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# **Rupee plunges to**

### **Elephant deaths**

### continue unabated

elephant deaths in Odisha, a jumbo was electrocuted to death after coming in contact with a 'live' wire at Golabai near Jankia in this district late Sunday night. Sources said two elephants were crossing NH-16 at Golabai when one of the pachyderms came in contact with the wire hanging out from an electric transformer. The elephant died on the spot. Forest officials along with police reached the spot to investigate the cause of death. They ruled out foul play and removed the carcass with the help of a JCB machine.

### all-time record low

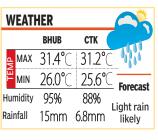
ated by 19 paise to close at its fresh lifetime low of 79.45 against the US dollar Monday amid broadbased dollar demand and foreign capital outflows. However, receding crude oil prices in the international market restricted the loss for the rupee, which posted its third straight session of decline. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened weak at 79.30 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 79.24 and a low of 79.50. It finally settled at 79.45, down 19 paise over its previous close of 79.26. The dollar index advanced 0.56 per cent to 107.60.

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would not exceed 25 years



"Such is the situation that we are forced to stand in a queue since early morning. I came and joined the line at 4.00am and yet my token number is 104. We place our tools to mark our spots and then look for shade in this very hot weather. The bank officials should notice our plight and help us," said Jhasketan

awarded February 25, 2015 life imprisonment to Salem in another case for murdering Mumbai-based

Salem, also a convict in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, was extra-

2005, after a prolonged legal battle. Advocate Rishi Malhotra representing Salem had argued that the assurance was in clear terms that if extradited by Portugal for trial in India, his client would not be awarded death penalty or impris-

onment for a term beyond 25 years. In June 2017, Salem was handed

VOICING GRIEVANCE



Members of the women's cell of the Congress protest against the increase in prices of LPG cylinders in front of the Collector's office in Cuttack, Monday. Protests were also organised in Bhubaneswar

### STEEP INCREASE IN GLOBAL POPULATION ON CARDS

# India to surpass China in 2023

United Nations, July 11: India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country next year, according to a report by the United Nations published Monday on the occasion of the World Population Day'. The report also said that the world population is forecast to reach eight billion by mid-November 2022. The global population is growing at its lowest rate since 1950, having fallen under one per cent in 2020.

According to the report, India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared to China's 1.426 billion. It added that 'India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country during 2023'.

India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion people by the middle of the century.

Disparate population growth

# 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion

ASHA workers display posters on World Population Day at the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute

rates among the world's largest countries will change their ranking by size: for example, India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023," the report said.

The 'World Population Prospects

Global life expectancy reached 72.8 years in 2019, an improvement of almost 9 years

Total global population to reach 8.8 billion in 2100

Average number of children per woman will decline to 1.66 newborn at the end of the century

in 2050. It is projected to reach a ple during the 2080s and to remain at that level until 2100.

More than half of the projected increase in global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania.

"This year's World Population Day (July 11) falls during a milestone year, when we anticipate the birth of the Earth's eight billionth

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: With the

state reporting 572 Covid-19 cases

Monday, the Odisha government

has decided to request the Centre

to make Covid-19 booster shots free

for people of all age groups in the state.

Currently persons who are 60 years

of age and above and frontline

warriors against the virus get the jabs

free of cost. Currently the active case

load in Odisha stands at 3,360.

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation imposes

restrictions on large gatherings at public places

inhabitant. This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognise our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates," UN Secretary-General António Guterres said.

"At the same time, it is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another." Guterres added.

The world's two most populous regions in 2022 were Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, with 2.3 billion people, representing 29 per cent of the global population, and Central and Southern Asia, with 2.1 billion, representing 26 per cent of the total world population.

The report noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected all three components of population change. Global life expectancy at birth fell to 71.0 years in 2021.

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to the frontline warriors and those

in the 60-plus age group category.

It is the Centre to decide whether

precaution dose will be given free

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asked all street vendors to prevent

overcrowding in their stalls. All

business establishments includ-

ing shopping malls have been asked

prevent large gatherings on their

premises. They have also been

asked to ensure Covid-19 protocols

have been asked to carry out ther-

Shopping mall managements

are followed by visitors.

quest them to do so," Dhal said. The BMC on the other hand, has

### dharna by suicide victim's mother POST NEWS NETWORK Bhubaneswar, July 11: Police forcibly lifted Monday a woman

**Police disperse** 

from near a college here and destroyed the make-shift tent from which she was holding a dharna demanding proper investigation into the death by suicide of her daughter. Ruchika Mohanty, her 19-yearold daughter was found hanging in her hostel room of the BJB Autonomous College July 2. She said in a suicide note that she was unable to cope with the ragging and mental harassment by three senior students. She, however, did not

mention any name. Demanding a CBI probe into her death, her mother along with several student activists were staging a dharna in front of the college gate. The police action came when the agitators were planning to conduct the 10th-day rituals of the dead girl.

Additional DCP PC Pal said police moved away the agitators following a complaint by the college authorities that alleged that the dharna was disturbing the atmosphere of education. Pal said the agitators have every right to stage protests but at the proper place earmarked for such activities and not in front of the college gate.

However, All India Students Federation (AISF) state president Sanghamitra Jena said: "We, along with the victim's mother, were staging a peaceful dharna, but were forcibly removed by police.'

### **Inebriated Odia youth** killed in Bangalore

PNN & AGENCIES

Bangalore, July 11: Two security guards of an apartment complex here have been arrested on charges of killing an inebriated 27year-old youth from Odisha after mistaking him for a thief, police said Monday. The deceased, Abinash Pati, was an employee of a bank and was working in Raipur. He had come here for training

The two who have been arrested have been identified as Shyamnath Ray (24) and Ajith Mura (24).

Police said that tragedy struck in the early hours of July 5. After attending a party, Abinash tried to return to his friend's house, However, he could not contact him as his mobile ran out of charge. By mistake, Abinash entered another residential complex. Security guards, suspecting him to be athief, hit him on the head with an iron rod leading to his death.

### FARMERS' WOES COME TO FORE State seeks free booster jabs

Department of Economic and

Social Affairs, Population

Division, said that the global pop-

ulation is projected to reach eight

billion by November 15, 2022. The

latest projections by the United

Nations suggest that the world's

population could grow to around

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, July 11: Woes of the farmers came to the fore Monday when hundreds of them queued up in the wee hours in front of the SDCC Bank at Laikera in this district to withdraw their money under 'Bima Yojana'. Sources said that they had queued up since 3.00am Monday.

Sources pointed out that this was not a one-off incident. As there is iust one counter of the bank in the entire locality residents of Laikera.



Kolabira and Kirmira block depend on it for their daily transactions. The token system implemented

by the bank officials to prevent overcrowding has added to the Patel who is a farmer.

When contacted, the manager of the bank said that he has informed the higher-ups. "We are trying open more counters in the bank as soon as possible," he said

Centre must release Salem after 25 yrs: SC Monday was the third consecutive day when Odisha reported more than 500 fresh cases. The state had witnessed 512 cases July 9 and 576 July 10. The highest number of cases is being reported from Khurda district. Keeping this in mind, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation released Monday a

fresh advisory for traders. Odisha Health Secretary Nikunja Dhal appealed to all to follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour. If required, an order will be issued to

regulate mass gatherings, he said. However, he also informed that most of the infected persons have mild symptoms. Dhal also said efforts are on to

make the booster shots available free of cost for the people of Odisha. "The precaution dose of Covid-19 vac-

mal screening at entry points and keep provision of hand washing/sanitization for their customers/visitors. Each mall management must have a Covid-19 compliant officer, the BMC said in its advisory. Saloon, spa and barber shops will have to adhere to strict Covid-19 appropriate behaviour in their shops, it said.

All closed venues like Auditorium/Cinema Halls/ Theatres shall ensure proper mask wearing by all visitors/customers/participants at all times, the BMC said.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, July 11: The Supreme Court said Monday the Centre is bound to honour its commitment given to Portugal, and release gangster Abu Salem on completion of his 25-year sentence in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case in which 257 people died. Salem had said his sentence could not exceed 25 years as per the



assurance given by India to Portugal for his extradition in 2002. The assurance was given to Portugal by the then Deputy Prime Minister LK

A bench of Justices SK Kaul and MM Sundresh said the Central government is bound to advise the

President of India for exercise of power under Article 72 of the Constitution and the commitment on completion of his sentence. 'The necessary papers be forwarded within a month of completion of 25 years. In fact, the government can itself exercise the power of remission under CrPC within the time period of one month upon completion of 25 years," the

bench said. The Centre had told the top court that the question of the Union of India honouring its assurance dated December 17, 2002 will arise only when the period of 25 years is to expire which is November 10, 2030.

A special TADA court had

builder Pradeep Jain in 1995 along with his driver Mehndi Hassan.

dited from Portugal November 11,

life sentence for his role in the March 12, 1993 serial blasts case.



# leisure



**ACTING IN ADIPURUSH** 

of her life. "Adipurush is a role

and a world that I was a little bit

nervous to play and step into be-

cause I didn't know that world

and I didn't know what I was

going to do and how I was going

to play a part that holds so much

importance in our religion and our

has some interesting films lined

up. She will be next seen in

Ganpath-Part 1 with Tiger

Shroff. Also, she is reuniting

with her *Luka Chuppi* co-star

Kartik Aaryan in Shehzada, and

her Dilwale co-star, Varun

Dhawan in Bhediya.

Apart from *Adipurush*, Kriti

Kriti reveals why

she was nervous

Mumbai: Kriti Sanon is one of the Adipurush will be the next big step

most talented and popular actors in

the Hindi film industry. She enjoys

a massive fan following on social

media and every now and then, she

treats her fans with some amazing

videos and photos. The actress will

be next seen in magnum opus

mythological drama, Adipurush

with south superstar Prabhas.

Speaking on the sideline of an

event, the Mimi actress re-

veals why she was nerv-

Adipurush.

ous before stepping into

world

Kriti said

### **DIAZ REVEALS SHE MAY HAVE**

Hollywood star Cameron Diaz may have unknowingly smuggled drugs to Morocco. Opening up about her early days as a model in Paris, the 49-year-old believes she was once used as a 'mule' to carry illegal substances in a locked suitcase, reports aceshowbiz.com.

### ZENDAYA TO DIRECT AN **EPISODE OF EUPHORIA - 3**

Actress Zendaya hopes to direct an episode of the hit teen drama Euphoria next season. The 25-yearold actress has shared that she was set to helm episode six of season two, but she was needed in front of the camera, reports aceshowbiz.com.



### FORTUNE **FORECAST** GaneshaSpeaks,co™

You feel positive about imbibing the ideas of spirituality today. This will make you open to the idea of accepting the responsibility for old mistakes, and it includes your relations with people in your neighbourhood. This will pave the way for your success in the future, says Ganesha.

### **TAURUS**

You are not likely to take anything lying down today, says Ganesha. If you find anyone plotting and planning against you, you will not be too polite in dealing with them. Violent outbursts could make you lose the grace and dignity you are

### GEMINI

You are likely to throw a small treat for your relatives. Though the rest of the day will be spent cleaning the utensils and putting the place in order, you will manage to get some time for your friends, maybe by arranging a slumber party.

### CANCER

Today, you are likely to exhibit tremendous your loved ones. Giving them a patient ear is your way of saying that you care. Some may, however, think otherwise. But that's their problem, says Ganesha. At work, you will make plans and ensure a

### **LEO**

The stars bring out the best in the artist hidden inside you. It may not be a Picasso or a Rembrandt, but nonetheless, today. your work shall stand out as exceptional. making use of the excellent communication and oratorical skills that you possess

### **■ VIRGO**

A day to don both - those trainers and that thinking cap. Exercise those muscles and that mass of grey cells, says Ganesha. Work hard and you'll get paid rich dividends for it. A romantic tryst with your loved one promises to end the day on a high note.

Today, it's a straight path to success, thanks to your straightforward manner. Ganesha foresees some small things that the day. But negotiate around them, and then it's all smooth sailing from there on. On the business front, expect to roll in money from diverse sources.

### SCORPIO

Your emotions will take a hold over your reasoning today, predicts Ganesha With your seniors, you should be careful about how you express your perspective to avoid being misunderstood. In relationshin matters. Ganesha advises you not to repress your feelings or avoid feeling them as they may bottle up and lead to complications in the future.

### SAGITTARIUS

Those into aerobics and callisthenics will find themselves on the top of their game today. Expect a sudden turn of events sometime from afternoon. Ganesha sees you prowling the corridors of power at work today. You shall synchronise your career and family superbly

### CAPRICORN

The heaps of files waiting to get disposed of may finally reach your desk. You will be prompt in dealing with pending work, and will get all the support you need from you subordinates, says Ganesha. For those engaged in business, keep your vigil, especially while dealing with your competitors.

### AOUARIUS

Life reveals itself to you in the simplest of things today. It will dawn upon you that you have a lot going for yourself, personally and professionally. This appreciation reflects in the small considerations that you show to your loved ones. This is perfection, asserts Ganesha.

### PISCES

You will be in pursuit of educational and intellectually stimulating activities today savs Ganesha. Novel business proposals are likely to crop up in the afternoon. Your magnetism is likely to net you a date later in the evening.

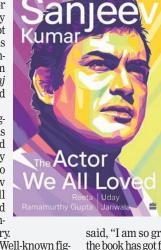


### MISTAKENLY SMUGGLED DRUGS

# Film industry warms up to

Sanjeev Kumar biography Mumbai: Late actor Sanjeev Kumar's journey as an actor has inspired many to foray into acting, yet his story is not known to his countless fans who still remember the 'common man's superstar' from films such as Sholay, Shatranj Ke Khiladi, Mausam and Aandhi.

To throw light on the enigmatic actor's life journey, his nephew Uday Jariwala and author Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta have come together to pen a biography titled Sanjeev Kumar: The Actor We All Loved. It was released Saturday, July 9, his birth an-



Shatrughan Sinha commented on the book in a social media post in which he said: "Very happy to receive this book on one of the most loved, admired actors as well as my friend, philosopher and guide #SanjeevKumar on my wedding anniversary and his birthday, which we always celebrated to gether.'

Talking about the response of the film fraternity, Ramamurthy Gupta

said, "I am so grateful for the support that the book has got from actors and the veterans of the industry who knew Haribhai. Most of all, I'm grateful to my co-author Udav Jariwala, who was just 12 years old when he performed Haribhai's last rites.

Sanjeev Kumar was known among his friends as Haribhai based on his real name -- Haribhai Jethalal Jariwala

ures from Hindi film industry provided inputs to the these have

# Monica opens up about her sexuality

Los Angeles: American born and Indian origin singer-actor Monica Dogra recently opened up about sexuality.

Talking about when she first identified herself as pansexual, Monica told a news portal that she only ever heard the word some five or six years ago and she instantly realised she was the same. According to her, it was very black and white growing up. Either you were gay or you were straight.

Elaborating further, the actress added that she was a tomboy some days, and on other days hyper-feminine when she was growing up. Monica also revealed that she never kissed a girl or had a full-blown sexual experience with a girl until she was in college. Up until that point, she identified as straight. However, the actress added that after that experience, she suddenly had no idea who she was. She figured maybe she is bisexual. However, at that point, she still didn't know what pansexuality meant. But she knew she liked\_ feminine energy men and masculine en-

ergy women. The actress also revealed that she has been telling the truth for many years now. However, people only took notice once her show, The Married Woman started streaming on the OTT platform. She also added that growing up, she was ashamed of her gender for the most part.

# Ranveer recalls moment when he fell for Deepika

who wears his heart on his sleeve! Recently the actor opened up about the exact moment when he fell in love with his now wife, Deepika Padukone.

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone crossed paths when they were cast together by Sanjay Leela Bhansali for Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela. "I met her in 2012. In our first reading and I'll never forget, the doorbell rang, and I looked like that, and these big, wooden doors opened, and she was wearing all-white and the breeze blew just at that time. It was almost like time

shared. Revealing more dreamy details, Ranveer added, "In slow motion, she walks through the door, hair all flying with the breeze, looking like an absolute vision in white. Man that was it! At that moment it was 'it' for me. It was love at most spectacular sight."

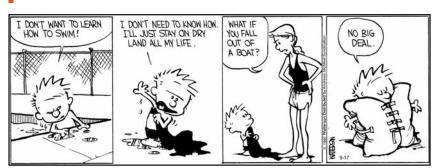
On the work front, Ranveer Singh will next be seen in *Rocky Aur Rani* Ki Prem Kahani, co-starring Alia Bhatt. This Karan Johar directorial also features Jaya Bachchan, Dharmendra and Shabana Azmi in



### **PEANUTS**



### CALVIN AND HOBBES



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# As cases rise, BMC ups Cov hosp beds

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: Observing an uptick in the daily Covid cases, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Monday increased the number of beds at its Dedicated Covid Hospital (DCH)—Sum Hospital in Shampur area here.

According to the civic body, the DCH, which was operating with 90 beds, will now function with 150 beds until July 31 this year.

The 150 beds include 10 general 15 High Dependency Units (HDUs), 55 ICU, 10 dialysis, 20 maternity HDU, 15 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, five Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and 20 special cabins, the civic body said, adding that one operation theatre and one labour room will also be operational during this period.

Notably, following a drop in Covid cases, the BMC in February had decided to shut down all Covid care facilities. While four DCH were earlier operational, the civic body had decided to run only one DCH at Sum Hospital with reduced bed strength of 70. Later, 20 more beds were added to the facility in June.

Meanwhile, the BMC reconstituted its committee to assess deaths due to Covid and review facilities at Covid hospitals.

An eight-member committee comprising Additional District Urban Public Health Officer (ADUPHO), Chief Medical Officer (CMO), City Health Officer and Assistant Medical Officers of concerned DCH and Covid Care Centres will be responsible for quality health care and death review in the City, the civic body said.



### ADHARAPANA RITUAL





Lord Jagannath and His siblings-Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra-being offered delicious drink on their respective chariots near the Lions' Gate of Srimandir as part of the Adharapana



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir/Puri, July 11: One person was killed and 15 others suffered serious injuries in two cases of accidents that occurred in various parts of the state, Monday.

In the first case one person was killed and 10 others suffered serious injuries when a car and a private bus met with a head-on collision on Bolangir-Deogaon road. The bus named 'Duleswari'. was on its way from Bolangir town and met with the accident at Sina Khaman locality, a police source informed.

The injured persons were rescued and rushed to Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital (BBMCH) for treatment. The conditions of four are stated to be critical. Bolangir police have launched a detailed probe into the accident. The driver of the bus has gone missing sources said

In the second incident, a bus carrving passengers to Bhubaneswar met with an accident at Satasankha near Puri resulting in injuries to five persons. It could have been worse, because the bus completely overturned after hitting a divider on the road. All the injured passengers have been admitted to Satasankha medical.

# 1 dead, 15 injured in road accidents State exported ₹4,560cr worth seafood last year

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: Odisha, which is the fourth largest state in aquaculture production in the country, has exported seafood worth Rs 4,560 crore during the last financial year, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development department Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain said Monday.

While speaking at a seminar on 'Diversified Aquaculture with Special Focus to GIFT' at Krushi Bhawan here, Swain said seafood exports from Odisha has touched a record Rs 4,560 crore during the last year and all credit goes to the farmers, hatchery operators, feed manufacturers, exporters, researchers and workers who contributed for the fish production and exports

Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA) in association with the Fisheries and Animal Resources Development department have organised the seminar.

Diversification of species and Best Management Practices (BMP) must be adopted in an intensive manner so as to ensure eco-friendly and sustainable aquaculture for better production, Swain said.

Some rectification in policy and more funding for R&D is required to scale up the socio-economic development of the farmers through aquaculture activities, he said

He further said Odisha deserved to be the No.1 state in India in aquaculture for which the government is highly committed. He assured that all the help required for the sector will be extended.

"The Chief Minister has introduced the 5T system in Odisha for good governance which is unique in our country. It



is time to learn from diversified aquaculture from other countries such as Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, China and even our neighbour Bangladesh where they grow more than 50 varieties of fish," said the Minister.

Similarly, diversification gives consumers a wide range of seafood options. In spite of a marathon achievement in vannamei production in the last one and half decades. introducing more and more viable species must be included in the brackish water culture system to enhance production and accelerate foreign export, said the Minister.

With the joint effort of MPEDA, the Fisheries department can do undertake projects in Odisha, which is well known for mineral deposits and it will be well known for 'Odisha Machha' thereafter, he added.

Department secretary R Raghu Prasad said they have introduced the Go-SUGAM portal to make ease of 'application process' for the beneficiaries under different schemes/components.

Odisha really required an alternative species for freshwater aquaculture and thus GIFT Tilapia can fulfil the require-

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises department in collaboration with the Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment department will organise 'Odisha Food Pro 2022' July 21 this year, an official said Monday.

The event will attract more investment, new skills and technology into state's food processing sector, MSME Minister Pratap Keshari Deb said while launching the cur-

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The event will attract more investment, new skill and technology into state's food processing sector. It will provide exposure to SHGs, FPOs, cooperatives and individual units involved in food processing activities

PRATAP KESHARI DEB, MSME MINISTER

tain raiser for the event at Kharavel Bhawan here Monday. The mega event,

which will witness a confluence of investors, manufacturers, producers, startups and policy makers from the Indian food ecosystem, would provide exposure to self-help groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), cooperatives and individual units involved in food processing activities,

Deb said. MSME department principal secretary Ranjana Chopra briefed about the upcoming event and state's plans to make Odisha a food processing hub

While launching a teaser of Odisha Food Pro 2022, Deb highlighted the efforts of the state government to foster the

food processing sector. The MSME Minister also emphasised on bringing in large scale investments from various sources as it would lead to inclusive growth of the sector as well as generate employment opportunities.

A brief interactive session was held among entrepreneurs and SHGs.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Utkal Grameen Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act. 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act. calling upon the Borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice plus interest and expenses thereo within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby giver to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein pelow in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the said properties will be subject to the charge of the **Utkal Grameen Bank** for the amount stated below with interest, cost and incidental expenses thereon. Liabilities due on BRANCH /

Interest taken over possession

Name & Address of the Borrowers / Guarantors	Interest taken over possession	as per Notice	Notice
BHAWANIPATNA BRANCH / Borrower: Sri Lambodhar Sahu, S/o.: Sri Keshari Sahu, At/PO.: Medinipur, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN- 766001 / Guarantor: Sri Duryodhan Sahu, S/o.: Sri Keshari Sahu, At/PO.: Medinipur, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766001	All that Part & Parcel of the Property consisting of Plot No.: 700/1600 of Khata No.: 359/387 under Mouze: Medinipur, Tahasil: Kalahandi, Dist.: Kalahandi, Area: 0.035 Ac., Gharabari recorded in the name of Sri Lambodhar Sahu, S/o.: Sri Kesari Sahu.	₹ 1,71,160/- as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	17.03.2021 / 07.07.2022
LANJIGARH ROAD BRANCH / Borrowers: 1) Sri Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, S/o.: Sri Krushna Chandra Sahoo, 2) Smt Santipriya Sahoo, W/o.: Sri Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, Both are At/PO.: Biswanathpur, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766020 / Guarantor: Sri Jagatram Nayak, S/o.: Late Sesadev Nayak, At/PO.: Biswanathpur, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766020	All that Part & Parcel of the Property consisting of Plot No.: 1891/2388 of Khata No.: 337/55 under Mouza: Biswanathpur, Tahasil: Lanjigarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, Area: 0.13 Ac., Gharabari recorded in the name of Sri Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, S/o.: Sri Krushna Chandra Sahoo, Bounded by East: Pranab Kumar Prushti, West: Uncultivated Land, North: Road, South: Road	₹ 11,79,995.98 as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	14.01.2022 / 07.07.2022
DHARAMGARH BRANCH/ Borrower: Sri Mahendra Hons, S/o.: Sri Baranidhi Hons, At: Kasibahal, PO.: Dharamgarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766015 / Guarantors: 1) Sri Baranidhi Hons, S/o.: Khagapati Hons, 2) Sri Baikuntha alias Bisikishen Hons, Both are At: Kasibahal, PO.: Dharamgarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766015 Gharabari, Area: 0.035 Ac., recorded in the name	86, Plot No.: 790, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: 0.03 Ac., recorded in the name of Sri Mahendra Hons & Sri Baikuntha alias Bisikishen Hons, Mouza: Kasibahal, Khata No.: 99/17, Plot No.: 797/1900, Kissam:	₹ 8,01,531.00 as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	16.01.2019 / 07.07.2022
DHARMAGARH BRANCH/ Borrowers: 1) Sri Malaya Kumar Joshi, S/o.: Sri Markanda Joshi, S/o.: Sri Markanda Joshi, S/o.: Sri Markanda Joshi, S/o.: Sidheswar Joshi, Both are At/PO.: Khairpadar, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766015 / Guarantor: Sri Raj Kishore Behera, S/o.: Chandramani Behera, At/PO.: Khairpadar, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766015	All that Part & Parcel of the Property consisting of Plot No.: 140 of Khata No.: 120/29 under Mouza: Khairpadar, Tahasil: Dharamagarh, Dist.: Kalahandi, Area: 0.08 Ac., Baripani recorded in the name of Sri Malaya Kumar Joshi, S/o.: Sri Markanda Joshi. Bounded by East: Jadrabaria Pana, West: Seller, North: Seller, South: Road	₹ 1,25,026.98 as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	08.02.2021 / 07.07.2022
KESINGA BRANCH / Borrower: Sri Bhujraj Herna, S/o.: Late Sridhar Herna, At: Chhenagaon, PO.: Kundabandh, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766011 of Sri Bhujraj Herna, S/o.: Late Sridhar Herna. Bot Manadhar Goud, North: Keshav Chandra Biswal, S		₹ 9,37,342.33 as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	14.01.2022 / 07.07.2022
KESINGA BRANCH / Borrowers: 1) Sri Bipin Jal, S/o.: Sri Budu Jal, 2) Smt. Basanti Jal, W/o.: Sri Bipin Jal, Both are At/ PO.: Kikia, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766011 / Guarantor: Sri Narasingh Jal, S/o.: Budu Jal, At/PO.: Kikia, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766011	Mouza: Kikia, Tahasil: Kesinga, Dist.: Kalahandi, Area: 0.03 Ac., Gharabari recorded in the name of Sri Bipin Jal, S/o.: Sri Budu Jal and Smt. Basanti Jal, W/o.: Sri Bipin Jal,	₹ 3,42,975.60 as on 07.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	14.01.2022 / 07.07.2022
MANDAL BRANCH/ Borrower: Sri Shyam Prasad Behera, S/o.: Sri Kunja Bihari Behera, At: Balagaon, PO.: Mandal, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766013  Ac.0.19 Dec, recorded in the name of Shyam Pras	Kaianandi, Khata No.: 63, Plot No.: 354, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: 0.09 Ac., Khata No.: 166, Plot No.: 355, Kissam: Gharabari, Area:	₹ 15,74,793.82 as on 05.07.2022 + interest & expenses thereon	06.02.2020 / 05.07.2022
MANDAL BRANCH/ Borrower: Sri Jitendra Kumar Behera, S/o.: Sri Shyam Prasad Behera, At Balagaon, PO.: Mandal, Dist.: Kalahandi, PlN-766013 / Guarantor: Sri Shyam Prasad Behera, S/o.: Kunja Bihari Behera, At: Balagaon, PO.: Mandal, Dist.: Kalahandi, PlN-766013	Kalahandi, Khata No.: 63, Plot No.: 354, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: 0.09 Ac., Khata No.: 66, Plot No.: 355, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: 0.19 Ac.,		06.02.2020 / 05.07.2022
MANDAL BRANCH/ Borrower: Sri Bhagaban Bihari, S/o.: Late Batulsingh Bihari, At: Khandidongriguda, PO: Mandal, Dist.:	All that Part & Parcel of the Property consisting of Mouza: Khandidongriguda, Tahasil: Kalampur, Dist.: Kalahandi, Khata No.: 52, Plot	₹ 5,89,753/- as on	06.02.2020

Bihari, At: Khandidongriguda, PO.: Mandal, Dist.: Kalampur, Dist.: Kalahandi, Khata No.: 52, Plot

Kalahandi, PIN-766013 / Guarantor: Smt. Phulatola No.: 283, Kissam: Gharabari, Area: 0.13 Ac., Bihari, W/o.: Batulsingh Bihari, At: Khandidongriguda, PO.: Mandal, Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766013 Phulatola Bihari

MANDAL BRANCH/
Borrower: Sri Balsingh Tandi, S/o.: Sri Chintamanii

All that Part & Parcel of the Property consisting of Mouza: Bhalubhutra, Tahasil: Kalampur, District Control of Mouza: Calampur, Tahasil: Kalampur, District Calampur, C

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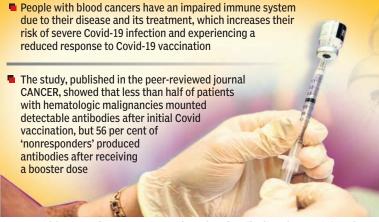
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Kalahandi, PIN-766017, / Guarantor: Sri Jagadish

Dist.: Kalahandi, PIN-766017

Place: Bhawanipatna, Date: 11.07.2022

# Cov boosters enhance immunity in blood cancer patients: Study



ovid booster doses are more effective in people with hematologic malignancies or blood cancers including leukaemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma and improve their antibody levels than initial shots, finds a study.

People with blood cancers have an impaired immune system due to their disease and its treatment, which increases their risk of severe Covid-19 infection and experiencing a reduced response to Covid-19 vaccination.

The study, published in the peer-reviewed journal CANCER, showed that less than half of patients with hematologic malignancies mounted detectable antibodies after initial Covid vaccination. but 56 per cent of 'nonresponders' produced antibodies after receiving a booster

"Our findings build on the wealth of literature showing that patients with hematologic malignancies have an impaired response to Covid vaccination. Importantly, we show that many of these patients who did not respond initially will in fact have a response to booster vaccination," said Thomas Ollila, from the Brown University in the US.

For the study, researchers retrospectively analysed antibody responses to initial and booster Covid-19 vaccination in 378 patients with hematologic malignancies. Anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies were detected in the blood of 181 patients (48 per cent) after initial vaccination. Patients with active cancer or those recently

treated with an immune cell-depleting therapy were least likely to produce these antibodies. Of these, 56 per cent went on to have the antibodies after boosters.

About 33 patients developed a Covid infection, with three Covid-19-related deaths. Although there was no significant link between post-vaccination antibody response and incidence of Covid infection, no patient with antibody responses died from Covid-19.

Also, no patient who received the antibody therapy tixagevimab plus cilgavimab (packaged in Evusheld) by AstraZeneca was diagnosed with a Covid-19 infection.

The antibody therapies bind to nonoverlapping portions of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, preventing the virus from binding to and infecting cells.

"When we looked at outcomes, we found that deaths from Covid-19 in the patient population we reviewed only occurred in those with undetectable antibodies, and nobody who received prophylactic antibody therapy was diagnosed with Covid-19. This suggests to us the importance of checking antibody levels in these patients and arranging prophylactic antibody therapy," Ollila said.

Ollila encouraged providing booster vaccines for patients and prioritising prophylactic antibody therapy when indicated. "This is real world evidence that these actions can save lives," he said.

### Cochlear implant at **City Apollo Hospital**

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: The ENT Department of Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, has added another feather to its cap by performing Cochlear implant surgeries of two children under the age of four.

Consultant ENT Surgeon Manoj Kumar Lath and his team successfully operated the two cases of Cochlear implant. The two children of three and three and half years of age had hearing impairment since birth. After conducting several tests, it was found that both the ears of the children were not working. Thus, it was decided to implant Cochlear device in their inner ear via operation which would aid them in hearing.

Alok Srivastava, Chief Operating Officer and Director Medical Services of Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, stated that they would be starting Apollo Hearing Clinic with focus on hearing impaired patients, newborn hearing and hearing preservation which would become a centre of excellence on advanced



Speaking about the surgery, Srivastava said, "It's a great joy for all of us to bring back smiles in the faces of families of both the children. After implantations, patients will undergo speech and language therapy. Implant can be done at any age but for children born with hearing impairments, early detection could help them develop normal speech.'

# Rail link to speed up coal movement to ports in Odisha



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, July 11: The first stretch of the Mahanadi Coal Railway Ltd (MCRL), being set up to transport coal from Talcher Coalfields, is expected to be functional in 2022, and ensure faster movement of coal rakes to Paradip and Damra ports, decongest the rail network, and reduce the transportation cost considerably, an official statement said.

Under the MCRL's Phase-I, the 14-km-long Angul-Balram corridor, expected to be operationalised by this year, will have movement of 25 MT coal from MCL mines in Talcher Coalfields, the Coal Ministry statement said

Phase-II, the 54-km-long Balram-Jarpada-Tentuloi span, is expected to be commissioned by December 2025 and provides connectivity to allocated coal blocks on the southern side and central part of Talcher Coalfields. Work is progressing rapidly, as notification for land acquisition and forestry clearances have been obtained, the statement

said, adding that this line will cater to evacuation of around 58 MT coal from CIL and non-CIL coal blocks in Talcher.

The Ministry said that shipping routes are much cheaper compared to the rail network and will improve coal availability in the southern and western region of India.

Talcher Coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfield is one of the largest with about 52 BT of coal resources, which is 15 per cent of total prognosticate coal resources in the country. Of the available resources in Talcher Coalfield, more than 63 per cent (33 BT) lies within 300m depth, presenting significant potential for open cast mining.

Talcher coalfields produced more than 95 million tonne (MT) coal during FY22 and is likely to produce about 200 MT in FY 2024-25 and about 300 by FY 2030 from Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd and allocated coal blocks. To ensure efficient coal evacuation, the construction of rail line started in a phased manner and traverses Odisha's Angul district.



The Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya organised a cultural programme at Rabindra Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Monday

# State logs 572 Covid cases, TPR at 4.25%

Bhubaneswar, July 11: Odisha Monday recorded 572 coronavirus cases, 69 of them being children, taking the tally to 12,94,076, the state Health department said in a bulletin.

The coastal state's daily test positivity rate (TPR) jumped to 4.25 per cent from 3.46 per cent the previous day, and the number of active cases rose to 3,360, of which 1,444 are from Khurda district alone, it said.

There were no deaths due to the



infection, keeping the toll unchanged at 9,126. Another 53 Covid-

19 patients have died due to comorbidities so far in state. The Health bulletin also said

Khurda district, of which state

that a total 13,462 samples were tested in the last 24 hours.

State Public Health Director Niranjan Mishra said that the hospitalisation rate is very low, suggesting that most of the cases are asymptomatic or mild

> Capital Bhubaneswar is a part, reported the highest number of 219 infections, followed by 68 in Cuttack. The state had logged 576 cases Sunday.

> The Health department bulletin also said that 239 more people have recuperated from the virus, tak-

ing the recoveries to 12,81,537 State Public Health Director Niranjan Mishra said that the hospitalisation rate is very low, suggesting that most of the cases are

asymptomatic or mild. As a preventive measure, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) recently directed all roadside vendors and business establishments to ensure that there is no

overcrowding at the premises. Salons, shopping malls, auditoria should ensure Covid-appropriate behaviour, it added

# **DEMANDING DECENCY**

Students of BJB Autonomous College in Bhubaneswar filed an FIR at Badagada police station, Monday, against hurling of abuses by protesters in front

# JSPL Foundations serves devotees during Rath Yatra

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, July 11: JSPL Foundation, the CSR Arm of Jindal Steel & Power, served more than 3,30,000 devotees during Rath Yatra festival in Puri.

In coordination with the district administration, the foundation provided freshly cooked traditional Odia meal (Rice, Dalma, Khajur Khata), chilled drinking water and glucose packets during the festival.

The services by JSPL Foundation, under the guidance of its Chairperson Shallu Jindal, commenced on Netrostav Day June 30 and continued till Sunabesha. With the support of local volunteers, the foundation provided about three lakh thirty thousand hot-cooked pure vegetarian meals, which included rice, dalma, and khatta (chutney made from tomatoes, jaggery, and dates) in a special stall at the



"We are ever obliged for the Divine Grace of Lord Jagannath for giving

bus stand near Gundicha temple.

us the opportunity to serve the devotees during the grand festival of Rath Yatra. We always believe that service to mankind is service to God. May Mahaprabhu Jagannath, the Lord of the Universe, bless Mankind with good health and peace across the world," said Shallu.

JSPL Foundation also distributed 10,000 packets of glucose among the devotees and provided 1.000 raincoats to the district administration for use by frontline government employees on duty during

Besides, the foundation also provided chilled drinking water from a refrigerated mobile drinking water tanker of 1,000 litre capacity to the devotees throughout the festival days. The drinking water service continued at the Grand Road throughout the festival since Netrostav.

### **Deevyanshu tops** JEE-Mains in state

Bhubaneswar: Deevvanshu Malu of KIIT International School has become state toppe in IFF Main (Session 1) exams. Deevvanshu scored 99.98 per cent, the highest percentage secured by a JEE-Main candidate in Odisha.

By virtue of an affidavit

Notary Public, Bhubaneswar, I have changed my name from Jyotsna Mahapatra (as per Board certificate) to Jyotsna rani Swain which is reflected in Aadhaar and PAN card. So I declare that Jyotsna Mahapatra & Jyotsna rani Swain is one & same person & henceforth I shall be known as Jyotsna rani swain for all purpose.

# BA.5 sub-variant can re-infect you within weeks: Experts It has been a common assumption during the

pandemic that being infected with a Covid variant provides a natural immune boost, enabling one's immune system to better recognise and fend off infections in the future. However, Omicron BA.5 proves to be different, with several researchers terming it as "the most easily transmissible Covid variant to date"

he BA.5 Omicron subvariant, which is known to evade immunity induced both by vaccines as well as prior infections, has the potential to reinfect you with Covid again "within weeks", global researchers have said.

BA.5, together with BA.4 and other sub-variants, is said to be behind the current surge in infections seen in a slew of countries including India, China, US, and European nations, notably the UK and Italy.

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easily transmissible Covid vari-

ant to date" "The main reason this variant has become the predominant one that is now circulating is that it is able to evade previous immunity," said Dean Blumberg, chief of Paediatric Infectious Diseases at University of California, Davis, Children's

Hospital. "Even people who have partial immunity from a previous infection or vaccination can still have

a breakthrough infection.' That means even if you were infected in 2020 with Delta or even Omicron BA.1 last winter, you can still get BA.5. Your previous immunity does not protect you from the latest strain.

'What we are seeing is an increasing number of people who have been infected with BA.2 and then becoming infected after four weeks." Andrew Roberston, the chief health officer in Western Australia, was quoted as saying to News.com.au.

"So maybe six to eight weeks they are developing a second infection, and that's almost certainly BA.4 or BA.5," he added.

This may be explained by a recent study, published in the journal Science, which showed that Omicron provides a poor natural boost of Covid immunity against reinfection even with Omicron and also in

people who are triple-vaccinated. Researchers at the Imperial College London called the BA 5 "an especially stealthy immune evader"

'Not only can it break through vaccine defences, it looks to leave very few of the hallmarks we'd expect on the immune system - it's more stealthy than previous variants and flies under the radar, so the immune system is unable to remember it," said Professor Danny Altmann, from Department of Immunology and Inflammation at Imperial College



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# **Bhitarkanika faces a barrage of threats**

Polluted river systems, inadequate fresh water and a host of projects that will lift water or restrict its flow may spell disaster for Bhitarkanika wetland and its bio-diversity

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, July 11: Lack of fresh water and rampant pollution in three major river systems might prove to be catastrophic for the Bhitarkanika wetland, a report said.

The matter came to the fore during a hearing on water pollution in Bhitarkanika and Chilika wetlands at the Orissa High Court, June 30. A division bench comprising Chief Justice S Muralidhar and Justice RK Pattanaik heard the matter and directed the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) to conduct a technical probe into the water pollution in these two wetlands. The date of submission of report by SPCB has been scheduled to August 11.

During hearing, Amicus Curiae Mohit Agarwal apprehended that the water of Brahmani river is polluting Bhitarkanika the most.



The toxic effluents discharged by Nalco and chemical fertiliser industries into the Brahmani river are polluting the river water.

Apart from coal, these industrial firms use chemicals like fluoride, nitrogen, cyanide, chromium, fly-ash and others in their plants which are discharged into the river sans treatment polluting the water body.

Rampant movement of boats and trawlers, mindless tree felling by illegal Bangladeshi nationals and establishment of illegal prawn gheries near the shore and rivers also contributes to the river water pollution.

It is apprehended that the Bhitarkanika wetland might not get fresh water in coming days which will greatly affect its sustainability and existence. The seven rivers and 27 creeks in Brahmani, Baitarani and Mahanadi river systems in Kendrapara district have been instrumental for survival of the mangrove forests in Bhitarkanika. However, blockage of fresh water at various places, lifting of river water is likely to destroy the bio-diversity of Bhitarkanika, environmentalists rued

Environmentalist Hemant

**Orissa High Court has** directed the SPCB to conduct a technical probe into the water pollution and submit a report by August 11

Kumar Rout, educationists Bhuban Mohan Jena and Khitish Kumar Singh said that scarcity of fresh water will be the foremost reason behind the destruction of mangrove forests in Bhitarkanika. The mangrove forests grow on a mixture of 60 per cent of saline water and 40 per cent of fresh water. Casuarina forests can only be seen on sea shores due to lack of flow of fresh water.

Rivers like Mahanadi, Baitarani, Brahmani and their distributaries which supply fresh water to Bhitarkanika are drying up and becoming increasingly polluted due to discharge of toxic effluents by industrial firms.

The flow of Mahanadi water to the state has declined after construction of a barrage in Chhattisgarh. As a result, the water flow of Mahanadi in Kendrapara district decreases in non-monsoon months.

The problem has aggravated after construction of a large

in Kujang block of neighbouring Jagatsinghpur district. Two major drinking water projects will draw water from this reservoir and supply it to over 200 villages in Mahakalapara and Marshaghai blocks of Kendrapara district.

As a result, this will hit the flow of fresh water of Mahanadi to Bhitarkanika which is on the downstream of the river. Similar is the case with Baitarani river whose fresh water has stopped flowing into Bhitarkanika during non-monsoon months.

Moreover, construction of a tank near Jajpur town to store the Baitarani river water is likely to hinder the flow of river water into Bhitarkanika even in monsoon season

This apart, construction of two mega irrigation projects and two drinking water projects in Kharasrota river, a distributary of Brahmani river will further dry up the water flow into Bhitarkanika.

An agitation is also going on to construct a barrage on Kharasrota to keep enough water required for these five projects. This has further cast doubts whether the fresh water of Kharasrota will reach Bhitarkanika at all.

### **MAMITA MURDER CASE**

# Out on bail, Gobinda takes part in Bahuda

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatna/Golamunda, July 11: Gobinda Sahu, the prime accused in Mamita Meher murder case was found wandering care free and participating in Bahuda Yatra festival like a common man at Mahaling village in Kalahandi district Saturday after he was granted conditional bail by the Orissa High Court Friday

Gobinda's participation in the Bahuda Yatra has not gone down well with the victim's family members who feared that the accused might try to influence the witnesses and demanded his immediate arrest.

He was released from Kantabanji jail July 9 after being granted interim bail for 14 days. He will surrender at Kantabanji ADJ's court after completion of the bail period. The court has granted him conditional bail for the treatment of his ailing wife and daughter on eight conditions and two bail bonds of ₹50,000 each.



Earlier, Sahu had requested the court for bail citing the ill health of his wife and daughter. Notably, Mamita Meher, a 26-year-old teacher of Sunshine English Medium School at Mahaling in Kalahandi, was missing for days. Subsequently, her charred body was found buried at an under-construction stadium near the school.

# FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES A modern fire fighting van equipped with automatic systems will be stationed at Utkela airport in Kalahandi district to combat fire mishaps

### **MLA DEMANDS CONSTRUCTION** OF 3 RI OFFICES

POST NEWS NETWORK

MLA Bhagirathi Sethy in a letter has urged the Additional Secretary, state Revenue and Disaster Management department to sanction funds for construction of office buildings for three newly created RI circles at Hadagarh, Orali and Padhiaripalli under the tehsil.

Notably, the state government had announced creation of three revenue circles at Hadagarh, Orali and Padhiaripalli under this tehsil in Keonjhar district in 2020.

However, two years have passed since then but the newly created revenue circles are yet to become fully functional due to lack of proper infrastructure. "Where will the office operate after the revenue inspectors get appointed for the three revenue circles," questioned some residents.

# 5 days on, no lead in tusker poaching

Bhanjanagar, July 11: Even as five days have passed to the killing of an elephant for its tusk at Sujagad range under Bhanjanagar Ghumusar forest division in Ganjam district, the forest officials have failed miserably to make any headway or arrest in this regard.

Several teams have been formed to nab the poachers; still the forest department has no lead in this matter. The Forest officials have detained two suspects in this connection. Moreover.

several raids were conducted in the houses to identify people owning guns sans license. Officials also claimed of keeping an eye on the movement of any poachers in the area.

This has spread discontent among animal lovers who have demanded immediate arrest of the persons responsible for the tusker's murder. They condemned the slow pace of probe by the forest department.

According to sources, the tusker was shot at in Rambha section. The pachyderm then managed to reach

Sujagad section where it succumbed to the bullet injuries. The poachers who were keeping a track of the tusker then very cunningly took away the tusk after it died.

"Although the pachyderm had died a couple of days earlier, the forest officials came to know about it very late only after locals spotted the carcass and alerted them July 6.Angry locals demanded action against errant officials whose failure has led to rise in the killings of elephants in the reserve forests.

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10 Nayagarh villages suffer sans network

Gania: The government has focused on promoting Digital India initiative and for its successful execution, mobile network is essential everywhere. Unfortunately, there are 10 villages under Gania block of Nayagarh district where mobile network is still a dream. Locals have to face a lot of hardship for basic communication through calls. Children's studies and online official works are anyway hampered, they lamented. Chhamundia panchayat under this block is a case in point. As many as 10 villages in this panchayat are struggling without mobile network and online studies of schoolchildren have been hit hard at a time when it was very essential. With the issue still unsolved, a strong sense of resentment is brewing among villagers of Mahanapada, Jashipur, Rajingi, Dhobaborei, Kumbhirakhani, Mahukana, Chhadamula, Butuburei, Bhagamunda and Dangasahi. They are planning for a showdown against the alleged government apathy towards provision of proper mobile network coverage

vulnerable lot as they often

get killed after being hit by ve-

hicles while crossing over to

the forest across the road.

Despite such mishaps hap-

pening frequently and ani-

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of Bonai forest division and

Keeping the animals' safety

or protection.

# IN A FIRST, CANOPY BRIDGE TO GIVE SAFE PASSAGE TO ANIMALS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Tensa, July 11: A first-of-its-kind canopy bridge has come up on Barsuan ghati road connecting Tensa with Rourkela to provide safe passage to monkeys and other wild animals living in the adjoining forests.

The bridge has been constructed by Bonai forest division in assistance with Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) owned iron ore mines in Barsuan. The bridge looks quite attractive and is situated at a height of 100 feet hanging on the road with dense forests on both sides.

As a result, the animals can safely move across the bridge avoiding contact with the vehicular traffic on the road passing below. The canopy bridge is the first of its kind in the state to have come up on the route. The colour-



ful bridge will also prove to be a treat to the visitors' eyes on their way to Koira, Barbil and the nature camp at Tensa from Rourkela

Koira block being home to several mines, thousands of mineral laden vehicles pass through this jungle along the ghati road towards their destinations. Wild animals often get crushed under the wheels of vehicles while crossing the road. The monkeys livseveral mines, thousands of mineral laden vehicles pass through this forested route

division and SAIL owned mines at Barsuan have constructed the bridge Apart from safeguarding

wildlife, the colourful bridge

will also prove to be a treat to

Officials of Bonai forest

the visitors' eyes SAIL owned mines at Barsuan have constructed the bridge to protect the monkeys and other wildlife. Monkeys, squirrels, mongoose, flying squirrels and monitor lizards can safely

from one side to the other. The unique and creative effort will save numerous animals' lives. The installation of the bridge has brought cheer among the environmentalists and forest officials.

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## India No. 1

The UN has released a report which states that India's population will exceed that of China by 2023. According to the report, India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022 compared to China's 1.426 billion. India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country by next year. All those of us living on this sub-continent, elated at learning about this report, are also aware that India is a terribly populated country and has probably crossed China's population some years ago which government records refuse to confirm. This non-confirmation is primarily because India has had no Census since 2011 and our administration has been busy doing non-productive work like issuing multiple cards such as Aadhaar.

China had enforced a One Child policy to curb its population growth in 1980. This policy was rigorously implemented, even leading to forced sterilizations and abortions. All those efforts resulted in a sharp decline in childbirth. The eventual fallout was that the aged population got bigger: Realising this, China ended the One Child policy in 2016, going for a Two Child policy which was soon followed by a Three Child policy. However, none of these bore any fruits and the birth rate continues to be on a steady decline. Comprehending the futility of policy changes, China has resorted to offering sops to couples for having more kids

India, on the other hand, is on a different path. Till the mid 1970s, the government was forcefully driving towards a Two Child family. There was even a ministry called Family Planning. Then came Emergency and Sanjay Gandhi. Sanjay believed in controlling the growth of population. His 5 Point programme had family planning as one of the most important agendas. As can be expected, overzealous government officials went on a forcible sterilization drive in some states. After the end of Emergency and poll de-

feat of Indira Gandhi and her party, the Janata Party government scrapped even the ministry of Family Planning and renamed it Family Welfare. Administrative efforts towards birth control were completely halted. That situation continues till now. Added to that, the present scenario where Hindoos are being repeatedly told that they must produce more children to thwart the 'evil intentions' of the Moslem community to outgrow all others in this country



is making matters worse. The idea that the Hindoo is endangered has gone down pretty well to the masses. Therefore, when Sadhguru appreciated the decision of Upasana, wife of movie actor Ram Charan to not have a baby soon, it obviously set the fanatics on a roll and they have not hesitated trolling even Sadhguru in spite of his earlier bonhomie with the Hindootva squad. In a country where children are considered God's gifts, promoting birth control could be considered an act of sin. Probably for this, one comes across many MPs and Sadhvis exhorting Hindoos to increase their flock further. Malthus had opined that a larger population means more hands to work. Poor Malthus probably never came across any Indian living in India. The average Indian detests work for which we can be called a nation of job seekers or slaves. Indians may adorn very high executive offices in many international companies. Interestingly, no matter how important or powerful, they are all employees. A Sundar Pichai or a Satya Nadella may be cited by some as successful global Indians. While admitting that they are an example of great success, they are not entrepreneurs. Yet, we see Parag Agrawal, Rishi Sunak, Kamala Harris, Suella Braverman and many others who are slowly but surely taking over many English speaking countries across the world. While we at home oppose English and wish to promote Hindi, it is the English speaking Indian who is truly becoming a force to reckon with. It speaks ill of us that the aspirational Indian is compelled to leave the country if s/he desires to achieve success. This indicates India atrophies individuals with growth potential. The population growth may make Indians the largest race on planet Earth very soon. But to rise and shine, the average Indian needs to break free from all social and family entrapments and pursue her ambition to the hilt. That mindset will ensure that Indians do not just become the bulk of the world population but also be considered the intellectual and political cream that is capable of creating a better world for the future.

### WISDOM CORNER

Pain is inevitable. Suffering is optional.

HARUKI MURAKAMI

you'll find an excuse.

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't,

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but

people will never forget how you made them feel.

MAYA ANGELOU

### WORDS**WORTH**

### Turducken

Many of us have heard of this gastronomic marvel, which in the USA is associated with Thanksgiving and to a lesser extent with July 4. A chicken is stuffed inside a duck inside a turkey — the inner two deboned first and themselves stuffed with such delights as sausage, cornbread, or oyster, A culinary chimera, the turducken might be thought to stand on the same level of gustatory invention as the notorious Glaswegian deep-fried Mars bar, though those who have tried it say it's quite tasty. Some chefs draw away in horror from it, citing the excessive amounts of skin and fat and the high risk of bacterial problems because it is so hard to ensure that all three birds are properly cooked through. This method of cooking is actually quite ancient, with recipes from medieval times that were often much more complicated still. The technical term for the process is engastration, from Greek words meaning "in the belly". A well-known English example of the nineteenth century was Pandora's Cushion, a boned goose stuffed with a boned chicken, which was stuffed with a boned pheasant, itself stuffed with a boned quail. If the turducken were not enough, a news article from 1997 said that a store in Louisiana was experimenting with a pigturducken, though nothing has been heard of it since. And a rumour has reached me via the Internet that South Africans have gone one better, producing an osturducken, in which the whole concoction is stuffed inside an ostrich. However, this may possibly be an urban legend, because the only reports come from somebody who has heard of it from somebody else.

### LOL

### Horse pulls the car

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.

He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull." Buddy didn't

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull." Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded,



Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull." And the horse easily dragged the car out of the

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong

name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind, and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

### FOCUS ECONOMY

# **INDIA'S FOREX WOES**



Ajit Ranade

**WEAKENING RUPEE IS A NATURAL CUSHION BUT IN** THE SHORT **TERM CAN AGGRAVATE** TRADE DEFICIT, **UNTIL EXPORTS CATCH UP** 

n the past eight months, foreign portfolio investors have moved out nearly \$40 billion out of India, by selling stocks and bonds. During this time India's foreign exchange reserves have fallen by \$52 billion. The rupee has been falling against the dollar. Imports are rising faster than exports, which means we need many more dollars to pay out than what we receive in our export earnings. Even in normal times, India has a dollar shortage of manageable proportions, i.e., between 1 to 2% of GDP. Typically, this is less than \$50 billion and arises due to exports exceeding imports. This shortage is funded by inflows in the form of stock market investments, foreign loans, private equity, or bond purchases. These capital inflows have always exceeded the current account deficit, and hence India's balance of payment (BOP) account has been in surplus. Of course, having a BOP surplus funded by foreign debt and liabilities alone is not necessarily a good thing, especially when there is debt distress all around the world. But in normal times foreigners readily giving loans to India's economy is a sign of their confidence.

All this is about to change sharply and the custodian of India's forex -- the RBI has sent out early warning signals. With any luck, and assuming a robust inflow of \$80 billion during this fiscal, our BOP account will still be negative by \$30 or \$40 billion. And our current account deficit might rise dangerously to 3.2% of GDP, reaching beyond a \$100 billion. To tackle this extra pressure on forex, our pile of reserves won't be sufficient. Hence the RBI has relaxed some constraints to attract more dollar denominated fixed deposits from NRIs. It has also made foreign borrowing easier and has increased the allowed limit on foreign ownership of Indian government bonds. All these measures are meant to attract more dollar inflows. These proactive measures



The coming months will call for deft macroeconomic management of the twin deficits, on the external and internal front

were needed due to some alarming signs, such as the widening trade and current account deficit, and increase in the share of foreign debt which is to be repaid this year. India's foreign debt is \$620 billion of which \$267 billion is due to be repaid in the next nine months. This ratio of short-term debt is 44% and dangerously high. To repay this debt private companies which have taken those foreign loans, will need to seek fresh loans to repay old loans, or else dip into India's forex reserves. The latter is not desirable since the forex reserves are falling and need to be shored up. And the former won't be easy since dollars are flowing toward the USA and not toward developing countries. In any case the fresh loans will be at much higher interest rates, causing a future burden of debt serv-

The RBI's precautionary moves came alongside measures taken by the Union government to conserve dollars. Import duty on gold has been hiked to 12.5% to stem the outflow of dollars owing to gold purchases. Indians have an insatiable demand for gold, and hence the country is the highest importer in the world. The higher import duty might reduce the demand somewhat but will also induce some smuggling. There is also a possibility that other restrictions may come on non-essential imports to

prevent the dollar outflow. Management of forex and the exchange rate is primarily the responsibility of the RBI. In the present circumstances, apart from pressure due to the flight of stock market investors, there is additional pressure due to high oil prices. It affects India's total import bill, and an increase in the subsidy bill. The fertiliser and cooking gas subsidy burden is increased due to higher oil prices. So, to deal with this additional fiscal burden the government has imposed an export tax on windfall profits on steel and oil refining companies. This is expected to raise more than Rs 1 trillion for the exchequer. It is an indirect way of dealing with impact of the falling rupee. But an export tax is a rare and exceptional measure and justified only because of steep increases in oil prices which is linked to the Ukraine war. The Union

government also has the fiscal burden of continuing with the compensation due to the shortfall of GST collection to state governments. The latter are saddled with debts of their own, with ten states reaching dangerous levels of debt, which can lead to default.

On the external front the pressure on the rupee is not just because of the high import bill caused by oil prices. Non-oil and non-gold imports such as electronics, chemicals, and coal rose by 32% between April and June. Gold imports during June were 170% higher as compared to a year ago Let's see if higher import duty on gold deters imports. Indians could invest in sovereign gold bonds, which are demat substitutes of gold, and do not drain precious forex. An aggressive selling effort of gold bonds by the government is needed.

The coming months will call for deft macroeconomic management of the twin deficits, on the external and internal front. A higher fiscal deficit invites higher interest rates. And a higher trade deficit invites a weaker rupee. If these two policy instruments (interest rates and exchange rate) are handled diligently in order to gradually reduce both the deficits we can avert a crisis situation. Weakening rupee is a natural cushion but in the short term can aggravate trade deficit, until exports catch up. Similarly, reducing fiscal deficit calls for both expenditure control and higher tax revenues. The latter requires growth and employment to pick up. If oil prices go down due to recessionary winds in the world, that would be a boon to India, albeit a mixed one, since a global recession is bad for India's exports, which are crucial to close the trade deficit gap. Who said macroeconomic management was easy?

> The writer is a noted economist.

### SPECTRUM DISRUPTION

# Absorbing the energy transition shock



Owen Gaffney

**EMBRACING DISRUPTION IS THE ONLY OPTION AND** A CITIZEN'S **FUND BECOMES AN OBVIOUS SHOCK ABSORBER** 

sent shockwaves around the world. Oil prices have skyrocketed and food prices have soared, causing political instability. The last time food prices were this volatile, riots erupted across the Arab world and from Burkina Faso to Bangladesh. This time, the energy and food shock is happening against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. When will the shocks end?

They won't. So, we can choose either resignation and despair, or a policy agenda to build social and political resilience against future shocks. Those are our options, and we had better start taking them seriously, because the shocks are likely to get worse. On top of geopolitical crises, the climate emergency will bring even greater disruptions, including ferocious floods, megadroughts, and possibly even a simultaneous crop failure in key grain-producing regions worldwide. It is worth noting that India, the world's second-largest wheat producer, recently banned exports as part of its response to a devas-

tating heatwave this spring. But here's the thing: reducing vulnerability to shocks, for example, by embarking on energy and food revolutions, will also be disruptive. The energy system is the foundation of industrialised economies, and it needs to be overhauled to phase out fossil fuels within a few decades. Huge industries like coal and oil will have to

ussia's war on Ukraine has contract, and then disappear. And agriculture, transportation, and other sectors will need to change radically to become more sustainable and resilient.

The challenge for politicians, then, is clear; to devise fair policies that protect people from the inevitable shocks.

One idea with significant potential is a Citizen's Fund, which would follow a straightforward feeand-dividend equation. Companies that emit greenhouse-gas emissions or extract natural resources would pay fees into the fund, which would then distribute equal payments to all citizens, creating an economic cushion during a period of transformation and beyond. This is not just an idea. In 1976,

the Republican governor of Alaska, Jay Hammond, established the Alaska Permanent Fund, which charges companies a fee to extract oil and then disburses the proceeds equally to all the state's citizens. In 2021, each eligible Alaskan received \$1,114 - not as a "welfare payment" but as a dividend from a state commons (in this case, a finite supply of oil). The largest dividend ever paid was during Republican Sarah Palin's governorship in 2008, when every Alaskan enjoyed a windfall of \$3,269.

In 2017, James A. Baker and George P. Shultz, two former Republican secretaries of state. proposed a similar plan for the whole US, estimating that fees on carbon emissions would yield a dividend of \$2,000 per year to every US household. With backing from 3.500 economists, their scheme has broad appeal not just among companies and environmental-advocacy groups but also across the political aisle.

The economics is simple. A fee on carbon drives down emissions by driving up the price of polluting. And though companies would pass on these costs to consumers, the wealthiest would be the hardest hit, because they are by far the biggest, fastest-growing source of emissions. The poorest, meanwhile, would gain the most from the dividend, because \$2,000 means a lot more to a low-income household than it does to a high-income household. In the end, most people would come out ahead.

But given that food- and energyprice shocks tend to hit low-income cohorts the hardest, why make the dividend universal? The reason is that a policy of this scale needs both broad-based and lasting support, and people are far more likely to support a programme or policy if there is at least something in it for them.

Moreover, a Citizen's Fund is not just a way to drive down emissions and provide an economic safety net for the clean-energy transition. It would also foster innovation and creativity, by providing a floor of support for entrepreneurs and risktakers we will need to transform our energy and food systems.

A Citizen's Fund could also be expanded to include other global commons, including mining and other extractive industries, plastics, the ocean's resources, and even knowledge, data, and networks. All involve shared commons - owned by all - that are exploited by businesses that should be required to pay for the negative externalities they

Of course, a universal basic dividend is not a panacea. It must be part of larger plan to build societies that are more resilient to shocks, including through greater efforts to redistribute wealth by means of progressive taxation and empowerment of workers. To that end. Earth4All, an initiative I co-lead, is developing a suite of novel proposals that we see as the most promising pathways to build cohesive societies that are better able to make long-term decisions for the henefit of the majority

Our most important finding is perhaps the most obvious, but it is also easy to overlook. Whether we do the bare minimum to address the grand challenges or everything we can to build resilient societies, disruption and shocks are part of our future. Embracing disruption is thus the only option and a Citizen's Fund becomes an obvious shock absorber.

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### Clash of titans

Sir, This refers to "Ambani vs Adani at 5G auction," Orissa POST, July 11. For a long time, Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, the two big businessmen of the country remained number one in their respective fields and both of them made a place in the list of the world's richest people. Now, both of them can be seen doing strong competition among themselves. The Adani group will place its bid in the airwave auction regarding the 5G connectivity. In such a situation, it is believed that a tough competition will be seen between two Gujarati businessmen. In fact, the Adani group Saturday confirmed its entry into the race for telecom spectrum, but the company said it is participating in 5G spectrum auction to provide private network solutions as well as enhanced cyber security in airports, ports and logistics, power generation, transmission, distribution and various manufacturing operations. This has come as a minor relief for Mukesh Ambani as his Reliance Jio is the largest company in this field. But, telecos had strongly opposed any direct allocation of spectrum to non-telecom entities for setting up private captive networks. While these companies wanted non-telecom companies to lease spectrum from them or they set up private captive networks for them, the government has decided in favour of  $\,$  private networks, which is a big blow to businessmen like Ambani. N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

### Lankan crisis

Sir, Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis. People in the island nation have stormed the houses and offices of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. The deepening economic crisis has led to the island nation's massive anger and political instability. Absurd economic plans and extreme populist policies, including massive freebies during the COVID-19 pandemic, have created this economic depression. Sri Lanka is now short of many basic commodities and the price of the essential commodities is running skyhigh. Now the country needs the support of developed countries and international organisations like the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank to overcome this crisis. This incident should become an example for all democratic nations where political parties announce illogical freebie schemes and extreme populist policies to win elections which can sometimes lead to economic crises like in Sri Lanka

Deba Prasad Nayak, CUTTACK

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The full length of the East **West Metro corridor will** be completed by 2023

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### ONE OF INDIA'S OLDEST TIGERS DIES

Raja, one of the oldest tigers of India, died at Khairibari Tiger & Leopard Rescue Centre at Jaldapara in West Bengal's Alipurduar district Monday. The big cat was 25 years and 10 months old. Raja was suffering from old-age related ailments for the last few months and died early Monday following multi-organ failure





conservation of all the monuments in jurisdiction of the Delhi government, its

departments are working diligently and round-the-clock

MANISH SISODIA DELHI DEPUTY CM

It has been decided after a lot of thought. Chhattisgarh has also announced to implement the OPS. Discussions are going on in other states. Committees have been formed at many places. I think the central government should come forward (to re-implement it)

ASHOK GEHLOT RAIASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

Everyone knows who shifted the state government offices from Chandigarh to Mohali and formed New Chandigarh



**BHAGWANT MANN** PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

### SHORT TAKES

### Two terrorist killed in J&K

**Srinagar:** A top JeM terrorist and his accomplice, who were involved in several cases, were killed in an encounter at Awantipora in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district Monday, police said. Police said acting on specific information generated by police regarding the presence of terrorists in village Wandakpora of Awantipora, a ioint cordon and search operation was launched by the police, the army and, the CRPF.

### **CBI** to question Chitra Ramkrishna

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is likely to record the statement of Chitra Ramkrishna, the former CEO-cum-MD of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) for allegedly tapping the phones of NSE employees between 2009 and 2017 with the help of former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey. Ramkrishna is currently behind bars. The probe agency may move court for permission to record her statement in judicial custody.

### **Cheating case filed** against SpiceJet MD

Gurugram: A case of fraud has been registered against SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh and others for allegedly cheating a Gurugram resident by delivering fake share certificates to him. Complainant Amit Arora, a resident of the Magnolias, Golf Links, Golf Course Road, Gurugram, stated in his police complaint that Singh had delivered a fake depository instruction slip (DIS) of 10 lakh shares for services provided to him.

### **Zubair moves** sessions court

New Delhi: Alt News cofounder Mohammed Zubair has moved a bail application in sessions court at the Patiala House courts, seeking bail in the case related to an "objectionable tweet" allegedly posted by him against a Hindu deity. The plea will be heard Tuesday.

### **Rains lash Delhi**

New Delhi: After eluding the capital for over a week, rains lashed parts of Delhi Monday afternoon bringing temporary relief from the muggy weather conditions. The rains also led to traffic snarls and waterlogging in many areas. The maximum temperature was recorded at 36.9 degrees Celsius, a notch below the season's average, while the minimum settled at 27.1 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year, the

# AIADMK picks EPS as its Rajnath briefs Par panel; Servation of the servation of the remment, its The servation of the remment of the remment, its The servation of the remment of the rem

Chennai, July 11: The AIADMK Monday elected Edappady K Palaniswami as its interim General Secretary abolishing the dual leadership model in the main opposition party in Tamil Nadu, and also expelled O Panneerselvam from the party's primary membership for allegedly acting against its interests.

A meeting of the AIADMK's General Council (GC) picked Palaniswami, 68, as its supreme leader and vested in him full powers amid a prolonged internal power struggle shortly after the Madras High Court rejected Panneerselvam's plea to stay the meeting of the rival faction. A single judge held that the courts will certainly refrain from interfering with the private affairs of the party.

Ahead of the GC meeting in a marriage hall, violence involving the supporters of Palaniswami(EPS) and Panneerselvam(OPS), who are bitter rivals, broke out in and around the AIADMK headquarters in Chennai after which the premises was sealed by authorities. Some people also reportedly sustained injuries.

The AIADMK, which endorsed a resolution scrapping the erstwhile top two positions of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator held by Panneerselvam and Palaniswami respectively, has strived hard to maintain unity after the death of its supremo and Chief Minister Jayalalithaa



Ministers, Panneerselvam had also stood in for Javalalithaa as Chief Minister on three occasions and was a trusted loyalist of the

■ The AIADMK also formally resolved to hold organisational nolls in four months to elect a General Secretary

■ It has amended several bylaws which includes fresh norms and prerequisites to fight for the ton party post

move, Panneerselvam "expelled" Palaniswamy from the primary membership party.

December 5, 2016. In a counter

Justice Krishnan Ramaswamy delivered the verdict which allowed the EPS faction to hold the meeting of the GC, the supreme decision making body of the AIADMK. The court also indicted Panneerselvam for knocking the doors of the court very often.

In the present case, the applicants had been knocking the doors of courts of law by making their best efforts to use the courts as tools for their convenience to come to their rescue, who are not in a position to gain confidence or support from among the party members in their favour, it said.

"What the applicant could not achieve, wants to achieve through court of law and the courts will certainly refrain from interfering with the private affairs of the party, that too at the instance of just one or two members contrary to the interests of thousands of other

### AIADMK HQs sealed

**Chennai:** The AIADMK headquarters here was sealed by authorities Monday following violence and vandalism between supporters of rival leaders Edappady K Palaniswami (EPS) and O Panneerselvam in and around the party office. While Panneerselvam (OPS) walked out of the party office with his supporters after asserting that he would approach court, pursue legal action and go to party workers seeking justice, revenue officials sealed the AIADMK headquarters, 'M G R Maaligai.' The action was taken in the wake of violence, authorities said adding everyone inside the party office were moved away by police.

members of the party." The ruling DMK stands to elec-

torally gain to a significant extent and the BJP, though now on the fringes, could aspire to get more electoral space in the wake of the churning in the AIADMK.

Although a huge chunk of party workers and office-bearers are apparently with the dominant leader Palaniswami, ousted figurehead Panneerselvam does have a clout among sections of party workers in select regions of Tamil Nadu.

At the same time VK Sasikala, confidante of Jayalalithaa, is staking claim to the late leader's legacy. Dramatically, she declared that both Panneerselvam and Palaniswami were mere 'shadows' while she is the 'truth', meaning she is the real leader.

# Oppn MPs seek rethink

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: Ahead of the Monsoon Session, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the three service chiefs Monday briefed a parliamentary panel on 'Agnipath', but six opposition members demanded a rethink on the new military recruitment scheme and its withdrawal

At the nearly two-hour meeting where the members of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Defence were given a presentation, Singh sought to allay their concerns, including related to possible impact on operational readiness of the forces. The three chiefs of the armed forces also briefed the members of parliament about the scheme, which had sparked violent protests for days and was criticised by many opposition

Opposition members, including those from the Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the RJD raised objections to the new recruitment scheme and said it should be rolled back. Sources said they gave a hand-written note to the defence minister urging the government to rethink the scheme.

The MPs who signed it included Shaktisinh Gohil, Rajani Patil (both Congress), Supriya Sule (NCP), Saugata Roy and Sudip Bandyopadhyay (both TMC) and A D Singh (RJD). However, Congress leader Manish Tewari, who has been publicly lauding the scheme and taking a stand contrary to his



party's on the issue, was not among the signatories. The Congress has said that Tewari's views on the Agnipath scheme are his personal and do not reflect the party's opin-

The Committee has 20 MPs as members - 13 from Lok Sabha and seven from Rajya Sabha. At least 12 MPs were present during the Monday meeting. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among those who did not attend it. The government has projected the Agnipath scheme as a mega reform initiative that will help bring down the age profile of the armed forces. After the meeting, Singh said that it was a good interaction.

The sources said Tewari also asked at the meeting whether the scheme in any manner impacts the pension bill. He also asked if it reduces the operational readiness at the cutting-edge level, the sources said, adding that the Army chief responded to this by saying the operational readiness will not be compromised at any level.

# Rains claim 14 lives in Guj, MP



New Delhi, July 11: At least 14 people were killed in rain-related incidents in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and thousands were moved to safety as heavy downpour lashed parts of west and central India

After eluding the capital for over a week, rains lashed parts of Delhi Monday afternoon bringing temporary relief from the muggy weather conditions. However, by evening, the weather again turned humid. Moderate rainfall occurred at most places in Rajasthan while isolated places received heavy rainfall in the last 24 hours ending Monday morning, weather officials said. At least seven people were killed as heavy rains pounded several parts of south and central

### AMARNATH PILGRIMAGE RESUMES

Srinagar: Amarnath pilgrimage resumed Monday after remaining suspended for three days following flash floods that claimed 15 lives, while the Jammu and Kashmir administration said it would get a clear picture by Tuesday about the damage. In the wake of allegations that the pilgrim camp was set up at a "risky" site, a spokesperson for Raj Bhavan told PTI that flash floods that occurred in the past were taken into account during the planning and Friday's gush of water "was beyond calculations and never witnessed before". The cave shrine is located at an altitude of 3,880 metre in south Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is the chairman of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) which manages the annual yatra.

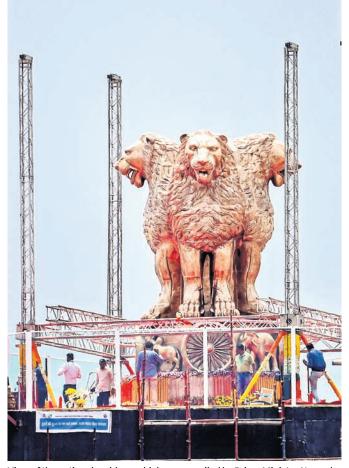
like situation in many areas, while over 9,000 people were relocated and 468 rescued.

In south Gujarat, Dang, Navsari, Tapi, and Valsad districts were affected while the rain-hit districts in central Gujarat are Panchmahal, Chhota Udepur, and Kheda. The Met department issued a warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall with isolated extremely heavy rains in Dang, Navsari, Valsad, Tapi and Surat during the next five days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured Gujarat of all possible help from the Centre.

"Seven persons died in rain-related incidents in the last 24 hours, taking the death toll due to rain-related incidents like lightning, drowning, wall collapse etc in Gujarat to 63 since June 1," state Disaster Management Minister

Gujarat districts, causing a flood- Rajendra Trivedi said. He said 18 platoons each of the State Disaster National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed at strategic locations for rescue and relief operations as and when required. A total of 5,278 people in Chhota Udepur district, 2,902 in Navsari and 469 in Valsad and a few more in other rain-affected districts were shifted from flooded areas to safer places, out of which 3,821 stayed while others returned home after the water receded, he said. In Madhya Pradesh, the Met department issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall in 33 of 52 districts of the state, while lightning amid steady downpour claimed seven lives in the last 24 hours. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said very heavy rainfall in the 64.5 to 204.4 mm range was likely to lash 33 districts.

### NATIONAL PRIDE



View of the national emblem, which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cast on the roof of New Parliament House building, in New Delhi PTI PHOTO

### **Consider framing** act: SC to Centre on bail pleas

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: The Supreme Court Monday directed the Centre to consider framing a "Bail Act" to streamline the grant of bail, a recommendation that assumes significance given the pendency of bail pleas of several undertrial prisoners including activists, po-

The top court also said bail applications be disposed of within two weeks except when provisions mandate otherwise while pleas for anticipatory bail be decided within six weeks.

litical leaders and journalists.

"The Union of India may consider the introduction of a separate enactment in nature of a bail act, so as to streamline the grant of bails," a bench of Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh said while pronouncing a judgment in a case related to the arrest of a man by the CBI. Issuing a slew of directions, the bench said investigating agencies and their officers are dutybound to comply with section Section 41-A of the Criminal Procedure Code (Notice of appearance before police officer).

The top court said any dereliction has to be brought to the court's notice, followed by proper directions and non-compliance would entitle the accused to grant bail.

# Over 800 kids died in specialised adoption agencies since '18

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: More than 800 children have died in state-run specialised adoption agencies since 2018, according to official data. Of these, most are below two years old, officials said, painting a tragic picture of neglect.

The main reason for the fatalities, they explained, is "unsafe abandonment", including children being found with dog bites and so vulnerable they can't be saved. Breaking up the numbers, the Central Adoption Resources Authority (CARA) said in response to multiple RTIs filed by PTI that 118 children, 104 of them below two, died in state and Central government-run agencies in 2021-22.

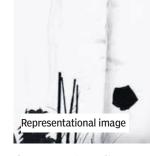
Most specialised adoption agencies are meant for children below six years. However, they also give refuge to some older children. Children older than six are housed in child care institutions.

Nearly 7,000 children, as on June 28 this year, are living in specialised adoption agencies across

and in 2019-20 it was 281

☐ In 2018-19, 251 children died in the agencies, according to the data

girls and 129 those with special needs, defined as those who have some type of disability and require exceptional care and extra help





in the under two-year age group. In

some cases, parents surrender



in these specialised adoption agencies do not survive and the main reason behind it is unsafe abandonment. "At times they are found

in such vulnerable conditions that they are beyond saving. Many children are found with dog bites and by the time we find them it is too late," a senior CARA official explained. Enakshi Ganguly, child rights activist, said there is need to look beyond numbers at each and every case to see how and why these deaths occurred.

"I think there needs to be much greater transparency and accountability from the government on the subject. It becomes incumbent on care organisations to be much more transparent," she

Easing the problems in adopting a child and bringing in greater accountability in how adoption agencies function could change the situation, said experts.

There are 16,155 cases of prospective parents waiting for more than three years to adopt a child, they said. In total, 28,501 prospective parents (PAPs) are in queue to adopt a child while 3,596 children are legally free for adoption.

### **JEE MAIN** 14 candidates score perfect 100

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: Fourteen candidates have got the perfect score in the engineering entrance exam JEE-Main, results of which were announced Monday, according to the National Testing Agency (NTA).

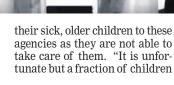
Maximum candidates bagging the top score in the first edition of JEE-Main, 2022 are from Telangana (4) followed by Andhra Pradesh (3). The top scorers from Telangana are Jasti Yashwanth VVS, Rupesh Biyani, Aniket Chattopadhyay and Dheeraj Kurukunda. Koyayana Suhas, Penikalpati Ravi Kishore are Polisetty Karthikeya are the top scorers from Andhra Pradesh. Other candidates who scored 100 are Sarthak Maheshwari (Haryana), Kushagra Srivastava (Jharkhand), Mrinal Garg (Punjab), Sneha Pareek (Assam), Navya (Rajasthan), Boya-Harsen Sathvik (Karnataka) and Saumitra Garg (Uttar Pradesh).

weather office said.

## ☐ In 2020-21, the number was 169

☐ Of the total 819 children, 481 were





# 'Population imbalance shouldn't be allowed'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, July 11: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said population control programmes must not lead to an "imbalance" by focusing on "native" residents while the growth rate of some community remains high, a possible reference to Muslims.

He said "population stabilisation" should be uniform across different sections of people, and expressed concern over the likelihood of "anarchy" at some point if there are "imbalances' in a country.

The United Nations has declared July 11 as World Population Day and the CM was addressing an event here to mark the beginning of a "population control fortnight".

He said population control programmes must proceed successfully, "but a situation of population imbalance should also not

"It should not happen that the speed of population growth or the percentage of some community is high and we stabilise the population of the 'moolniwasi' (natives)



enforcement," he said.

"This is a matter of concern for every country where there is a situation of population imbalance." he added.

Such situation could have an adverse impact on religious demography and after some time 'disorder" (avayvastha) and "anarchy" (arajakta) could begin in that country, he said.

"Hence, when we talk about pop-

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(Control. Stabilization and Welfare) Bill, 2021 to the state's

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stressing that there

is a need to involve

all people with

awareness pro-

The UP law com-

mission had sub-

mitted a draft Uttar

Pradesh Population

months of Adityanath's previous term in office.

The proposed legislation incentivised families following a two-child norm, and some critics suggested that it targeted the state's Muslim community. The government, however, rejected the charge.

Adityanath said Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state in the country, could cross the 25-crore population mark in the coming years.

He said when the state tries to bring down maternal and child deaths due to anaemia at par with the national level, it faces the problem of these death rates being high "in a particular community.'

Adityanath said population growth for a state or a country is a challenge if there aren't enough

He called for inter-departmental coordination and a joint effort by ASHA and Anganwadi workers, village heads, teachers and the health department in increasing

Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak and Minister of State for Health Mayankeshwar Sharan

# AAP MP Chadha appointed chairman of advisory panel; 'de facto CM', says Oppn

Chandigarh, July 11: The Punjab government Monday appointed Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghay Chadha as the chairman of a temporary advisory panel -- a move that has evoked sharp reaction from the Opposition parties.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann cleared the file regarding Chadha's appointment as chairman of the advisory committee Monday, said a spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Rajya Sabha member Chadha. who is a chartered accountant by profession, is expected to play an essential role in financial planning and making Punjab a debt-free state, said the spokesperson.

In a new role, Chadha will shoulder the responsibility of overseeing the conception and implementation of "pro-people" initiatives of the AAP government in Punjab and advise the government on matters related to finance.

Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring Monday slammed the Bhagwant Mann-led



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann with party MP Raghav Chadha

government, accusing him of ceding too much power to Chadha through the committee. Warring said appointing Chadha as chairman of the advisory panel is tantamount to making him the CM of Punjab.

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa criticised the state government for appointing Chadha as the chairman of the advisory committee.

The Shiromani Akali Dal also

took a dig at the AAP-led government, saying the move put the "show manager Raghav Chadha formally on stage." "De facto CM Chadha taking over formally as Controller General is no news for Pbis. They always knew who pulls the strings in @BhagwantMann puppet dance. Now even the fig leaf of an elected govt is removed, striping (sic) naked the toothless tigers whom Pbis had placed their trust in," said the party in a tweet.

### Punjab govt scraps textile park project near forest

The previous Amarinder Singh-led government had conceived the project in July 2020



Chandigarh, July 11: The Punjab government Monday decided to scrap the proposed textile park project near the Mattewara forest

area in Ludhiana. Chief Minister Bhagy said no industrial unit will be set up at the proposed site near the Mattewara forests for "saving the precious water resources and woods

of the state." "I will categorically like to announce that not only in Mattewara but the state government will not allow any industry to come up on the river banks of Punjab to avoid any sort of water pollution," said the chief minister.

The decision was taken by the chief minister following a meeting here with the members of PAC (Public Action Committee), an NGO which was spearheading a protest against the setting up of a mega integrated textile region and apparel park, citing environmental concerns given its proximity to Mattewara forest and Sutlej river.

Mann alleged that former CM Amarinder Singh gave nod to this project, envisaged by the Union government for setting up a textile park over 1,000 acres of land, without "even thinking about its pros and cons.

"The proposed project site is located near the Mattewara forests and on flood plains of river Sutlej. But the Captain (Amarinder Singh) government totally ignored the castigating effects which this project will have on the environment and ecology of the state," said

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BHAGWANT MANN

He said that apart from cutting of trees, this project would have also led to "massive pollution in the river water thereby jeopardising the human life along with flora and

fauna in the region." Mann said his government after coming to power minutely studied the project and found that this will "disturb the ecological balance of the area."

He said, "Keeping in view the repercussions of this project on the environment and human life, the state government has decided that no industrial unit will be set up on this land. Rather, the Punjab government will preserve these 'green arteries' of the state by all

Mann said his government is ready to allot any new chunk of land for this proposed textile park with the condition that it does not pollute the waters of the state.

The previous Amarinder Singhled government had conceived the project in July 2020. This project was mooted under the Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM MITRA) scheme. The Centre has proposed to set up seven such parks in the country.

### Class 12 student arrested for objectionable FB post on CM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kannauj, July 11: Police here arrested a Class 12 student for allegedly posting an objectionable photograph of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Facebook, the police said Monday.

The police action came after some people complained to the state DGP about the mat-

Talgram police station SHO Harishyam Singh said Murhiya village resident Ashish Yadav (18) was arrested Monday.

Officials said District Magistrate Rakesh Kumar Mishra and Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar Srivastava reached the Talgram police station and quizzed the student in a closed room.

# Kheri court sends Zubair to 14-day judicial custody

The Lakhimpur Kheri police had served a warrant on the Alt News co-founder to appear in the court in connection with an FIR lodged against him for promoting enmity in 2021

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Lakhimpur Kheri, July 11: A court here sent Alt News Co-founder Mohammad Zubair to 14-day judicial custody in connection with a case lodged against him for allegedly promoting enmity. Zubair was produced in the court

of the Mohammadi additional chief judicial magistrate through video conferencing, Assistant Prosecuting Officer Avadhesh Yadav said. The prosecution had sought police custody, a plea countered by the

Zubair's counsel. The court sent him to 14-day judicial custody. Yadav said. The next hearing on the plea for  $\,$ his police custody has now been

fixed for July 13, he added. The Lakhimpur Kheri police had served a warrant on Zubair

to appear in the court in connection



with an FIR lodged against him for promoting enmity in 2021.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Arun Kumar Singh had told PTI Saturday, "The court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Mohammadi in Kheri district has issued the warrant against Mohd Zubair, which was served by Kheri police Friday."

Mohammadi police station incharge Ambar Singh had told PTI that the case against Zubair was lodged November 25 by Ashish Katiyar, a reporter for a private news channel.

"In his complaint, Katiyar had accused Zubair of misleading people through his tweet about his channel," he said.

### 'PUNJAB TAKING CARE OF IT'

# SC junks plea seeking **CBI** investigation into Moosewala murder

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, July 11: The Supreme Court Monday dismissed a plea by Punjab BJP leader Jagjit Singh seeking CBI probe into the coldblooded murder of famous Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala.

A bench comprising Justices Ajay Rastogi and Abhay Oka said the case should not be given a political colour and Punjab is supposed to take care of it and they are taking care of the matter.

Advocate Namit Saxena, representing Singh, said his client wanted a CBI probe, but Punjab Police is taking appropriate steps. "So, we don't want a central agency probe any longer. We are not pressing

it...," submitted Saxena. The bench emphasized that such matters should not be connected with politics. "This court has to work openly for all the people. But it should not be given any political colour," said the bench, while dismissing the plea. Saxena said, "Yes we are not pressing for it further. If they were not taking steps, I would have pressed for it.

During the brief hearing, the bench asked Saxena, "Who are you?" Saxena replied he is representing the petitioner, who is a BJP member.

The bench said, "My view is that politicians should not get into such matters, other arenas it is fine....

The plea was filed through advocate on record. Namit Saxena and advocates Sarthak Chaturvedi and Shubham Jaiswal.

The plea submitted that there is a storm of fear and terror in Punjab, which warrants interference by the Supreme Court as fundamental rights of entire population of Punjab have been jeopardised at large.

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and Abhay Oka said the

known by his stage name 'Sidhu Moosewala' was shot dead in broad daylight May 29 by unknown assailants.

The plea said he was a young artist of just 28 years of age, who became globally famous by performing a niche art of Punjabi rap. "The brutal murder of Sidhu Moosewala is a glaring example where the conscience of the community at large has been shocked and the people of Punjab are confident that no effective investigation will be done by the state, rather it will try to cover up its failure by removing the security cover and the incident deserves to be investigated by a central agency," said the plea.

The plea said on the next day of the murder, names of international gangsters such as Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar started coming into play when they took the responsibility of killing the deceased. "That also the present facts of the case involve not only inter-state but also international crime syndicates and it is expedient in the interests of justice if the investigation related to the present FIR is transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation, added the plea.

# Meat sale likely to be banned on Kanwar Yatra routes in UP



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, July 11: The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to prohibit the sale of meat in the open along the routes fixed for Kanwar Yatra, which will take

place after a gap of two years. Elaborate arrangements are being made for Kanwar Yatra, which is set to begin from July 14 and will continue for a fortnight.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to clear the roads taken by the Kanwar Yatris and to prohibit sale of meat in the open along them, besides making arrangements for lighting, sanitation and first-aid.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi said, "All efforts are being made to ensure that Kanwar Yatra is held in a safe and peaceful manner across the state while adhering to the directions given by the chief minister.'

The local, district and police administration are reaching out to meat traders to ensure this, officials

Senior Superintendent of Police, Bareilly, Satyarth Aniruddha Pankaj said, "We have reached out to the meat traders and asked them to ensure that no sale of meat takes place in the open. The traders have assured us of the same.'

Superintendent of Police, Bijnor, Dinesh Singh said he has also made similar appeals to the meat traders who have assured that no sale of meat will take place along the route taken by the Kanwariyas. 'Kanwariyas', devotees of Lord Shiva, travel to the banks of the river Ganga to fetch water which they carry to offer in temples at their

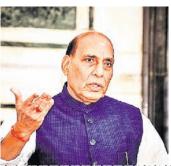
homes or localities.

Senior officials said that the work to make arrangements for Kanwar Yatra is in full swing.

The officials are ironing out details, including arrangements for proper sanitation along the route, security arrangements and installation of CCTV cameras at important places.

Officials have also asked the business establishments and eateries along the routes to put up their menu with a rate list prominently to avoid any arguments with Kanwar Yatris over prices.

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We have to use artificial intelligence (AI) for humanity's progress and peace. It should not be like nuclear power on which only a country or a group of countries have dominance and the other countries are deprived of this technology

RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

### **ED ISSUES FRESH SUMMONS TO SONIA**

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to join the investigation in connection with the National Herald matter July 21. Earlier, she couldn't join in the probe as she was not keeping well





classes for weaker students are a must. Teachers will have to take at least two hours of remedial

Dwarka

classes. They were not doing it, now they will have to do it

PRAMOD SAWANT | GOA CHIEF MINISTER

**Expressway** also known as the Northern Peripheral Road (NPR) in the Harvana portion, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will become operational in 2023

NITIN GADKARI UNION MINISTER FOR **ROADTRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS** 

When we talk about family planning/ population stabilisation, we have to keep in mind that the population control programme must go ahead successfully, but at the same time, a situation of population imbalance

### should not be allowed to happen YOGI ADITYANATH UTTAR PRADESH CM

SHORT TAKES

### Ten Nigerian nationals held

Noida: Ten Nigerian nationals, including five women, were arrested for possessing cannabis and large quantity of liquor in Uttar Pradesh's Greater Noida Monday, police officials said. Over 300 gm of cannabis, 217 cans and bottles of beer and 17 bottles of whiskey were recovered from an apartment, a police spokesperson said. **Additional Deputy Commissioner** of Police (Greater Noida) Vishal Pandey said, the foreigners were held after an input was received about them partying in the apartment Sunday night, where intoxicating substances like drugs and liquor was also being used.

### **Godavari crosses** third danger mark

Hyderabad: The Godavari river crossed the third level flood warning at Bhadrachalam in Telangana Monday, prompting authorities to sound alert Following heavy rains in the upstream areas in Telangana and neighbouring Maharashtra, water level rose sharply at Bhadrachalam to reach 53 feet. The Bhadradri Kothagudem district administration has sounded an alert across the course of the river, especially in the low-lying mandals. Some villages were cut-off due to submergence of connecting roads. Vehicular traffic to Dummugudem and Charla mandals came to a halt.

### Father held for raping daughter

Kota (Rajasthan): A 31-year-old man was arrested Monday for allegedly raping his teenage daughter in Atru town of Baran district, police here said. The man had allegedly been raping his 15-year-old daughter for the past four months, police said. He was booked after the girl and her friend came to Atru Police Station late Saturday night and filed a complaint against her father of sexually exploiting her for months.

### Delhi court summons Leena Manimekalai

New Delhi: A district court here has issued summons to filmmaker Leena Manimekalai and others for August 6, in a suit seeking an interim injunction to restrain them from depicting Hindu goddess Kaali in their latest film poster, video, and tweet "in a very uncalled way". The plea moved by Advocate Raj Gaurav, contended that the poster of the film depicts the goddess smoking cigarettes which not only hurts the religious sentiments of common Hindus but is also against the basics of morality and decency.



Temples in Nashik submerged in floodwater after a rise in the water level of the Godavari river following the release of water from the Gangapur Dam. Three persons were missing in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district after heavy rains, while Mumbai and its adjoining areas received moderate showers Monday

# Mallya gets 4 months Goa Congress says jail in contempt case 7 MLAs with party will be announced to succeed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: The Supreme Court Monday awarded four-month sentence to fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya in a contempt case.

Observing that it must impose adequate punishment upon the contemnor in order to maintain the "majesty of law", a bench headed by Justice UULalit also imposed a fine of Rs 2,000 on Mallya.

"Considering the facts and circumstances on record and the fact that the contemnor never showed any remorse nor tendered any apology for his conduct, we impose sentence of four months and fine in the sum of Rs 2,000," the bench said while pronouncing the order.

"In case the amounts are not so deposited, the recovery officer concerned shall be entitled to take appropriate proceedings for recovery of said amount and the Government of India and all agencies concerned shall extend assistance and complete cooperation,'

The bench said the fine of Rs 2,000 imposed on Mallya be deposited in the registry of the apex court within four weeks and upon such deposit, the amount shall be handed over to the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.

'In case, the amount of fine is not deposited within the time stipulated, the contemnor shall undergo further sentence of two months," it said.

"In the circumstances, in order to maintain the majesty of law, we must impose adequate punishment upon the contemnor and also pass necessary direction so that the advantage secured by the contemnor or anyone claiming under him are set at nought and the amount in question is available in execution of the decree passed in the concerned recovery proceedings," the bench said.

Mallya has been living in the



default matter of over Rs 9,000 crore involving his defunct (ingfisher Airlines

The apex court had in 2020 dismissed Mallya's plea seeking review of the May 2017 verdict which had held him guilty of contempt for transferring \$40 million (one million = ten lakh) to his children in violation of court orders

United Kingdom since March 2016 He is on bail on an extradition warrant executed by the Scotland Yard April 18, 2017.

During the hearing earlier, Mallya's counsel had March 10 told the apex court that he was handicapped in the absence of any instruction from his client, who is in the United Kingdom, and would not be able to argue on the quantum of sentence to be awarded in the contempt case.

Observing that it had waited "sufficiently long", the apex court February 10 had fixed the contempt case against Mallya for hearing and had given him the last opportunity to appear before it either personally or through his lawyer.

The top court had said it has given multiple opportunities to Mallya to appear either personally or through

### Mallya disappointed

London: Former Kingfisher Airlines boss Vijay Mallya, who is based in Britain for over five years, Monday expressed his disappointment at the verdict. The 66-year-old UKhased husinessman did not comment further on the verdict handed down by a top court bench headed by Justice U.U. Lalit earlier Monday, "I have no comment on the Indian Supreme Court verdict except to say that I am naturally disappointed," Mallya told PTI.

a lawyer and had even given specific directions in its order dated November 30, 2021.

Earlier, a consortium of lending banks led by the State Bank of India had moved the apex court alleging that Mallya was not following the court orders on repayment of loan

which was then over Rs 9,000 crore. It was alleged that he was not disclosing the assets and moreover, transferring them to his children in violation of the restraint orders. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had earlier said that the court has inherent jurisdiction in contempt cases and that it has given enough opportunity to Mallya, which he has not taken.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

7 MLAs with party

Panaji, July 11: The Congress appears to have averted a possible split in its legislative wing in Goa for the time being as Monday it claimed the support of seven of the 11 party MLAs in the BJP-ruled state which saw Assembly polls

just four months ago A day after five out of the 11 MLAs went incommunicado, Goa Congress chief Amit Patkar said the number of MLAs with the party has risen to seven - two more than the Sunday's count -- and the party has also sought disqualification of a couple of legislators. These so far 'out of reach' MLAs attended the monsoon session of the state Assembly which began on Monday and claimed there was "nothing wrong" in the opposition party. Patkar said senior leader Mukul Wasnik has reached Goa and a new Leader of the Opposition

will be announced to succeed Michael Lobo, accused by the party of "conspiring and hobnobbing" with the BJP. Patkar said Wasnik will hold a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party.

MLA Aleixo Sequeira and another Congress MLA have come to us. We had five MLAs with us on Sunday evening, now we have seven MLAs with us," he told reporters. Patkar, however, refused to identify the seventh legislator. A day earlier, the Congress had said five of its 11 MLAs in Goa had gone "incommunicado". The Congress had accused two of these legislators -Michael Lobo and former chief minister Digambar Kamat - of "conspiring and hobnobbing" with the ruling BJP to engineer a split in the grand old party's legislative wing. The party removed Michael Lobo from the post of Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, which has 40 members

### **Child rights panel** wants FIR against **Aaditya Thackeray**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, July 11: In a big jolt, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked the Mumbai Police to lodge a first information report against Shiv Sena's ex-Minister Aaditya Thackeray for alleged use of minor children in his campaigns, here

NCPCR Registrar Anu Chaudhary has shot off a letter to Commissioner of Police Vivek Phansalkar following a complaint to the effect received from one Dhrutiman Joshi of Sahyadri Rights Forum.

Joshi has contended that Aaditya Thackeray, 32, - son of ex-Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray - allegedly used minor kids in various social activities, protests and po-



Aarey Protest" held recently.

The complainant said that social media links of the protest shows several minor children participating, standing in rows holding placards, during the agitation. Taking cognizance of the complaint, NCPCR Registrar Chaudhary said that the action is prima facie violative of the various prevalent child rights laws and the IPC

"In view of the above, the Commission thereby requests you to investigate the matter urgently by lodging an FIR against the accused person(s), at once. The children should be identified and produced before the Child Welfare Committee as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 for recording their statements," Chaudhary told the Mumbai Police Chief.

### **DISQUALIFICATION ROW**

# Sena welcomes SC order

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: The Shiv Sena Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's order asking Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar not to proceed with the plea seeking disqualification of MLAs of the Sena faction led by Uddhav Thackeray.

Talking to reporters in Delhi, Shiv Sena MLC and former Maharashtra minister Anil Parab said the state legislature had filed an affidavit in the SC which stated that a new Speaker has been elected and he has the right to hear the plea of disqualification of MLAs. "The new Speaker is from the BJP, so we thought we had a little chance to get justice," Parab said. "We said (in



the Supreme Court) that till the time our three petitions are heard, there should be no decision on this (the disqualification of MLAs of the Uddhav Thackeray faction)," he said.

Hence, the SC has said till the time a decision is taken in the court, the Speaker should not take any decision. This means the Speaker cannot disqualify an MLA in any way, he said. Last week, Maharashtra legislature secretary issued show cause notices to 53 out

of the total 55 Shiv Sena MLAs in the state - 39 of the faction led by Eknath Shinde and 14 of the Uddhav Thackeray group. One of the 14 MLAs from the Thackeray side, Santosh Bangar, joined the Shinde camp on the day of the floor test of the latter's government July 4. Parab said the Thackeray faction believes that 39 MLAs of the group led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde violated the whip during the trust vote of the Shinde government and election of Speaker Narvekar. So, the Speaker's election in itself is wrong, he claimed.

The Thackeray faction filed several pleas in the top court after the Sena MLAs led by Shinde formed a coalition with the BJP to form the government in the state.

# RESERVATION ISSUE BACK TO FOREFRONT

he reservation issue has returned to the forefront even before the poll battle gets underway in Guiarat.

It just took the July 2 order of the State Election Commission (SEC) to all district collectors in the state directing them to convert the 10% seats reserved for Other Backward Castes (OBCs) into general seats. to put the pot on the boil. The Gujarat Panchayats Act mandates 10% reservation for OBC communities in the gram panchayat polls and these are due in over 3200 of them.

Though the SEC is yet to notify the elections to local self-government bodies, the orders to the district authorities is seen as a preparatory exercise in that direction. Nevertheless, this one move was enough for political parties - both ruling and in the Opposition - to switch to high decibel mode and turn it into an issue for the forthcoming State Assembly elections due in December this year.

The Congress was fast on the up-

take charging the ruling BJP and its government with utter failure in protecting the interests of the OBC. With protests rising rapidly, the Bhupendra Patel-led BJP government in the state moved within a week to announce constituting a new commission headed by retired High Court judge KS Jhaveri to study the issue in depth before deciding on seats for OBCs in local self-government bodies

The SEC directive to all district units of the state is in conformity with the orders of the Supreme Court in December 2021 suspending OBC quotas for local body polls in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh citing lack of empirical data. The Orissa High Court cited the apex court order to stay panchayat polls in its state for similar reasons.

The Supreme Court ruled in December last that the decision for OBC reservations taken by states were not in conformity with the 2010 ruling of the five-judge constitution bench. In 12-year-old rul-



ing, the apex court had directed a triple test before apportioning seats for OBCs which mandated setting up of a commission to conduct rigorous empirical inquiry into the backwardness and its implications in the local bodies within the state, also to specify the proportion of reservation needed to be provided for, local body-wise and strict adherence to the provision that all reservations taken together shall not exceed 50% of the total seats

In December itself the Centre had moved the Supreme Court seeking recall of its order. In January this year, the apex court declined to recall its December 2021 order staying OBC quotas for Maharashtra local polls, holding that no state or union territory

can be permitted to hold local selfgovernment body elections with 27 per cent reservation for OBCs without empirical data on the pop-

ulation and representation of OBCs. The states seemed to have conveniently forgotten the 2010 apex court guidelines as politicos in power went chasing vote 'banks'. It was only when the Supreme Court moved in December last cracking the whip, striking down the Maharashtra and MP OBC reservations in local body elections, that the states went into damage control mode. However May 10, the Supreme Court allowed Madhya Pradesh to hold local self-government body elections with OBC quota though not Maharashtra. Gujarat, in deep slumber, remained a laggard state until public protests in an elec-

tion year shook it to the core. With almost 52 per cent OBC population, the ruling BJP can illafford to go easy on the issue. And the wake-up call came from the Congress which went all out charging the ruling party with pursuing the RSS agenda of doing away with reservations for backward communities

BJP OBC leader Alpesh Thakor had a muted response: "It is the result of negligence on the part of people entrusted with the job in the government," Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani, now aligned with the Congress, was more strident. 'This attitude of the state government will be challenged and combated," he added. BJP leader Hardik Patel did not seem to be standing up to be counted on the issue. In March this year the state government withdraw 10 cases related to the 2015 Patidar quota stir including those against Hardik Patel.

The irony is not lost. The troika of Thakore, Patel and Mevani had taken Gujarat by storm in 2015. Thakore led the OBCs and Hardik the Patidars seeking OBC quota reservation in academic admissions and jobs. Both joined the Congress holding high positions and subsequently quit to join the BJP,

the very party and government they had opposed tooth and nail. Dalit leader Mevani remains steadfastly opposed to the government and except for a technicality is a part of the Congress whose state party chief Jagdish Thakor is an OBC and has promised a statewide stir.

The ruling BJP is aware of the new found aggression in the Congress leadership in the state and has therefore taken a public stance expressing its commitment towards OBC reservation. The government's move to appoint the commission is seen as a step to bring the OBCs to its side.

Though the government remains tightlipped on when the commission will submit its report and the gram panchayat elections be held, a highly placed BJP leader was of the opinion that the recommendations shall flow before the panchayat polls and the advantage of reservations for OBCs shall be reflected not only in the panchayat polls but the Assembly elections as well.

# international



establishing peace and stability in Syria and opposes any foreign intervention in the country EBRAHIM RAISI

### **NEW TECHNIQUE**

Scientists in the US have developed new tools that can identify SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in wastewater up to 14 days before traditional clinical testing





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Take the utmost care with the risk of fires in the country, which will reach a peak of aggravation in the coming days and will extend throughout the week

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MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT

The voting procedures for the 2022 legislative and local elections are taking place in peace across



DENIS SASSOU NGUESSO CONGOLESE PRESIDENT

### SHORT TAKES

### China, Pakistan to conduct drill

Beijing: The navies of China and Pakistan will commence a live-fire drill Tuesday off the Shanghai coast as part of a four-day joint maritime exercise code named Sea Guardians-2, official media here reported Monday. Fleets participating in the drill will set off from a military port in Shanghai for the scheduled sea area. The joint exercise aims to enhance defence cooperation, exchange expertise and experience, deepen the traditional friendship between the two countries and militaries, and promote the development of the China-Pakistan allweather strategic cooperative partnership.

### in US shooting Kansas City (US): A shooting

where off-duty police officers were working security has left one person dead and five others hurt, authorities said. The shooting happened about 11 pm Sunday following a disturbance inside Westport Ale House, TV stations KCTV and KMBC reported from the scene, citing the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Three off-duty Kansas City officers were working security at the bar, the patrol said, and they returned

## Casinos shut to

Beijing: Streets in the gambling centre of Macao were empty Monday after casinos and most other businesses were ordered to close while the Chinese territory near Hong Kong fights a coronavirus outbreak. Residents were told to stay indoors unless they were buying food or other necessities. Authorities warned that anyone violating the rules would be punished. Casinos were ordered over the weekend to close for at least a week as the number of coronavirus cases in the territory of 700,000

### ■ 68 killed as rain

Karachi: At least 68 people have died in Pakistan's Karachi city in Sindh province and neighbouring Balochistan province as torrential rains and flash floods battered the area, officials said Monday. As many as 63 deaths were reported in Quetta, Barkhan, Pishin, Kohlu, Bolan, Lorelai and Zhob areas in Balochistan province, while five people died in Karachi, the capital of Sindh province, as relentless rainfall battered the city submerging several areas.

### POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MELTDOWN IN LANKA

# Parties initiate steps to form all-party govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Colombo, July 11: With embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa confirming his intention to resign as promised on Wednesday, Sri Lanka's political parties Monday initiated steps to form an all-party government and subsequently elect a new President July 20 to prevent the bankrupt nation sliding further into anarchy

President Rajapaksa has officially conveyed to Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe that he will resign on July 13 as previously announced, the PM Office said on Monday, days after protesters stormed both leaders' homes in rage over the government's mishandling of the country's worst economic crisis.

The entire Sri Lankan Cabinet will resign and hand over their responsibilities to a new all-party interim government as soon as it is formed, Prime Minister Wickremesinghe's office said Monday, as the country grappled with political and economic crises. It said all members of the cabinet have agreed to hand over their responsibilities to a new all-party government as soon as it is formed.

"All the ministers who participated in the discussion were of the opinion that as soon as there is an



A protester eats his meal in President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence for the second day in Colombo

My only house was set on fire. I had 2,500 books in my library, my only asset. There were over 200-year-old valuable paintings. All of them destroyed

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE | SRI LANKA'S PM

agreement to form an all-party government, they are ready to hand over their responsibilities to that government," the PM Office said.

Rajapaksa informed Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena from an undisclosed location on Saturday that he will resign on Wednesday after thousands of irate protesters stormed into the President's

house in Colombo's high-security Fort area, calling for him to step down."President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has officially informed Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe that he will be resigning as previously announced," a statement from the PM's office said.

The Sri Lankan Parliament will

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is still in the country, Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena's office said. dismissing media reports that the embattled leader may have fled

Sri Lanka embroiled in worst crisis since independence

Resignations planned to pave way for unity government

Central bank governor says instability could hurt IMF talks Opposition leader says ready to form government

elect the new president to succeed Rajapaksa on July 20, Speaker Abeywardena announced on Monday. The decision was taken during a crucial all-party leaders meeting held earlier in the day.

After receiving Rajapaksa's resignation Wednesday, Parliament will convene on July 15 to announce the vacancy and will reconvene on July 19 to accept the nominations for the post, Abeywardena said. A parliamentary ballot will be held on July 20 to elect the new president, he said. Under the Sri Lankan Constitution, if both the president and prime minister resign, the Speaker of parliament will serve as acting president for a maximum of 30 days.

Protesters use the gym as they throng President's official residence PTI PHOTOS

### **UNPREDICTABLE CONTEST**

# Liz Truss enters race to become next PM

REUTERS

London, July 11: British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss entered the race to replace Boris Johnson as Prime Minister Monday, taking the number of candidates in an increasingly bitter and unpredictable contest to 11

Truss, who has held ministerial jobs in a number of government departments including trade, justice and the treasury, said she would slash taxes and maintain a tough line against Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Johnson was forced out last Thursday after his government imploded over a series of scandals. The contest is for the leadership of the ruling Conservative Party, with the winner then becoming Prime Minister.

The aim is to find a successor by September. "I will lead a government committed to core Conservative principles: low taxes, a firm grip on spending, driving growth in the economy, and giving people the opportunity to achieve anything they want to achieve," she said in a campaign video.

The race followed one of the most remarkable periods in modern British political history, when more than 50 government ministers quit, denouncing Johnson's character, integrity and inability to tell the truth.

With many lawmakers unhappy with the disgraced Johnson remaining in office until a successor is found, the party is likely to accelerate the election process. It could insist that candidates

have the backing of around 30 lawmakers to enter the process, before voting begins this week to whittle the number down to two. The issue of tax cuts was fast becoming the central battle in

the race with nearly all of the candidates promising to cut business or personal taxes. Setting out her pitch to the

Conservative Party's 200,000

I will lead a government committed to core **Conservative principles: low** taxes, a firm grip on spending, driving growth in the economy, and giving people the opportunity to achieve anything they want to achieve

LIZ TRUSS | BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY

members who will decide the outcome of the contest, Truss said she would reverse the recent rise in National Insurance contributions and signalled a cut to corporation tax.

Fellow contenders Jeremy Hunt and Sajid Javid have both pledged to cut corporation tax, while the former defence minister Penny Mordaunt has promised to cut fuel duty.

Former finance minister Rishi Sunak is the early front runner, but he is the only candidate who has played down the prospect of imminent tax cuts, saying the adoption of "comforting fairy tales" would leave future gener-

ations worse off. "Someone has to grip this moment," he said in his launch video. This has prompted his rivals to attack his economic record after the tax burden rose to the highest level since the 1950s. One lawmaker confirmed that a dossier criticising Sunak's record had been circulating on lawmaker

Ukraine plans strong action to retake south

# ■ 1 dead, 5 injured

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# fight outbreak

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# **batters Pakistan**

# Thousands commemorate 1995 Srebrenica massacre

People take pictures at President's official residence

Srebrenica, July 11: Fifty newly identified victims were honored and reburied Monday in Bosnia as thousands gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, Europe's only acknowledged genocide since the Holocaust.

Twenty-seven years after they were brutally murdered, the remains of 47 men and three teenage boys were laid to rest at a memorial cemetery at the entrance to Srebrenica, joining more than 6,600 other massacre victims already reburied there.

Idriz Mustafic attended the collective funeral to bury the partial remains of his son, Salim. He was 16 when he was killed in Srebrenica in July 1995 while trying to flee the town as it was overrun by Bosnian Serb forces in the closing

months of Bosnia's 1992-95 wa

"My older son, Enis, was also killed. We buried him in 2005. Now I am burying Salim," Mustafic said. The Srebrenica killings were the bloody crescendo of Bosnia's war, which came after the breakup of Yugoslavia unleashed nationalistic passions and territorial ambitions that set Bosnian Serbs against the country's two other main ethnic factions

 Croats and Bosniaks. In July 1995, Bosnian Serbs overran a U.N.-protected safe haven in Srebrenica. They separated 8,000 Bosniak men and boys from their wives, mothers and sisters, chased them through woods around the eastern town and slaughtered them. The perpetrators plowed their victims' bodies into hastily made mass graves, which they later dug up with bulldozers, scattering the remains among other burial sites.

Kyiv, July 11: Ukraine plans a "million-strong army" equipped with Nato weapons to retake the south of the country from occupying Russians, its Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov said, as per media

reports. Retaking the areas around the Black Sea coast was vital to the country's economy, Reznikov said, the BBC reported. However, the comments are more of a rallying cry than a concrete plan, analvsts sav.

The Defence Minister's remarks come as Russia makes progress in taking territory in the eastern Donbas region. An attack on a block of flats on Sunday killed at least 24 people - with nine people rescued from under the rubble, Ukraine's state emergency serv-

ices said. Rescuers are still looking for



survivors at the site of the fivestorey building in Chasiv Yar, near the city of Kramatorsk, in the Donetsk region which has been the focus of a Russian push, BBC reported. In his interview with The Times newspaper, Reznikov praised the UK for being "key" in the transition from providing Ukraine with Soviet-era weapons to Nato-standard air defence systems and ammunition.

He said weapons deliveries needed to be sped up. "We need more, quickly, to save the lives of our soldiers. Each day we're waiting for howitzers, we can lose a hundred soldiers," he said.

### **Putin's fresh move**

WhatsApp groups.

Kharkiv: Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree Monday expanding a fast-track procedure to receive Russian citizenship to all Ukrainians, in yet another effort to expand Moscow's influence in war-torn Ukraine. Until recently, only residents of Ukraine's eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as residents of the southern Zaporizhzhia and the Kherson regions, large parts of which are under Russian control, were eligible for the simplified procedure. Ukrainian officials haven't yet reacted to Putin's announcement. Between 2019, when the procedure was first introduced for the residents of Donetsk and Luhansk, and this year, more than 720,000 residents of the rebel-held areas in the two regions about 18% of the population - have received Russian passports. In late May, three months after Russia invaded Ukraine, the fast-track procedure was also offered to residents of the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.

# Abe's killing haunts Japan with questions on homemade guns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tokyo, July 11: The shooting sent shudders through low-crime, orderly Japan: A prominent politician was killed by a man emerging from a crowd, wielding a homemade firearm so roughly constructed it was wrapped in tape.

The 40-centimeter-long (16-inch) weapon used to kill former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe Friday as he campaigned for his ruling party in western Japan, looked crude, more like a propellant made of pipes taped together and filled with explosives.

A raid of the suspect's home, a one-room apartment in Nara, turned up several such guns, police said. Unlike standard weapons, homemade guns are practically impossible to trace, making an investigation difficult.

Firearms are rarely used in Japan, where most attacks involve stabbings or dousing a place with gasoline and setting it ablaze, or run-

ning haywire on the street in a vehicle. Strict gun control laws likely forced the attacker to make his own weapon. Tetsuya Yamagami, who was arrested on the spot, was a former member of Japan's navy and knew how to handle and assemble weapons.

Crime experts say instructions on how to make guns are floating around on the internet and guns can be made with a 3D printer. Some analysts characterized the attack on Abe as "lone-wolf terrorism." In such cases, the perpetrator plots and acts alone, with the solitary nature of the crime also making it difficult to detect in advance.

The motive for Abe's assassination remains unclear. Police said Yamagami told investigators he acted because of Abe's rumored connection to an organization he resented but had no problem with the former leader's political views. Media reports said it was a religious organisation.

Japan has seen attacks on politi-



cians in the past. In 1960, Abe's grandfather, then-Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, was stabbed but survived. In 1975, when then-Prime Minister Takeo Miki was assaulted at the funeral for former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, Abe's greatuncle, Japan set up a security team modeled after the American Secret Service.

Hideto Ted Osanai, chief executive at the International Bodyguard

### **Kishida calls for unity**

Tokyo: Boosted by a new election mandate, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida Monday called for party unity for political stability and to achieve the assassinated former leader Shinzo Abe's unfinished goals of strengthening the military and revising the war-renouncing constitution. Kishida's governing Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner Komeito secured a solid majority of seats in the parliament's upper house in elections Sunday that were imbued with meaning after Abe was shot to death while campaigning Friday.

Association in Japan, and other experts believe that the Japanese may have merely learned superficial things like escort formation rather than the prevention mindset critical to security. "Japanese are so used to leading peaceful

lives, the security guards were caught asleep," says Yasuhiro Sasaki, president of Safety-Pro, a Tokyo-based security company. Sasaki said he couldn't believe that no one moved to protect Abe in the seconds between the first and the second shot, a scene shown over and over on national TV.

Guards should have acted by physically pulling Abe away from danger, Sasaki said. More critically, he wondered why weren't they aware of a suspicious person approaching, drawing what could be a weapon from a bag?

Isao Itabashi, chief of the research division at the Council for Public Policy, which oversees such risks, said that providing security during an election campaign was challenging when the whole point is for politicians to get close to people. Unlike the U.S., the use of bulletproof glass is relatively scant in Japan, and security officials rarely resort to shooting potential attackers.

# business



The changes in global market dynamics caused by the pandemic have created huge export opportunities for the sector. The industry is confident of crossing the export value of \$6 billion this year SANJAY LEEKHA

CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS

### **'ROBUST CRYPTO RULES IN OCTOBER'**

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) said Monday it would propose 'robust' global rules for cryptocurrencies in October, following recent turmoil in markets that has highlighted the need to regulate the "speculative" sector. The FSB, a body of regulators, treasury officials and central bankers from the G20, has so far limited itself to monitoring the crypto sector, saying it did not pose a systemic risk 





all certification tests in this short time frame is the whole team. We now look forward to ramping up our production and

SUDHIR MEHTA | FOUNDER-CHAIRMAN, EKA

We have signed a MoU with the Tamil Nadu government, where we have committed to invest ₹110 crore for setting up a R&D centre. We have plans to hire 150 people by next month for this new facility

SAMBIT SWAIN HEAD OF SALES FOR ASIA, GX GROUP

Over the next 3-5 years, through the programme, we aim to support 50 internet-based SMFs to launch and

generate product-market fit and a turnover of ₹one crore each thereby reaching a collective turnover of ₹50 crore

GEORGE PANAMKUZHA CEO AND DIRECTOR, METRIC TREE LABS

### SHORT **TAKES**

### PE investments into cos dip 17%

Mumbai: Private equity investments into domestic companies fell 17 per cent to \$6.72 billion on an annual basis in the June quarter, according to a report. During the same period, the number of Private Equity (PE) deals also declined 15 per cent to 344 compared to the year-ago period. In the year-ago period, the deal value stood at \$8.13 billion. The deal value declined by 25.1 per cent in the three months ended June compared to the 2022 March guarter when it stood at \$8.97 billion, deal tracker Refinitiv, a London Stock Exchange group entity, said Monday.

### CIL's capex rises 65% in June qtr

New Delhi: Coal India Monday said its capital expenditure increased 64.8 per cent to ₹3,034 crore in June quarter 2022-23, driven by strong spend in acquiring land and strengthening transport infrastructure in its coalfields under first-mile connectivity projects. Coal India's capital expenditure was ₹1,841 crore in April-June period of last financial year. Land acquisition at ₹608 crore accounted for nearly one-fifth of the first quarter's total

### TCS mcap dips by ₹55,471cr

New Delhi: Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) wiping out ₹55,471,22 crore from its market valuation. after the company's June quarter earnings failed to meet market expectations. The stock declined 4.64 per cent to settle at ₹3,113.25 apiece on the BSE. Its market capitalisation (mcap) tumbled ₹55.471.22 crore to ₹11,39,154.17 crore on the BSE.

# ever sales in Q2

New Delhi: Mercedes-Benz India Monday reported its highest ever second-quarter sales at 3,551 units, registering an over two-fold increase compared to the had sold 1,664 units in the April-June period of 2021. The highest ever Q2 sales were achieved on the back of new product launches, sustained demand for existing products and services, and a unique omnichannel customer journey created through the Retail of the Future initiative, Mercedes-Benz India said.

# Norms to settle int'l trade in ₹ out

THE CENTRAL BANK SAID THE MEASURE IS **TAKEN TO PROMOTE GROWTH OF GLOBAL TRADE WITH EMPHASIS ON EXPORTS FROM INDIA** AND TO SUPPORT THE **INCREASING INTEREST OF THE GLOBAL** TRADING COMMUNITY IN THE INDIAN RUPEE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, July 11: The Reserve Bank Monday asked banks to put in place additional arrangements for export and import transactions in Indian rupees in view of increasing interest of the global trading community in the domestic currency.

Before putting in place this mechanism, banks will require prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the central bank said in a circular.

"In order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support

This move is a recognition of the Indian rupee as an international currency. We hope that the Government will clarify on benefits on such exports in Rupee, which is hitherto only granted for exports payments received in foreign currency A SAKTHIVEL

### **NEW SYSTEM**

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"Indian importers undertaking imports through this mechanism shall make payment in INR which shall be credited into the Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country, against the invoices for the supply of goods or services from the overseas seller /supplier," it said.

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### Rupee's brutal fall persists; drops to record low of 79.45

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated by 19 paise to close at its fresh lifetime low of 79.45 against the US dollar Monday amid broad-based dollar demand and foreign capital outflows. However, receding crude oil prices in the international market restricted the loss for the

rupee, which posted its third straight session of decline. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened weak at 79.30 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 79.24 and a low of 79.50. It finally settled at 79.45, down 19 paise over its previous close of 79.26. The dollar index, which measures the

greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.56 per cent to 107.60. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 86.61 points or 0.16 per cent lower at 54.395.23, while the broader NSF Nifty declined 4.60 points or per cent to 0.03. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 1.43 per cent to \$105.49 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors remained net sellers in the capital market Monday as they sold shares worth <sup>7</sup>170.51 crore, as per exchange data. Foreign investors have pulled out over 74,000 crore this month so far amid steady appreciation of the dollar and rising interest rates in the US.

ices through this mechanism, will be paid the export proceeds in Indian rupees from the balances in the designated Special Vostro account.

This mechanism may enable Indian exporters to receive advance payment against exports from overseas importers in rupees.

As per the circular, the rupee surplus balance held can be used

for permissible capital and current account transactions in accordance with mutual agreement.

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The balance in special vostro accounts can be used for payments for projects and investments; export/import advance flow management; and investment in government bonds. The instructions. the RBI said, will come into force with immediate effect.

### **TECH CRACKDOWN**

### Alibaba, Tencent stocks plummet after latest fines

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Hong Kong, July 11: Shares of Chinese technology firms Alibaba and Tencent fell sharply Monday, a day after Chinese regulators fined their subsidiaries for not disclosing transactions and failing to comply with antimonopoly rules.

E-commerce giant Alibaba's shares in Hong Kong fell 6.8 percent, while gaming and social media company Tencent Holdings sank 3.2 per cent. The Hang Seng index declined 3 per cent.

On Sunday, China's State Administration for Market Regulation published a list of 28 deals that violated anti-monopoly rules. It included five of Alibaba's transactions and 12 of Tencent's. A wide-reaching crackdown on the technology sector has often hit stock prices in Hong Kong and Shanghai. For violations in each case, the maximum fine was 500,000 yuan (\$74,500)

A wide-reaching crackdown on the technology sector has often hit stock prices in Hong Kong and Shanghai, though signs the authorities might be easing up spurred gains in recent months

canex basket.

Monday fell nearly 5 per cent

### **Benz logs highest**

year-ago period. The company

### **June coal imports** touch record high

New Delhi, July 11: India's coal imports hit a record high in June despite high global prices, data from three trade sources and Refinitiv ship tracking showed, as economic activity picked up and amid a domestic shortage of the fuel.

India imported over 25 million tonne of thermal coal and coking coal in June, rising by over a third compared with the same period last year, data from consultancies Coalmint and Kpler, and trader I-Energy Natural Resources showed.

Imports of thermal coal - used mainly in electricity generation jumped to 19.6 million tonne, while shipments of coking coal - used in steelmaking - rose to about 5.4 million tonne, Coalmint and I-energy data showed

Coal accounts for nearly threefourths of India's power output, and utilities account for over 75% of India's coal consumption.

The energy-hungry nation's annual power demand is growing at the fastest rate in at least 38 years and high global coal prices, amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis, are straining the finances of debt-laden government-run utilities. Thermal coal imports jumped

40%, while imports of coking coal surged 23%, data from India-based trader I-Energy showed.

Coal shipments from top supplier Indonesia more than tripled to a record 14.5 million tonne, while imports of coal from Russia nearly doubled to 1.2 million tonne, Kpler data showed. The imports included thermal, coking, PCI coal and anthracite.

Indian coal imports are expected to increase in the coming months. State-run Coal India has placed orders to ship in at least 12 million tonne over the next twelve months to address shortfalls at utilities.

### **\$44BN DEAL WALKOUT**

# Musk-Twitter legal battle hits co shares

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New York, July 11: Shares of Twitter slid more than 7% in the first day of trading after billionaire Elon Musk said that he was abandoning his \$44 billion bid for the company and the social media platform vowed to challenge Musk in court to uphold the agreement.

Musk alleged Friday that Twitter has failed to provide enough information about the number of fake accounts it has. However, Twitter said last month that it was making available to Musk a "fire hose" of raw data on hundreds of millions of daily tweets when he raised the issue again after announcing that he would buy the social media platform.

He also mocked Twitter Inc's threat to sue him, tweeting the social media firm would need to disclose more information on bots and spam accounts

Twitter has said for years in regulatory filings that it believes about 5% of the accounts on the platform are fake but Monday Musk continued to taunt the company, using Twitter, over what he has described as a lack of data.

Musk agreed to a \$1 billion breakup fee as part of the buyout agreement, though it appears Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal and the company are settling in for a legal fight to force the sale.

"For Twitter this fiasco is a nightmare scenario and will result in an Everest-like uphill climb for Parag & Co to navigate the myriad challenges ahead around employee







turnover/morale, advertising headwinds, investor credibility around the fake account/bot issues, and host of other issues abound," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives, who follows the company, wrote Monday.

The sell-off in Twitter shares pushed prices close to \$34 each, far from the \$54.20 that Musk agreed to pay for the company. That suggests, strongly, that Wall Street has serious doubts that the deal will go forward.

"With Musk officially walking away from the deal, we think business prospects and stock valuation are in a precarious situation,' wrote CFRA Analyst Angelo Zino.

# Oil cos may see ₹10,700cr loss in Q1

ICICI Securities said the companies are losing ₹12-14 per litre on petrol and diesel, completely offsetting the strong refining performance during the quarter

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New Delhi, July 11: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum may post a combined loss



on selling petrol and diesel at rates below cost, a report said Monday.

While the raw material (crude oil) prices soared in April-June, petrol and diesel prices were not revised, leading to marketing losses which offset strong refining margins, ICICI Securities said in the report.

The three state-owned oil marketing companies -- IOC, BPCL and HPCL -- control 90 per cent of the retail petrol and diesel sales in the country. They also own refineries that turn crude oil into fuel such as petrol and diesel

While margins on turning crude into fuel have been high, the marketing wing accrued losses from unchanged petrol and diesel rates.

For Reliance Industries Ltd, the brokerage saw an operationally and financially strong quarter. It estimated a consolidated EBITDA/PAT of ₹38,900 crore/Rs 24,400 crore the highest ever.

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The 13th Cottonfab kick started in the first week of July. Ashish Kumar Dash and Sanyi Survanshri Das, first and second winners of Week-1 respectively, receiving prize from the Cottonfab's secretary Javed Alam. The names of the lottery winners are being announced every Sunday at 7pm

### Union Bank's Lewis Road branch gets Gold Loan Point, ATM lobby

Bhubaneswar: Union Bank of India's Field General Manager, Bhubaneswar Ramakanta Pradhan Monday inaugurated the renovated premises, Union Gold Loan Point and ATM lobby of the bank's Lewis Road branch here. On this occasion, Deputy General Manager (RH)-RO, Bhubaneswar Sovan Sengupta, Branch Manager Manoj Kumar Patra along with senior officials of Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, several managers of Bhubaneswar branches and valued customers of the branch were present



# Uber flouted laws, lobbied govts for global expansion

The leak spans a five-year period when Uber was run by its co-founder Travis

Kalanick, who tried to introduce the cab-hailing service into cities around the world by brute force, even if that meant

breaching laws and

taxi regulations INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 11: A sensational leaked trove of confidential files has revealed the inside story of how the tech giant Uber flouted laws, duped police, exploited violence against drivers and secretly lobbied governments during its aggressive global expansion, The Guardian reported.

The unprecedented leak to the

Guardian of more than 124,000 documents - known as the Uber files - lays bare the ethically questionable practices that fuelled the company's transformation into one of Silicon Valley's most famous exports.

During the fierce global backlash, the data shows how Uber tried to shore up support by discreetly courting prime ministers, presidents, billionaires, oligarchs and media barons, The Guardian reported, Leaked messages suggest Uber executives were at the same time under no illusions about the company's law-breaking, with one executive joking they had become "pirates" and another conceding: ``We're just f... illegal", it reported.

The cache of files, which span 2013 to 2017, includes more than 83,000 emails, iMessages and WhatsApp messages, including often frank and unvarnished communications between Uber's cofounder Travis Kalanick and his top

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team of executives.

In a statement, Kalanick's spokesperson said he "never suggested that Uber should take advantage of violence at the expense of driver safety" and any suggestion he was involved in such activity would be completely false, The Guardian reported.

The leak also contains texts between Kalanick and Emmanuel Macron, who secretly helped the company in France when he was economy minister, allowing Uber frequent and direct access to him and his staff.

Macron, the French president. appears to have gone to extraordinary lengths to help Uber, even telling the company he had brokered a secret "deal" with its opponents in

the French cabinet. The Guardian

reported. Privately Uber executives

expressed barely disguised disdain

will not make excuses for past behaviour that is clearly not in line with our present values. Instead, we ask the public to judge us by what we've done over the last five years and what we will do in the years to come"

Replying to the probe Uber said, "We have not and

for other elected officials who were who were less receptive to the company's business model.

After the German chancellor, Olaf Scholz, who was mayor of Hamburg at the time, pushed back against Uber lobbyists and insisted on paying drivers a minimum wage. an executive told colleagues he

was "a real comedian" When the then US vice-president, Joe Biden, a supporter of Uber at the time, was late to a meeting with the company at the World Economic Forum at Dayos, Kalanick texted a colleague: "I've had my people let him know that every minute late he is, is one less minute he will have with me". The

Guardian reported. The Guardian led a global investigation into the leaked Uber files, sharing the data with media organisations around the world via the International Consortium

of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ). "More than 180 journalists at 40 media outlets, including Le Monde, Washington Post and the BBC will in the coming days publish a seriesof investigative reports about the

tech giant," said the report.

MEN IN BLUE LOOK TO CARRY T201 TEMPLATE INTO ODIS AS THEY TAKE ON ENGLAND IN THE FIRST MATCH TODAY

# Change in approach for India!



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London, July 11: India won't go ballistic from ball one but the batters are expected to carry their fearless approach from the shortest format to the ODIs when the three-match series against England begins here Tuesday

India's high-risk play helped them win the series against England and considering that the ODIs have become an extension of the shortest format, skipper Rohit Sharma sees no reason why his team should back down from that approach.

England redefined the way ODI cricket was played and their dominant run culminated with the World Cup trophy back in 2019. It won't be an exaggeration to say that India's fresh outlook towards

the shorter formats is inspired by the English template.

The three games will be the only 50-over contests India will feature in before the T20 World Cup but Rohit asserted they still hold a lot

The team will have an optional training session at The Oval with a quick turnaround time between the T20 and ODI series.

For someone like Shikhar Dhawan, who only plays only one format and will be captaining the team in the West Indies, it will be a challenge to take on the England attack from the word go. However, the southpaw has found ways to stay consistent, whether he is playing ODIs for India or the IPL

More than a billion people were

INDIA: Rohit Sharma (C), Shikhar Dhawan, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yaday, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd Shami, Mohd Siraj & Arshdeep Singh.

ENGLAND: Jos Buttler (C), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Craig Overton, Matthew Parkinson, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley & David Willey.

"The mindset is something we're trying to change and that I guess is the biggest takeaway from all the players. They are willing to do that, they are willing to take that risk. And when I go and talk to certain individuals or players and I hear the same kind of response from them, that is the biggest take-

"Obviously while doing that, results will go here and there. We're looking at the larger picture and to achieve that we'll make some mistakes," he said.

The ODI series will be Buttler's first since taking over as whiteball skipper from Eoin Morgan. After the T20 disappointment, the hosts will be eager to bounce back strongly. Buttler himself will be looking to make the big scores he is known far, having failed in the

England will be bolstered with the return of their star players Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow, the hero of Birmingham Test win of the hosts. While Root doesn't play T20s, Stokes and Bairstow were rested after the historic triumph in the rescheduled

# World Cup dream ends for eves

Terassa (Spain), July 11: The Indian women's hockey team was eliminated from the FIH World Cup title race after losing 0-1 to cohosts Spain in a hard-fought crossover match here Monday.

After a fiercely-contested three quarters, the Indian defence let in a goal just three minutes from the final hooter when Marta Segu scored from a rebound to exit from the knockout rounds.

As has been the case so far in the tournament, India fared poorly once again in converting penalty corners. They earned four in the game against Spain's three but all the chances went in vain.

India's first penalty corner came in the eighth minute but the Spanish defence was up to the task to deny any inroads.

In the first quarter both the teams were a little hesitant in their play, committing some unforced errors which resulted in very few scoring chances. After that it was all about Spain as they explored ways to get past the India back line. India captain Savita, in front of the goal, showed why she has such high reputation as she pulled off saves time and again to keep the deadlock intact.

Spain continued attack in the second quarter and in a moment of goalkeeping brilliance, Savita made three consecutive saves, first from a Xantal Gine's penalty corner strike, then a rebound from the same player and finally a rebound from Begona Garcia to keep her side

Seconds later, India secured their second PC but first Spain goalie Melanie Garcia saved Monika's shot and then Lucia Jimenez showed immense composure to keep out the rebound.

India soon created a great opportunity to take the lead when Salima Tete set it up for Vandana Kataraiya with a brilliant run along the baseline but the latter dinked over the cross bar while trying to chip it over Garcia's reach as both the teams failed to break the stalemate at half time.

After the change of ends, India started on the front foot and Spain had to stay focused to keep their opponent's attacks at bay. The momentum shifted back and forth during the third quarter as both the teams were looking increasingly frantic, resulting in mistakes but

the deadlock still remained. The fourth and final quarter saw both the teams creating early opportunities. The deadlock finally broke just three minutes from the hooter through Segu who scored from a rebound from close range after Clara Ycart's initial shot was saved by Savita.

Leading by a goal, Spain didn't make the final minutes easy for themselves as they played with nine players with Garcia receiving a yellow card and then Segu receiving a green.

Despite enjoying the two player advantage, the Indians failed to capitalise on the opportunity, thereby crashing out of the medal rounds. India will next play Canada for the ninth to 16th place classification match here Tuesday.



### Kiwis set record with 24 runs off last over to win

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Malahide, July 11: Michael Bracewell smashed 24 runs in the last over, including a winning six off the penultimate delivery, as New Zealand beat Ireland by one wicket with one ball to spare in the series-opening ODI. New Zealand finished on 305/9 in 49.5 overs at Malahide in reply to Ireland's 300/9.

The Black Caps seemed well out of the contest at 120/5 in the 22nd over when opener Martin Guptill was bowled for 51, but Bracewel took charge and blazed an unbeaten 127 off 82 balls, with the last of his seven sixes finishing the tense contest in style.

The New Zealanders set a record by successfully chasing 20 off the 50th over. That surpassed the previous 50th-over best in an ODI chase by England against Australia in 1987.

Bracewell sent Craig Young's first two deliveries for four, launched a six over mid-wicket and then found the legside boundary again before securing win with a six over long on.

of importance.

waiting for Virat Kohli to hit form

# Taniya, Sneh in; Richa on standby for CWG



**TANIYA BHATIA** 

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, July 11: Wicketkeeper Taniya Bhatia, who has an unimpressive strike rate of under-100 in T20 format, was on Monday named in the Indian women's squad for the upcoming Commonwealth Games (CWG) while dashing batter Richa Ghosh



Buying into the team's new ap-

proach, he had to go hard from

ball one but the ODIs series will give

him a lot more time to get back to

his best. He showed glimpses of

his rare brilliance Sunday and will

be hoping to find a bagful of runs

aggressive will not come good al-

ways but the team management

is ready to live with that. Rohit spoke about the biggest takeaways

"The biggest takeaway has been

the approach of each and every

individual who has played this se-

ries. How they've relished the mo-

ment in the middle, taking on the

opportunity, the opposition, tak-

India's conscious effort to play

in the three games.

from the T20 series win.

**SNEH RANA** 

has been put in the standby list. The most notable player to make

a comeback to the national fold is all-rounder Sneh Rana, who didn't play in the Sri Lanka series owing to an injury which kept her at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) for rehabilitation.

The Harmanpreet kaur-led team will have converted keeper Yastika



Bhatia as the first choice stumper. Taniya's selection was surprising as the Neetu David-led selection committee has brought back a keeperbatter, who has in all totalled 166 runs in 22 innings at an average of 9.72 with a strike-rate of 94.

The casualty was Bengal's Richa, who has scored 191 runs in 14 games at a strike-rate of 112 plus but is now

Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Meghana, Taniya Bhatia (Wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk), Deepti Renuka Thakur, Jemimah rigues, Radha Yadav, Harleer

<mark>DBY:</mark> Simran Dil Bahadur, Richa Ghosh & Poonam Yadav.

in the reserves list as she has fallen off the radar in recent times.

Veteran leg-spinner Poonam Yaday, who is no longer a certainty in the squad, is also in the standby list along with seamer Simran Dil Bahadur. The three pacers in the list are Meghna Singh, Renuka Thakur and Pooja Vastrakar.

India is in Group A with Australia, Barbados, and Pakistan. Sri Lanka, England, New Zealand, and South Africa are placed in Group B. They will play Australia July 29, followed by match against Pakistan July 31 and Barbados (August 3). The top two teams from the respective pools will progress to the semifinals.

### first ODI against England tional net session at the Oval ground in London.

Injured Kohli likely to miss

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New Delhi, July 11: Out-of-form batter Virat Kohli is likely to miss the first ODI against England at the Oval Tuesday after sustaining a groin strain during the third T20I.

The extent of Kohli's niggle is still not known, but the Indian team management wouldn't mind giving the 33-year-old veteran a break so that he is available for the next two games at Lord's (July 14) and Manchester (July 17).

"Virat has a groin strain during last game. It can't be confirmed whether it happened during fielding or while batting. He will probably miss first ODI tomorrow at Oval as the groin needs rest," a BCCI source told this agency on condition of anonymity.

It has been learnt that Kohli didn't travel from Nottingham to London in the team bus and the reason could be a stopover to get a medical check-up done to assess his condition. Monday, only the players selected for the ODIs -Shikhar Dhawan, Shardul Thakur and Prasidh Krishna - had an op-

This could also be the reason for the postponement of the Indian team selection for the five-match T20I series in the West Indies and the USA. The team will be announced Tuesday.

Kohli's place in the T20 side is being questioned repeatedly by the experts including former greats like Kapil Dev and Virender Sehwag although skipper Rohit Sharma has firmly backed his long-time colleague.

According to people privy to the developments in the India camp. Kohli has asked for rest from the entire West Indies series. In the event he is not part of the squad, whether that will be termed 'rest' or 'dropped'

will be a matter of conjecture. Charter Flight to Caribbean The BCCI has decided to fly the Indian squad to the West Indies by a special charter flight from Manchester to Port of Spain due to the COVID-19 threat. "The Indian team will be taking a charter flight to the Caribbean," the source in-

### SL record innings victory over Aussies Arjun shoots gold at World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Changwon, July 11: Young Indian shooter Arjun Babuta stunned Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Lucas Kozeniesky to win the men's 10m air rifle event and open the country's account in the ongoing ISSF World Cup here Monday. In the gold medal clash, Arjun

humbled USA's Kozeniesky 17-9 in a rather one-sided contest. This is Ariun's maiden gold for the senior side. He had bagged the yellow metal at the 2016 Junior World Cup in Gabala, Azerbaijan. The 23-year-old from Punjab,

who has been representing India since 2016, had earlier topped the ranking round with a scintillating 261.1 points to qualify for the gold medal clash.

Kozeniesky shot 260.4 to join him even as qualification leader Sergey Richter of Israel settled for bronze with a score of 259.9.

The other Indian in the fray, Parth Makhija, who also qualified for the ranking event in fifth place following an impressive show on Sunday, finished fourth with a score of 258.1. There was no stopping Arjun in the final as he raced to a 10-4 lead after the first seven single-shot series.

The winner of each series gets two points while the points are spilt in case of a tie and the first to



did not give up till the end but Arjun pulled out those big high 10s when it mattered most and finished clinically for a convincing score-line to help India open their

account with the brightest medal

This was also foreign rifle coach Thomas Farnik's maiden medal in his very first international assignment. The Austrian had been appointed to the job just ahead of the Changwon World Cup.

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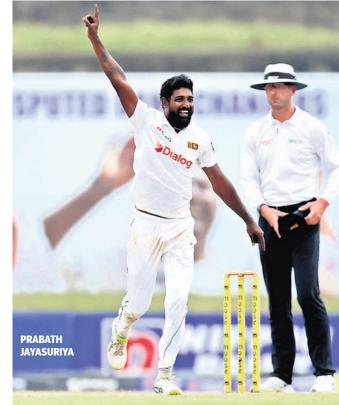
Galle, July 11: Left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya picked up the fourth-best figures in the history of Test match cricket by a debutant to back up Dinesh Chandimal's first double hundred as Sri Lanka beat Australia by an innings and 39 runs Monday.

Australia lost nine wickets in a dramatic last session to lose the game with a day to spare. It was Sri Lanka's first win by an innings against Australia since they first Australia had conceded a first in-

nings lead of 190 and their openers did well to add 49 runs for the first wicket before Ramesh Mendis made the breakthrough by dismissing David Warner (24). Jayasuriya then ran through the middle order.

A late replacement after the Sri Lankan camp was hit by several cases of COVID-19, Jayasuriya bowled with impeccable control pitching to perfect lengths to hamper the Australian batsmen. It was a remarkable turnaround

for Sri Lanka, who were routed by 10 wickets in the first Test and then lost four players due to COVID-19. They brought in three debutants: Jayasuriya was man of the match claiming 12/177, Maheesh Theekshana had three wickets,



and Kamindu Mendis hit a half century.

Former captain Chandimal put Sri Lanka in a winning position with a stunning counterattack to

post his career-best score. Chandimal resumed the day on 118 and finished unbeaten on 206 (326b, 16x4, 5x6) to become the first Sri Lankan to post a double hundred against Australia.

formed.

fell, Chandimal was on 159 and it didn't look like he would get to a double hundred but then he took the opposition by surprise by striking the ball cleanly and sending it out of the ground on three occasions.

When Sri Lanka's ninth wicket

Sri Lanka's total of 554 all out is their highest against Australia, improving on the 541/8 declared in Colombo in 1992.

Chandimal was involved in several partnerships that turned the game in Sri Lanka's favor. The hosts' lead was only 67 when the day began but the lower order ensured that the team batted only once on a wicket that was providing lot of assistance for spin bowlers.

The seventh wicket stand between Chandimal and Ramesh Mendis was worth 68 runs while the last wicket partnership between Chandimal and Kasun Rajitha produced 49 runs for which the last man made no contribution and he was dismissed without scoring. Chandimal smashed 48 runs off just 18 balls during that partnership and Australia simply had no answers.

Brief scores: Australia 364 & 151 (Marnus Labuschagne 32; Prabath Jayasuriya 6/59) lost to Sri Lanka 554 (Dinesh Chandimal 206 n o; — Mitchell Stac 4/89, Mitchell Swepson 3/103) by an innings and 39 runs.

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