet earlier this week, setting off events in motion that ultimately led to Johnson's resignation. His #Ready4Rishi campaign kicked off with a message on Twitter, accompanied by a video made up of images of his Indian-origin grandparents and parents who migrated to the UK via East Africa. "I'm standing to be the next leader of the Conservative Party and your Prime Minister. Let's restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite the country," said Sunak.

"Someone has to grip this moment and make the right decisions," he said in the video. "Do we confront this moment with honesty, seriousness and determination or do we tell ourselves comforting fairy tales that might make us feel better in the moment but will leave our children worse off tomorrow," he questioned.

The MP for Richmond in



Yorkshire since 2015 goes on to promise to lead the country in the right direction based on "non-negotiable values" of "patriotism, fairness and hard work". "Family is everything to me and my family gave me opportunities they could only dream of. But it was Britain, our country, that gave them and millions like them the chance for a better future," he said. "I got into politics because I want everyone in this country to have those same opportunities, to be able to give their children a better future. Our country faces huge challenges, the most serious for a generation and the decisions we make today will decide whether the next generation of British people will also have a chance of a better future," he added.

