MOUNI'S PREFERENCE

Actor Mouni Roy says she is dying to be part of larger-than-life movies made in South India LEISURE



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A BCCI official confirms that the Women's IPL is set to be played from March next year in a one-month window

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Rushdie stabbed on stage at NYC event

Since the 1980s, Rushdie's writing has led to death threats from Iran, which has offered a USD 3 million reward for anyone who kills him

AGENCIES

New York, August 12: Salman Rushdie, the Mumbai-born controversial author who faced Islamist death threats after writing 'The Satanic Verses', was attacked and suffered an apparent stab wound to the neck when a man stormed the stage as he was getting ready to deliver a lecture during an event here Friday, New York Police said.

Rushdie, 75, who won the Booker Prize for his novel 'Midnight's Children', was stabbed by a man on stage while he was being introduced at the event of the Chautauqua

Institution in Western New York. He fell through a barrier to the stage and was seen with blood on his hands. The audience tackled the attacker and Rushdie was then treated onstage following the assault.

"State Police are investigating an attack on author Salman Rushdie prior to a speaking event at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, NY. On August 12,

2022, at about 11 am, a male suspect

ran up onto the stage and attacked Rushdie and an interviewer," New

York Police said in a statement. "Rushdie suffered an apparent stab wound to the neck, and was transported by helicopter to an area hospital. His condition is not yet known. The interviewer suffered a minor head injury. A State Trooper assigned to the event immediately took the suspect into custody. The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene," it said.

Rushdie's fourth book The Satanic Verses in 1988 forced him into hiding for nine years.

A year after the book's publication, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini called for Rushdie's execution for publishing the book for its blasphemous content.

Since the 1980s, Rushdie's writing has led to death threats from Iran, which has offered a USD 3 million reward for anyone who kills him.



Author Salman Rushdie (inset) is tended to after he was attacked during a lecture, Friday, at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, NY, about 75 miles south of Buffalo

State to distribute contraceptives to newlywed couples

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: State Health and Family Welfare department will provide a free kit equipped with contraceptives – to newlywed couples under a Central government initiative, Mission Parivar Vikas.

Called 'Nayi Pahal' or 'Nabadampati' kit, it will be distributed by ASHAs and will also carry brochures, guidelines and other important literature on the importance of safe sex, family planning and spacing out

The scheme would be rolled out in the state wedding season in September under the National Health Mission (NHM).

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL

So, what if an alliance partner left? We still have CBI. I-T and ED with us!

Most rivers in spate

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar/Sambalpur, August 12: Almost all rivers across Odisha are in spate owing to torrential rain earlier this week, but the state government Friday rejected possibility of flood for now.

It has, however, put several districts on alert in the wake of an IMD forecast of another spell of heavy showers in the next two days due to the likely formation of a new low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal The weather system is set to

form over north Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours under the influence of a cyclonic circulation, which lies over west Myanmar, the Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre said.

It is expected to become more marked during subsequent 24 hours and move northwestwards, bringing rain to Odisha and Bengal, according to a bulletin. Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources department, BK Mishra, said although all rivers are swelling, there is no such immediate flood threat.

'Except Jalaka River in Balasore district, all rivers are flowing below danger level," Mishra said, explaining that water inflow into Hirakud reservoir has declined due to comparatively less rainfall in upper catchment areas.

Water level in Jalaka was flowing at least 0.7m above the danger level, officials said. They also claimed that water from Jalaka may enter at least 12 gram panchayats of Bhograi block if the



MORE RAIN PAIN AHEAD

- ■The state is already reeling under the effects of heavy rain caused due to a depression
- Jalaka, Baitarani, Subarnarekha are in spate following heavy showers in the upper catchment areas
- Fisherfolk have been advised not to venture into the sea off the coast till Monday as squally weather with wind speed of 45 65 kmph is expected over the west-central Bay of Bengal

current situation persists.

Stating that the administration has been instructed to keep a close watch on the vulnerable river embankments, Mishra said the at least 20 of the 98 sluice gates of Hirakud reservoir have been opened. Official sources said that the Baitarani is also flowing near the danger mark of 17.83 m at Akhuapada in Bhadrak following heavy showers in the upper catchment areas. Similarly, Subarnarekha is also in spate.

The Regional Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar, underlined that swollen rivers such as Bansadhara, Rushikulya and Nagabali may overflow if rains continue uninterrupted. In Keonjhar, two gates of the Hadagada reservoir on Salandi river, a tributary of

Baitarani, have been opened. Odisha is already reeling from the effects of torrential rain, caused due to a depression. It led to flooding of villages and low-lying areas across many districts, collapse of several bridges over swollen rivers, and landslides disrupting road

connectivity. The Met office issued an orange alert of heavy to very heavy rain in the districts of Khurda, Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Bhadrak, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Gajapati, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Kendrapara and Nayagarh Saturday.

Naveen woos tribals in Murmu's home district

CM inaugurates Subarnarekha and Deo irrigation projects during his hour-long visit to Mayurbhanj

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar/Baripada, August 12: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday inaugurated Subarnarekha and Deo irrigation projects during his hour-long visit to Mayurbhanj, the home district of President Droupadi Murmu and

He said several welfare schemes of the BJD government have been successful due to proper coordination with the tribal people. "The state could make progress

through education and employment schemes for the tribals, Patnaik said at the meeting. Tribals constitute 53 per cent of

Mayurbhanj's population. Patnaik's whistle stop visit to

Mayurbhanj is considered to be BJD's strategy to counter BJP's

alleged attempt to take advantage from Murmu's election to the highest constitutional post. The saffron party has been allegedly making all out efforts to take mileage from the Presidential election and create an impression among the people of the state that Murmu, regarded as the 'daughter of the soil', could occupy the highest post due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BJD too had fully backed Murmu.

Mayurbhanj is considered a strong hold of BJP from where the saffron candidates had won in six of the nine Assembly seats in the district apart from the Lok Sabha seat. However, the political equation changed during the rural poll when the people voted in favour of BJD and elected 53 of the district's 56 zilla parishad seats. Continued on P4



Drinking water projects approved for three districts

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: The state Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Friday approved three rural tap drinking water supply projects worth more than ₹1200 crore for three districts.

The Cabinet approved the tender amounting to ₹501.85 crore for execution of mega piped water supply project to provide safe drinking water in Dhenkanal district out of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) funding. By execution of the project. around 3,22,204 people of 271 villages under 71 GPs of four blocks of the district will be benefited, said Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Minister Pradip Kumar Amat.

Similarly, the lowest tender of ₹416.57 crore has been approved by the Cabinet for execution of another drinking water project in Kendrapara district out of JJM funding. By execution of the project, around 4,35,190 people of 522 villages under 76 GPs of three blocks (Pattamundai, Rajnagar & Garadpur) will be benefited, he said.

The Cabinet also approved the lowest tender amounting to ₹291.62 crore for execution of another drinking water supply project in Balasore district. By execution of the project, 2,62,093 people of 301 villages under 41 GPs of three blocks (Balasore, Remuna & Khaira) will be provided with safe drinking water. The work is targeted for completion within 24 months in all the three projects. Continued on p4

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J&J to end sale of baby talc powder globally

■ *The company has faced* thousands of lawsuits alleging its talcum powder caused cancer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York, August 12: Johnson & Johnson is pulling baby powder containing talc worldwide next year after it did the same in the US and Canada amid thousands of lawsuits claiming it had caused cancer. Talc will be replaced by cornstarch, the company said.

The company has faced thousands of lawsuits alleging its talcum powder caused users to develop ovarian cancer, through use



for feminine hygiene, or mesothelioma, a cancer that strikes the lungs and other organs.

J&J insists, and the overwhelming majority of medical research on talc indicates, that the talc baby powder is safe and doesn't cause cancer.

However, demand for the company's baby powder fell off due to the controversy and it removed talc from the products in most of North America.

No flag, no trust, says BJP leader PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

August 12: Dehradun. Uttarakhand BJP chief Mahendra Bhatt has said the country will not trust those who do not hoist the Tricolour on their houses on Independence Day.

"It is only natural. After all, why should any Indian have problems in hoisting the Tricolour on their houses to celebrate the occasion?" Bhatt told PTI Friday reiterating what he had recently said in Haldwani.

However, he played down his reported remark that pictures of houses where no Tricolour is hoisted should be sent to him saying it was meant only for the party workers and not for the general

"My statement was meant for party workers only as I want each one of them to respond to the Prime Minister's call," he clarified.

Under attack from Opposition parties for making such a demand, Bhatt said anyone who has true

"It is my firm belief that whoever feels for this country will not hesitate in hoisting the Tricolour on their houses," Bhatt told PTI.

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Uttarakhand BJP chief Mahendra Bhatt (C)

gallows holding the Tricolour high. I want every home across the country to hoist the Tricolour in response to the Prime Minister's call to celebrate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'," he added.

He accused the Congress of politicising the issue unnecessarily.

The principal Opposition party in the state had said several people may not be in a position to hoist the Tricolour at their homes as they may not afford to buy one.

In response to this, Bhatt said, "The National Flag is being distributed by the government among people through different ways. The party is also helping in the exercise.'

"The Congress' argument that people don't have the money tobuy the flag has no meaning," he



eisure



MENDES REPORTEDLY **JOINS DATING APP**

Singer Shawn Mendes is reportedly looking for love on a celebrity dating app. He's said to have joined days after his former-girlfriend and singer Camila Cabello was pictured hand-in-hand with the founder of another matchmaking app, reports aceshowbiz.com.

MADONNA SAYS SON LOOKS BETTER IN HER CLOTHES

Pop icon Madonna gushed over her son David Banda's sense of style during an appearance on a late-night talk show. The 63-year-old said that her 16-year-old son, who has been wowing fans with his fashionable fits, looks better in her clothes than she does.





You already feel deeply connected to the universe. But today, you may want to par ticularly thank God for all His small mercies. You cherish your loved ones even more today, says Ganesha, and you may spend lavishly on people dear to you

TAURUS

Anxiety will keep your nerves swollen for most part of the day, feels Ganesha. On the work front, you will face success later in the day. You will be a role model for business efficiency and people will try to follow in your footsteps. Your efforts will be validated with generous profits.

Putting things in order will be your top priority, says Ganesha. You will possibly have a romantic dinner with your sweetheart. Seductive conversations may culpersonal feelings will stir up your partner's private thoughts.

CANCER It is high time you paid attention to your family. You have been so lost in work and in making money that you have almost forgotten the very people you have been slogging for. Your spouse has been trying hard to improve the

A mixed bag of fortunes, a bittersweet pill, call it what you will, but today brings with it a lot of things packed within its 24-hour period. Ganesha foresees a hectic morning, and an even more frantic afternoon. So, respite will be a luxury for you today.

VIRGO

Give people a word of encouragement and motivate them to achieve bigger things, advises Ganesha. Don the thinker's can and you may find yourself in contemplation. Criticism will hurt you, but be as unflappable as you can and proceed to your target, says Ganesha

It is your friends who prove to be lucky and beneficial for you today, especially if they happen to be walking the corridors of power, says Ganesha. Do not hesitate your popularity grow by leaps and bounds as you get due recognition for your abilities and efforts.

SCORPIO

It is high time you diverted all your energies towards your object of love, advises Ganesha. Research-oriented work could well be an option too. Ganesha says you are likely to find someone special to talk about those good old times and have a

SAGITTARIUS

You will be your usual self today, frank and precise. You are all ears for what your life partner has to sav. This will make them feel special! According to Ganesha, be patient and carry out your work gracefully.

CAPRICORN

After running about helterskelter for getting your work done, you will sit back and spend the day planning the course of future action. Sudden and unexpected profits are on the cards, but you will need to be mindful of how best you utilise it. You can expect a few good opportunities to knock at the door, but open the door before they turn to look for shelter elsewhere.

AQUARIUS

Some days, you crave to one such day. You will also prove a worthy opponent. You may upset your adversaries' plans, much to your own advantage. You have it in you to be a scholar. You will also prove the strength of your character, especially when the going gets tough.

PISCES

Today is likely to be a day of mixed fortunes, savs morning and a positively frantic afternoon will see you at your wits' end, a heart, followed by a sensuous evening will delight you out of your mind.



Anya shares her 'dream come true' moment

Mumbai: Actress Anya Singh, who made her debut with Qaidi Band and won the hearts of many with her series Never Kiss Your Best Friend, will be seen in the upcoming movie Kho Gaye Hum Kahaan.

She says her dream has come true to finally get to work with Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti.

Anya says: "Kho Gaye Hum Kahaan is a very special project for me. To be a part of a film written by Zoya Akhtar, Reema Kagti whose work I have always admired, feels like a dream come

"The story of Luck By Chance is one that has stayed with me throughout my journey as it showcased such a real side of an actor's chances in the indus-

touch upon reconnecting with the forgotten bits of life. It marks the directorial debut Arjun Varain



Mouni dying to be part of South movies

Mumbai: Actress Mouni Roy, who will be seen in filmmaker Ayan Mukerji's upcoming film Brahmastra, said that she would like to work in South Indian movies as she is dying to be a part of largerthan-life movies. When asked if she would like to work in South Indian films, Mouni in ShareChat LIVE Audio Chatroom said: "I am keen on

being a part of films down South, and

I really think they are making some brilliant content. I am dying to be a part of the largerthan-life movies they

re making." Roy also revealed how she loves to watch Friends and showed affection towards Rachel and

"Friends is my go-to show. Whenever I am really happy or sad. I start watching Friends as it makes me feel good. I feel like I am hanging out with them." Revealing her favourite

characters from the show, she added. "I love them all. but I feel that I am a combination of Rachel and Phoebe myself." Brahmastra

is a fantasy adventure trilogy. It also stars Amitabh Bachchan, Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor and Nagarjuna.

Soumya Ranjan appointed **UN India Youth Advocate**



Soumya received the certificate from a UN official

Bhubaneswar/New Delhi: Odisha's Soumya Ranjan Biswal, an environmentalist who has been on a mission to protect Olive Ridley Sea Turtles, was appointed a UN India Youth Advocate on International Youth Day,

The UN agencies in India marked International Youth Day by appointing the firstever UN India YuWaah Advocates to inspire and gather the support of India's 350+ million young people towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Apart from 25-year-old Soumya, five other Indian youths have also been appointed Advocates. They are Mohammad Siraj (26), West Bengal, Bhavi Barad(25), New Delhi, Ankita Sehdev(24), Haryana, Mansi Thaker(25), Gujarat, Mohammadi(23), New Delhi.

These youths have come from diverse backgrounds and geographies and will inspire action for SDGs across high-level decision-making platforms. In turn, they will receive access to information, skilling, and mentorship support, and will work in partnership with external experts across UN agencies and partner networks, celebrity advocates, ambassadors, and digital influencers to amplify and foreground young people's priorities and perspectives towards shaping the 2030 Agenda.

For the unversed, Soumya has also been working on pollution and climate change; restoration of Mangroves, Salt Marshes and Sand dune plants. He has trained a cadre of around 100 youth volunteers for the conservation of sea turtles and other wildlife on a sustainable and scientific basis in different districts of Odisha. He also sensitises local fishing communities regarding overfishing and protection of marine life. Through more than 250 beach clean-up activities undertaken on the nesting beaches in the area, around 15 tons of plastics, polythene bags, discarded fishing nets and other solid wastes were cleared from nesting beaches under his supervision. His campaign was also featured in Limca Book of Records. PNN

Urvashi cryptically reacts to Pant's post Mumbai: Urvashi Rautela has once

again taken a dig at Rishabh Pant after in an interview the actress-model claimed the cricketer "waited for her" and he replied on social media saying "mera peecha choro behen (leave me alone

Indirectly referring Pant as a 'cougar hunter'. Urvashi took to Instagram and wrote: "Chotu bhaiya should play

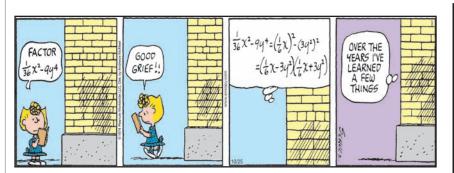
She used hashtags such as #RPChotuBhaivva, #DontTake-AdvantageOfASilentGirl and #CougarHunter.

Her response comes after Rishabh's now deleted Instagram Story, which read: "It's funny how people lie in interviews just for some meagre popularity and for hitting the headlines."

hashtagged the post #merapichachorhoBehen and #Jhutkibhilimithotihai.

The cricketer gave out no names, but social media users came to a conclusion to Urvashi, who claimed in a viral interview that the unnamed 'RP' waited for her in a hotel lobby and called her several times -- she was asleep and saw 17 missed calls when she woke up. IANS

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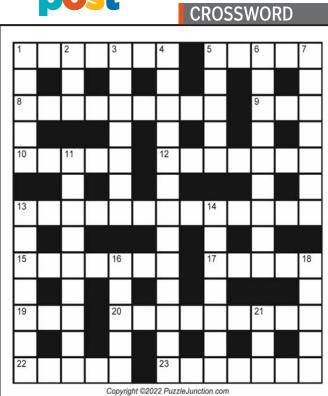
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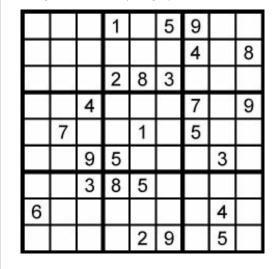
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SUDOKU

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A DAY FOR THE GENTLE GIANTS



Nandankanan Zoological Park deputy director Sanjeet Kumar feeds a jumbo at the zoo, on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, on World Elephant Day, Friday

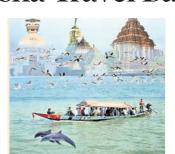
Resume Odisha Travel Bazaar: HRAO

Plan afoot to organise the fourth edition of Odisha Tourism Conclave in October this year, says HRAO chairman

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) has urged the state government to resume Odisha Travel Bazaar (OTB), an initiative to showcase the tourism potential of the state.

The state government in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce



and Industry (FICCI) has been organising the mega event since 2017. However, it could not be held in 2020 and 2021 owing to the Covid-

19 pandemic, it was learnt. While leading foreign and domestic tour operators from across the word participate as hosted buyers at OTB, the tourism fra-

ternity of the state comprising hotels and tour operators promote the tourism products of Odisha

"We've urged the state government to resume the OTB in order to boost the tourism industry. The Tourism department should take required measures to resume the mega event from this year," HRAO chairman JK Mohanty said in a recently submitted proposal to state's Tourism department.

Mohanty added that they, in association with the Tourism department were planning to organise the fourth edition of Odisha Tourism Conclave in October. The conclave too could not be held for two years due to the pandemic.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

19 jailbirds granted spl remission

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: In what would bring cheer for some of the convicts languishing in different jails in the state and their family members, the Prisons Directorate has decided to release 19 convicts including a woman prisoner who have been granted special remission of their sentences.

These prisoners will be released August 15 in the first phase on the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay' to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.

The directorate has directed the superintendents of jails in Choudwar, Berhampur, Koraput, Balasore, Puri, Keonihar, Sundargarh and Madanpur-Rampur to release the selected convicts on the Independence Day

4 Odisha cops picked for Home Min's Medal

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar, August 12: At least four police personnel from Odisha were among the 151 selected for the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' for 2022, an official said Friday.

According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Inspectors Ashish Chandra Jena, Anusuya Nayak and Ramesh Kumar Pradhan, and DSP Sumitra Jena of Odisha Police will be decorated with the cov-



"In pursuance of orders of Government issued vide Law Department Letter No. 8951 dated 6.08.2022, the following 19 (nineteen) convicted prisoners are eligible to grant of special remission for their release in the first phase on 15th August 2022 to celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence," reads

the directorate's letter.

The directorate has selected six convicts lodged in Berhampur circle jail, four in Keonjhar district jail, three in Puri district jail, two in Koraput circle jail and one each in Balasore district jail, Choudwar circle jail, Sundargarh district jail and Madanpur-Rampur sub jail in Kalahandi district for special re-

The convicts are: Bijaya Patra, Rama Chandra Nahak, Sarathi Bhuyan, Prasanta Kumar Pattnaik, Nityananda Sahu and Susanta Padhy alias Kuna lodged in Berhampur circle jail; Benu Bhoi, Dipti Ranjan Sethi alias Chagala and Mahanta Naik alias Janak in Puri district jail; Rama Munda, Sridhar Naik, Bishnu Charan Mohanta, Balaram Munda in Keonjhar district jail; Harihar Naik in Choudwar circle jail; Diba Paraja alias Siba Bataboi and Bharat Huika in Koraput circle jail; Moris Kerketta alias Murali in Sundargarh district jail, and Jhasketan Sahu in Madanpur-Rampur sub jail.

The directorate has asked the authorities to organise special counselling session for the prisoners and their family members giving them vital tips and suggestions for their rehabilitation after release.

Millets Mission gets ₹2,808cr boost

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: The state Cabinet Friday approved extension of Millets Mission for another six years with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,808.39 crore.

The state government had launched Odisha Millets Mission in 2017 to revive millets in farms and on plates. The programme aims at comprehensive revival of millets in farms and plates to promote climate-resilient farming and contribute to addressing micronutrient deficiency. It is supported through State Plan, DMF and

OMBADC, said Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra.

In the first phase of implementation (2017-18), the programme was made operational in 30 blocks across seven districts - Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nuapada, and Rayagada. In the second and third phase, it reached out to 84 blocks in 15 districts. Later, the state extended its area of implementation to 142 blocks in

19 districts from 2022-23 onwards. The Cabinet has approved the tender for construction of in-stream storage structure across Brahmani near Khalpal in Talcher block with Rs 220 crore. The work is planned to be completed in 33 months.

The Cabinet has decided to extend the implementation tenure of Integrated Mines and Minerals Monitoring System for five more years (2022-27) with an expenditure of Rs 326.79 crore.

Besides, the state government has decided to engage a Project Management Consultant for proper monitoring of the in-stream storage structure projects along with six major & medium irrigation projects and underground pipeline distribution system of Lower Suktel Irrigation Project.





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Open inner Ratnabhandar, ASI urges Srimandir admin

The ASI has also forwarded

copies of the letter to the state's Law

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The ASI's letter came days after

Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha

Deb, who is also the chairman of

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The 'Bahara Ratnabhandar'

(outer chamber) stores ornaments

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Puri, August 12: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has urged the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to open 'Bhitara Ratnabhandar' (inner chamber of the treasury) of the 12th-century shrine in Puri.

The superintending archaeologist of ASI in a letter to the chief administrator of the SJTA said that the inner chamber of the 'Ratnabhandar' (treasury) should be opened to inspect its condition and any possible impact of climate on the structure.

State to distribute...

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State Health and Family Welfare Director Bijay Panigrahi said the state government has decided to launch the scheme to strengthen the family planning programme in the state. The health department will create awareness among the newlyweds regarding the family planning programme through the scheme, he said, adding, the scheme would be implemented in both rural and urban areas of the state.

As per government sources, the ASHAs will hand over the kits to the newlywed couples on the wedding day.

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AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Berhampur, I Teppala Divakar Rao, R/o. Vill/P.O.: Golabandha, Dist.- Ganjam declare that my actual name is Teppala Divakar Rao and my wife's actual name is Teppala Khushi. But in mv son Teppala Shasikant's Birth Certificate my name is inadvertently mentioned as T. Diwakar Rao and my wife's name as T. Khushi.

By virtue of affidavit before Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, I Shakti Rath, W/o. Kanhu Charan Satapathy, At: Belaguntha, P.O.: Bhanjanagar, Dist.-Ganiam declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned in the Birth Certificate of my son Sattwik Satapathy as Sakti Rath instead of Shakti Rath. So Sakti Rath and Shakti Rath is one and same person for all purpose.

By an affidavit I, Madhusmita Parida declare that in my HSC Certificate my Mother's name has been mentioned as Gitanjali Parida whereas in her Aadhaar Card and PAN Card her name has been mentioned as Damayanti Parida. Henceforth both Gitanjali Parida and Damavanti Parida is one & same person.

The superintending archaeologist of ASI in a letter to the chief administrator of the SJTA said that the inner chamber of the 'Ratnabhandar' should be opened to inspect its condition and any possible impact of climate on the structure

The outer chamber stores ornaments used by the deities on a daily basis, while many pieces of jewellery are kept in the inner chamber of the treasury

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An attempt was made to open the inner chamber of 'Ratnabhandar' in April 2018 following a directive of the Orissa High Court, but it was not successful as kevs were not found at that time. Hence, a team, comprising ASI officials, priests and others, then carried out an inspection from outside.

Previously, the 'Ratnabhandar' was opened in 1978 and 1982.

ECoR to observe Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Activists observe elephant

day in unique way in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: To keep alive the memories of suffering that millions of people endured during the partition of British India, the whole country is set to observe Partition Horrors Remembrance Day August 14 2022. The Prime Minister in his last Independence Day speech had announced the observation.

This day has been envisaged to bring to light the agony, suffering and pain of millions people from Bengal and Punjab who were displaced during the partition. It is a reminder to the country, that independence was preceded by the largest displacement of human population in the last century. The

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: On this

Elephant Day Friday a unique

protest against elephant killings

was organised by animal rights ac-

tivists and members of Animal

Welfare Trust, Ekmara in front of

PCCF office. As a part of the protest

the activists wore elephant cos-

tumes and demonstrated in an at-

tempt to create awareness against

Purabi Patra, animal activist and

AWTE secretary, said the forest

elephant death in the state.

partition also claimed the lives of a large number of people.

To mark the occasion, an exhibition will be organised at Bhubaneswar railway station August 14, 2022. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union minister of Education and Skill Development Entrepreneurship, Government of India will grace the occasion.

Dignitaries to be present include Aparajita Sarangi, MP (Lok Sabha) and Ananta Narayan Jena, MLA. Such exhibitions are also being organised at various important stations under the East Coast Railway jurisdiction, including Puri, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur and Visakhapatnam

officials are celebrating the Day in-

side air conditioned room while ele-

every second day. Patra said that

it's mostly poaching and unfortu-

nate human-animal encounter that

Investigation Team (SIT), insti-

tuted by Forest and Environment

department to probe incidents of

elephant deaths cover-ups in

Athagarh Forest Division, has

still not presented its report to

Earlier, the Animal Welfare

Trust Ekamra and Wildlife Society

of Odisha had informed that more

than 130 elephants have either

been poached or poisoned and 144

have been electrocuted in the last

She further said that the the

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are causing these deaths.

three-member

the government.

1 killed, 30 hurt as bus hits divider

Puri, August 12: At least one person was killed and 30 others injured when a passenger bus overturned after hitting a road divider in Puri district, a police officer

over wheels while trying to save Pipli, the officer said.

Of the 30 injured, eight people were rushed to Capital Hospital, he said, adding that the deceased was identified as helper of the passenger bus.

TOTAL IMMERSION



An artisan busy shaping a clay idol of Lord Ganesh at Kumbhar Sahi in Cuttack, Friday

Drinking water projects

approved for 3 districts

Realising the increasing stress

on ground water and to improve

upon the depleting trend of ground

water table, the state government

has planned to implement rooftop

rainwater harvesting system under a scheme titled "Community

Harnessing and Harvesting

Rainwater Artificially from Terrace

to Aquifer (CHHATA)" for con-

servation of rainwater, said Chief

in 29,500 private buildings and 1,925

government buildings in 52 blocks

and 27 urban local bodies (ULBs) of

the state from 2022-23 to 2026-27

with a budget outlay of Rs 270 crore.

Rs 55,000 or 50% of the cost of the

RRHS, whichever is less in this

scheme to encourage the public

for adopting the scheme in their

Directorate of Ground Water

There is a subsidy provision of

The scheme will be implemented

Secretary SC Mahapatra.

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FLO members meet Governor



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 12: FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), the women's wing of FICCI Friday had an interaction with Governor Ganeshi Lal. Forty women entrepreneurs led by FLO Bhubaneswar's chairperson Namrita Chahal attended the event at Raj Bhawan.

Welcoming the Governor, Chahal mentioned about the inception of FLO Bhubaneswar with 61 members in 2020 and how its strength has reached more than 100. Founding Chair Dharitri Patnaik spoke about FLO National and

City AIIMS exec dir calls on Guv

BHUBANESWAR: AIIMS Bhubaneswar executive director Ashutosh Biswas called on Governor Ganeshi Lal at Raj Bhawan Friday. During the meeting, Biswas in-

formed the Governor about several issues pertaining to patient care at AIIMS. The Governor also appreciated

wards healthcare that AIIMS has adapted as its policy. 'Ît was an enlightening meeting with Governor of Odisha as well

as an eminent educationist of

the comprehensive approach to-

Odisha Chapter's work and vision to empower women at various levels by building their capacity through financial and digital lit-

Governor Ganeshi Lal encouraged the women entrepreneurs to achieve greater heights by pursuing this work and said self-help groups (SHGs) are the best way to encourage the whole society and move forward.

country over several issues", said

AIIMS registrar BB Mishra

DDA (in charge) and SAO

Rashmiranjan Sethy were also

present on the occasion.

He also encouraged the women entrepreneurs to harness the power within to change the soci-

Development under Department of Water Resources will be executing the scheme, he informed. The state government has

buildings.

planned for raising and strengthening of 36 saline embankments measuring a total length of 198.81 km to cyclone resilient standard to sustain the impact of very severe cyclones with speeds upto 250 km/hour and to protect the adiacent landmass and habitation from floods, saline ingress and tidal surge of Bay of Bengal in four cyclone-prone districts - Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara and Puri.

The Cabinet approved the scheme "Cyclone Resilient Saline Embankment Projects" to be executed during the period from 2022-23 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 763.48 crore.

Upon completion of the projects, about 21,690 hectare of agricultural land will be protected from flood and saline ingress and 2,92,500 people in 136 villages will be benefitted, the Chief Secretary added.

The Cabinet has also approved tender for underground pipeline (UGPL) system for speedy completion of the Lower Suktel Irrigation Project in Bolangir

The accident took place when the bus was on its way to Kakatpur from Bhubaneswar. The driver of the bus lost control a car next to it and the vehicle rammed into a road divider near

Other injured persons were attended to at Pipli government hospital, the officer stated.

Naveen woos tribals...

Patnaik in his speech said that tribal children have been successful in earning their name due to their talent, which has been made possible due to the state government's different schemes for education, livelihood and skill development.

He said the state government's '5T' initiative has made it possible for students in Mayurbhanj district to avail world class education in their village schools. "This change has come not just for the students alone, but for the district and the state as a whole,'

Extolling the art, culture and tribal tradition of Mayurbhanj district. Patnaik said, "I pay my respects to the land of Pandit Raghunath Murmu. This rich tradition has created a special identity for Mayurbhanj in the country. The daughter of the soil. Droupadi Murmu has further enriched the

Beyond just online platforms,

the vast majority of teens have

Mayurbhanj. We are all proud for

He also called upon the people to cooperate for the overall develop-Inaugurating the two irrigation

projects, he said they will immensely benefit the farmers of Mayurbhanj and Balasore districts. The two irrigation projects can irrigate around 27,000 hectare agricultural land in the two districts. The Subarnarekha irrigation

project, built at an expenditure of Rs 685 crore, can irrigate 17,121 hectare farm land in the two districts. Around 55,000 farmers will be benefitted by it.

The Deo irrigation project, which cost Rs 823 crore, can irrigate 9,900 hectare agricultural land. Around two lakh people of 100 villages in Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts will be benefitted by it, officials said.

Quitting social media tougher for teen girls than boys

een girls find it more difficult to quit social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube than their male counterparts, according to a new survey by the Pew Research Center in the US.

When asked about the idea of giving up social media, 54 per cent of teens say it would be at least somewhat hard to give it up, while 46 per cent say it would be at least somewhat easy.

"Teen girls are more likely than teen boys to express it would be difficult to give up social media (58% vs 49%)," the survey findings showed. Conversely, a quarter of teen boys say giving up social media would be very easy, while 15 per cent of teen girls say the same.

"Older teens also say they would have difficulty in giving up social media. About six-in-ten teens aged 15 to 17 say giving up social media would be at least somewhat difficult to do. A smaller share of 13to 14-year-olds think this would be difficult," the survey revealed.

When reflecting on the amount of time they spend on social media generally, a majority of US teens (55 per cent) say they spend about the right amount of time on these



NEW US SURVEY

54% OF TEENS SAY IT WOULD BE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT HARD TO GIVE UP SOCIAL MEDIA, WHILE 46% SAY IT WOULD BE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT EASY

58% TEEN GIRLS SAY GIVING UP SOCIAL MEDIA WOULD BE **TOUGH WHILE 49% BOYS** EXPRESS THE SAME FEELING

access to digital devices, such as smartphones (95 per cent), desktop

or laptop computers (90 per cent)

and gaming consoles (80 per cent). The study shows there has been an uptick in daily teen internet

users, from 92 per cent in 2014-15

to 97 per cent today.

In addition, the share of teens who say they are online almost constantly has roughly doubled since 2014-15.

While teens' access to smartphones has increased over roughly the past eight years, their access to other digital technologies, such as desktop or laptop computers or gaming consoles, has remained statistically unchanged, the survey said.

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apps and sites, while about a third

of teens (36 per cent) say they

spend too much time on social

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Women paid tributes to legendary poet Gangadhar Meher on his birth anniversary by garlanding his statute on the premises of GM University in Sambalpur

12 elephants die in 3 yrs in Similipal sanctuary

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, August 12: A total of 12 elephants have died due to various reasons in the last three years in the Similipal wildlife sanctuary of Mayurbhanj district, sources said. The alarming rate of elephant deaths is due to the increasing number of human-animal conflict, officials informed. These conflicts have harmed both human beings and the pachyderms.

Loss of habitats has forced the pachyderms to stray into villages. With food available easily in human localities, the animals refuse to go back into forests leading to a tussle between the two sides.

With the elephants entering human habitats, they have become easy targets for poachers. However, forest officials are shielding the poachers stating other causes as the reasons for the deaths of elephants, including anthrax. What is surprising is that the Forest department officials are not making any serious effort to prevent the loss of elephant lives.

Forest officials said that five ele-

FILE PHOTO

phants have died of anthrax while the remaining seven due to 'unknown' causes. Two anthrax deaths occurred in 2019, an identical number in 2020 and one in 2021. However, forest officials are tight-lipped on the number of elephants that have died due to poaching.

Recently, two poachers were arrested and remanded to judicial custody for illegal trading of elephant tusks. Forest officials had seized eight tusks weighing over 45 kg from them at Angarpada under Udala forest division. The accused were trying to sell them for ₹18 lakh.

In 2021, a tusker carcass was recovered at Sarisua Ramkunda jungle. Officials found that its tusks had been cut allegedly by poachers. The forest

department suspended two of its employees for the tusker's death and intensified the probe. However, the two arrested poachers, a few days later confessed that they were responsible for the death of the elephant and they had cut its tusks.

While the actual number of elephant deaths is much more in Similipal sanctuary, it has been alleged that the forest officials are fudging numbers instead of coming up with actual figures.

The straying of the elephants from Similipal and Jharkhand into human habitats has been continuing for the last few years. The animals after leaving their habitats are intruding into human habitations in Rasagobindpur, Morada, Betanoti and Badasahi blocks to reach Nilagiri in Balasore district.

Forest department officials have also failed to protect the people as well as the animals due to shortage of staff. Honorary wildlife warden Bhanumitra Acharya has demanded that despite all the claims and counter-claims it is pertinent to protect the pachyderms as they play an important role in ecological balance.

PPT land illegally occupied; activists demand CBI probe

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, August 12: For the last decade, 34.46 acre of land belonging to Paradip Port Trust (PPT) has been under encroachment near Bramhapursasan under Dharmasala tehsil in Jajpur district. A farm house was set up on the land while a stone crushing unit is being run on it at present. Also murram is being excavated from the land on a regular basis. Surprisingly, there is no mention of approximately 14.42 acre of land of the 34.46 acre in tehsil records. Local RTI activists Sarbeswar Beura, Jitendra Sahu, Prakash Das and Pradip Pradhan have taken up the issue of illegal encroachment of PPT land and have written to the CBI. They have demanded stern action against the encroachers. Reports said, the PPT has a total 34.46 acre of land in khata-222 and plots- 416; 419; 455; 459 and 472.

One Sribas Jena of Dharmasala area was given 20.04 acre from this patch for six years on an agreement signed November 1, 2007. However, Jena violated the agreement for which the PPT cancelled it February 8, 2012. Despite all this, the land is still being occupied by Jena. Later, Jena moved the Supreme Court against the cancellation of the agreement. The matter is still sub-judice.

PPT on the other hand, has failed to demarcate 14.42 acre land out of the 34.46 acre. This had earlier been stated by former assistant secretary of PPT, AK Samal in replies to RTI queries.

It has been alleged that some influential people have got the land registered in their names in collusion with some tehsil officials.

It may be recalled here that Shah Commission which had probed the multi-crore mining scam in Odisha has pointed out in its report that huge quantities of illegally ex-



RTI activists have asserted that the PPT land scam, multi-crore illegal mining and 'Black Rose' drowning case are inter-connected

tracted mineral from Keonjhar and Jajpur had been exported through PPT. After the Shah Commission submitted its reports to the Odisha government in 2010-11, fines had been collected from errant mining firms. At that time, illegal minerals were being stocked on the PPT land mentioned above and were being shifted on a regular basis.

Incidentally, a cargo ship called 'Black Rose' carrying minerals had drowned 9km off the Paradip coast and an engineer had died. The incident is still under investigation of the Crime Branch. However, the case has not been probed by CBI.

The RTI activists have asserted that the PPT land scam, multicrore illegal mining and the 'Black Rose' drowning case are interconnected. They pointed out that despite cancellation of the agreement with Jena, PPT has not reclaimed the land while large quantities of murram are being lifted from the land. They demanded a CBI probe into the entire matter.

Tehsildar Swagat Das was contacted over the phone for his views, but he did not pick up the call.

Kalahandi farmers lament failure of irrigation project

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatana, August 12: A mega lift irrigation project set up on Ret river at Laitara village under Kesinga block of Kalahandi district has failed to achieve its objective. Farmers alleged that the project has failed to provide water when farmlands are dry. This incidentally is said to be the first mega lift irrigation project in Odisha. It was dedicated to the people by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik December 12, 2015 and was built at a cost of ₹9 crore with an objective to facilitate all-weather irrigation facilities to 500 hectare of land in Laitara, Jolko and Karlabadi villages.

"Seven years have passed, but the project is hardly of any use for us. Our farmlands are dry due to poor rainfall and need water desperately. The project should have been handy when we need water the most," the farmers lamented. They added that the Ret river has little water to feed the irrigation project. The farmers said that the project needs renovation and modification. In the past, they had staged protests demanding renovation but in vain



As per the design of the project, executed by L&T, the water from the river is collected through an intake well and then discharged through a pump to the fields. However, water cannot be collected from the well due to its faulty design, farmers alleged, adding that the location of the intake well, away from the river's mainstream, is not ideal for filling it up with water. The intake well is now left in a damaged condition.

"The project is affected as the intake well is not getting adequate water. A storage area on the river bed needs to be constructed so that the well can get adequate water throughout the year" some formers pointed out.

out the year," some farmers pointed out. Notably, six more mega lift irrigation projects were constructed in the district in 2016 and 2017 at Utkella, Amath, Tundla, Digsara, Hatikhoj and Palam.

North Odisha rivers swell a

POST NEWS NETWORK

Balasore, August 12: Amid torrential rains for the last five days, water level in many rivers including Budhabalanga, Kansabansa, Jalaka, Gangahar and Naluha of this district are in spate, official said.

Jalaka river under Basta block is flowing above the danger mark. At Mathani, the water level Friday stood at the 6.05-metre mark against the danger mark of 5.50 metre. Thousands of hectares farmlands have already been inundated in low-lying areas of the Jalaka basin. Heavy rains in the upstream areas have increased the threat of floods.

People in riparian villages along these rivers are now panic-stricken as there is a forecast of heavy rains in the next 24 hours which may lead to worsening of the situation.

The water level in Budhabalanga river started increasing since Thursday afternoon. With the Sona river also in spate, areas like Nijampur, Mandarpur, Durgadevi,

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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st May, 2022

of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafted)

referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied

that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given

in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with

paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km. 123.21 to

Km. 238.2 (O/o Tahasildar, Nabarangpur) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA, hereby declares its intention to

from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette

object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub

section(1) of section 3C of the said Act

of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

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Village: Bhatara

Taluk: Nabarangapur P.S

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Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority,

namely, Tahasildar cum Land Acquisition Officer, Nabarangpur in writing

and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall

give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a

legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after

making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2)

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under

their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without

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District: NABARANGPUR

RAJESH GUPTA, Director

(in Local Unit)

necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections

person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

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Badapal, Dahapada, Sindhia and Kaincha panchayats under Remuna block face the possibility of floods.

Already Chandipur, Srikona and Gudupahi under Sadar block have been inundated with floodwater while Mathani, Dudhihansa and Baharda localities under Basta block are also under water. Heavy rains have added to woes of the people throwing normal life out of control.

Kansabansa river in Simulia block is also flowing above the danger mark. Acres of farmlands in the riparian pockets are now submerged under floodwater.

With the Budhabalanga river swelling, people living in the villages of Arpata, Bhanjbati, Mankadapal, Balabhadrapur, Belapal, Khuntapal, Baguli, Dingiria, Barihapal, Bartana, Astapura, Sankucha, Gamaharia, Tentala, Jalananda, Askandha, Rangapani, Kulakutha, Sarbeswarpur, Mahupura, Mirigidari, Kudimunda, Dhanapal, Uttqarpala and Sorishakotha are panicked.

Similarly, people are living under constant threat of floods along the Gangahar river. Some of the villages that face the possibility of floods are Manatri, Kundisahi, Bedhapal, Adidiha, Kunchibania, Unchadihi, Similisahi, Agria, Dumuria, Narangan, Palapatana, Nunakua, Jadida, Bhurudiha, Shalagan, Chengua-Mangalpur, Mankadkenda and Beguniabani.

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Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	90	135	3035	45
Bus or Truck (Two Axles)	190	285	6365	95
Three-Axle commercial vehicles	210	310	6940	105
HCM or EME or MAV (four to six axles)	300	450	9980	150
Oversized Vehicles (Seven or more axles)	365	545	12145	180
The rates of monthly pass applicable distance of 20 km from the above subject to revision every year as per t Ph. No. (0663) 2548966.	toll plaza	for the ye	ar 2022-23	

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No. 2395] NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022/JYAISTHA 11, 1944
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 31st May 2022

New Delhi, the 31st May, 2022

S.O. 2522(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act,1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km. 123.21 to Km. 238.2 (o/0 Tahasildar, Dabugam) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Tahasildar cum Land Acquisition Officer, Dabugam in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km 123.21 to Km 238.2 (o/0 Tahasildar, Dabugam) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA.

St	ate : ODIS	SHA	District : NABARANGPUR		
SI. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Talu	ık: Dabugar	n			
Villa	age: Ambag	uda			
1	232	Private	Dhana/2	0.0056000(Hectare)	0.0056000
2	233	Private	Dhana/1	0.0968000(Hectare)	0.0968000
Villa	age: Chhelil	bera			
1	162	Private	Dhana/1	0.0032000(Hectare)	0.0032000
2	294	Government	Patita	0.0017000(Hectare)	0.0017000
Villa	age: Nanda	pura	*		
1	324	Government	Bada jungle	0.1355000(Hectare)	0.1355000
2	602	Private	Dhana/2	0.0012000(Hectare)	0.0012000
Villa	age: Parasu	beda		10 10	
1	289	Private	Dangara/2	0.0060000(Hectare)	0.0060000
2	314	Government	Patita	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
Villa	age: Raman	aguda			
1	1499	Government	Patita	0.0136000(Hectare)	0.0136000
2	1538	Private	Dangara/2	0.0226000(Hectare)	0.0226000
3	760	Private	Dhana/3	0.0940000(Hectare)	0.0940000
4	908	Government	Rasta	0.0150000(Hectare)	0.0150000
			Total	0.3962	0.3962

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director



The conditions in which men live on earth are the result of their state of consciousness

THE MOTHER



ED's Growing Pain

The profile of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has risen in recent times thanks to the growing number of high-profile cases involving money laundering that it is investigating. While these probes keep the agency in the media headlines, there is other evidence that the ED is now vying with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in terms of visibility and clout.

Most observers point out that since 2018 when SK Mishra became the director, ED has been on an aggressive expansion spree. Before Mishra became the chief, ED had five special directors and 18 joint directors, mostly drawn from the IPS. Now the agency has nine special directors, three additional directors, 36 joint directors and 18 deputy directors, a nearly 50 per cent increase. Interestingly, there is a marked preference for officers from the Income Tax, Directorate General of GST Intelligence and Customs and Excise Department, all of which function under the Finance Ministry. The expansion is geographical as well, with ED setting up offices in several states, including Meghalaya, Karnataka, Manipur, Tripura and Sikkim,

Since 2002 when the enactment of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) empowered the ED and gave its officers more leverage to operate, it has conducted thousands of searches, especially since 2005, it did over 3,086 searches till February this year. This may explain the constant need to increase personnel. Yet, compared to the number of searches, the conviction rate is surprisingly low - only 23 convictions since the passing of the PMLA act. Perhaps, despite the new inductees, ED may need not just more numbers but suitable technology to ease the workload of the harried officials.

New worry for UP government

Just last week, DKB reported on the repatriation of 1987-batch IAS officer Renuka Kumar to her parent cadre of Uttar Pradesh. Now it seems that the officer has applied for voluntary retirement. Apparently, the senior of-

ficer was reluctant to return to UP. However, Kumar is not the only officer who does not wish to serve in the Yogi-governed state. Two more senior IAS officers of the UP cadre have similarly sought voluntary retirement, all within a



BABUDOM

BYTES

week. They are Juthika Patankar and Vikas Gothalwal. Veteran observers cannot remember when three senior IAS officers have sought to quit the service within days of each other.

So, what's going on? The babu grapevine is abuzz with speculation about the possible reason for this development. Some are blaming the over-politicization of the service in UP, which is making babus avoid working in the state. Why else would Renuka Kumar, who played a key role in the UP IAS Association's campaign in the nineties to identify the three most corrupt officers in the state cadre now no longer want to work there? Like Renuka, Juthika too was on Central deputation. Vikas Gothawal, however, is on study leave in the UK, has sought VRS on health grounds.

Whatever the reason, this development does pose a ticklish problem for the Yogi government, since an impression is being given that senior babus are unwilling to work in the state and would rather quit even if they have a few years before retirement.

Gauba in mid-innings!

There was barely a ripple in babu or media circles when the Centre extended Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba's term by another year. Gauba, a former Union Home Secretary, was appointed to the country's top bureaucratic post in 2019 for two years. He was given a one-year extension in August last year.

No speculation usually means that it was an expected move, by babus even. In this, they are not wrong. It has become a new tradition now that the Cabinet Secretary gets to serve beyond the regular term. The usual reason trotted out is ensuring 'continuity', which in this case means that the Centre is looking at Gauba to continue steering the economy towards recovery and growth, crucial for the government's prospects as it preps for the 2024 general elections.

Of course, a second extension for Gauba does queer the pitch for those who were in line to succeed him to the top babu post of the country. However, Gauba's immediate predecessor PK Sinha got three extensions – and then was brought into the Prime Minister's Office as Principal Advisor where he replaced Principal Secretary Nripendra Misra. In that sense, Gauba is still in mid-innings!

Share a babu experience! Follow dilipthecherian@twitter.com. Let's multiply the effect.

WISDOM CORNER

There is nothing lost or wasted in this life.

BHAGAVAD GITA

Great souls have wills; feeble ones have only wishes

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

BERTRAND RUSSELL

WORDS**WORTH**

■ Alcolock

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

Zoilism

correspondent identified only as J Hooker wrote a disgusted letter to the ALAdy's Newspaper of London in January 1863 about slovenly and unhygienic rural servants in France: If I were to do more than hint at their hydrophobic habits, their pulicidal, pulicivorous, and even phtheirophagous propensities, I should call down, not undeservedly, the Zoilism of our correspondents. The writer — from the tone of the piece he is likely to have been the famous biologist Joseph Dalton Hooker — must have had an uncommonly large vocabulary, or a talent for word coining, for that set of alliterative insults is uncommon. The first two - pulicidal and pulicivorous have not reached the pages of the Oxford English Dictionary, though their form suggests "flea-killing" and "flea-eating", from Latin pulex. The third word, phtheirophagous, is from Latin, based on a Greek word that literally means louse-eating. Zoilism is another unfamiliar term. This is Greek and its initial capital letter gives the clue that it's an eponym, a noun derived from a personal name. Zoilus was a Greek grammarian of the 4th century BC, who wrote savage criticisms of such Greek literary worthies as Homer, Plato and Socrates. He gained the nickname Homeromastic, one who assaults or chastises Homer.Writers with good Greek but poor knowledge of word histories assumed that Zoilus and Zoilism were from the Greek word for zeal. This usually means an enthusiastic devotion to something (originally religion) but at one time could also imply jealousy or envy. This false connection caused people to assume that critics described as Zoilist were panning the work of others through resentfulness or spite.

FOCUS GLOBAL WARMING

CALLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION



By Avram Alpert and Dennis J. Snower

THE CLIMATE

CLUB, A **BRAINCHILD OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR OLAF SCHOLZ, COULD CREATE A WORLDWIDE** RIPPLE EFFECT, **OFFERING MUCH-NEEDED HOPE THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE CAN BE WON**

v the end of 2022, the G7 aims to launch an "open, cooperative international Climate Club" to foster coordinated action to achieve the Paris climate agreement's maximum-warming target of 1.5° Celsius without leaving anyone at a competitive disadvantage. Though we have been hearing calls for international climate action for decades, there is good reason to think that this time will be different

The Climate Club is the brainchild of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, whose proposal is based on four premises. First, international climate action needs to be broadbased and consistent, with all club members aiming for the same objectives. Second, countries should be allowed to pursue these common objectives in their own ways, as long as everyone abides by "a uniform measurement of CO2 content of products and materials." Third, developing countries should receive support to achieve the common objective. And, lastly, having to compete against cheaper, more carbon-intensive methods should not put "climate policy pioneers" at a disadvantage in the global

marketplace. This proposal might sound like a rehash of past policies, but it fundamentally shifts the focus in policy design. Historically, we have viewed climate policy in only two dimensions: the climate and the economy. This has led to a focus on ideas like global carbon pricing, which makes a lot of sense in strictly economic terms. Polluters emit excessive amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere because the costs are imposed on society. The solution therefore is to ensure that polluters pay.

The problem is that citizens often oppose such policies, especially if there is no mechanism to compensate those who are disadvantaged by the higher costs (such as low-income households that cannot afford basic goods at environmentally friendly prices, or those working in carbon-intensive sectors). Moreover, the costs associated with carbon pricing are not just economic but also social. Even if the proceeds from a carbon tax are spent on the poor



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and the displaced, fossil fuel-reliant communities may collapse, and some people may feel as though they are no longer shaping their own futures.

These were some of the lessons of the 2018-19 French gilets jaunes (yellow vest) protests, which erupted in response to a modest increase in the tax on diesel fuel. And a similar problem has long plagued the global climate-policy debate. Low- and middle-income countries resent being asked by rich, industrialized countries the biggest emitters historicallyto pay more for the energy they need for development. To acknowledge these potential ramifications is to move from an abstract two-dimensional world to a threedimensional one that is closer to the reality we inhabit.

While the two-dimensional world of economic models can be measured in terms of GDP and carbon prices, the real world requires different metrics to account for the full meaning of any policy. To that end, one of us (Snower) and Katharina Lima de Miranda have proposed a metric with the acronym SAGE: solidarity, agency, gain, environment.

Here, solidarity refers to the extent of social inclusion and cohesion, agency refers to people's ability to shape their own lives, and gain and environment refer to traditional measures of economic output and environmental sustainability, respectively. A solidarity score increases when there is more social trust, generosity. and so forth, and an agency score increases when people report greater confidence in their ability to achieve worthwhile goals. By broadening the scope beyond GDP growth. SAGE allows us to recouple the links between economic

policies and social well-being. As a new way to discuss and evaluate climate policies, the SAGE model can help us understand why some past climate policies have not worked. Traditional carbon pricing, for example, has often failed the solidarity test, by creating winners and losers (both economically and socially), as well as the agency test, by ignoring people's voices in the process.

One of the gilets jaunes' grievances, for example, was that the unaffordability of French urban life forced many labouers to live outside the cities, where limited public transit options forced them to drive to work. The protesters felt a lack of solidarity and agency (because they had little choice in where they lived or how they got around).

Only by accounting for people's social needs (alongside economic and environmental needs) will we be able to advance viable policy re-

forms. That brings us back to the G7's proposed club model. If correctly implemented, it can accommodate social factors alongside economic and environmental factors, succeeding where similar past efforts have failed.

According to Scholz, the Climate Club will promote "cooperation between countries that want to press ahead with the social and economic transformation needed to tackle climate change." The result, in practice, would be a partnership in which participants commit to ambitious, well-defined climate goals as well as to the spe cific domestic measures that are required to reach those goals.

Scholz's team acknowledges that wealthy countries that have emitted the most carbon historically are in a different position than others. They refer to "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities" - one of the core principles of the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change The Climate Club thus appreciates the different demands that a common set of goals places on different countries, and that this calls for "intensive cooperation on industrial transformation and capacity-building.'

By encouraging countries to shape their climate policies in accordance with their socioeconomic realities, the Climate Club is well positioned to avoid some of the problems that led to the gilets jaunes. But to succeed, it must be maximally ambitious (aiming for the 1.5°C target), maximally inclusive, and maximally permissive in the policy pathways that it opens up. It is this flexibility that will help developed and developing countries work together, listen to one another's perspectives, and learn from it. If it works, the club could create a worldwide ripple effect, offering much-needed hope that the fight against climate change can be won.

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SPECTRUM POPULISM

Time to regulate freebies

By Dhurjati Mukherjee

THE POLITICAL **PARTIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ANNOUNCE FREEBIES BEFORE ELECTIONS AT THEIR WILL** WITHOUT THE PRIOR **CONSENT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION**

reebies have for quite some years been playing a prominent role in electoral politics in India. Despite knowing the fact that freebies will put additional burden on the exchequer, political parties have been competing with each other in the run-up to elections, announcing a string of freebies to attract voters. Dealing with the issue, the Supreme Court of India recommended that stakeholders set up a mechanism for suggesting measures to the government.

Many states are pursuing the freebie culture. Ideally, governments should use borrowed money to invest in both physical and social infrastructure which will generate higher growth, and thereby higher revenues in the future so that the debt pays for itself. On the other hand, if governments spend the loan money on populist giveaways that generate no additional revenue, the growing debt burden will eventually implode and end in tears. Concerned by an increasing number of states that are embarking on this financially ruinous path, senior bureaucrats reportedly flagged the issue that 'some states might go down the Sri Lankan way'

Dealing with a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on the issue, the Supreme Court, suggested constitution of an experts group with representatives from Niti Aayog, Finance Commission, Reserve Bank of India and political parties to study the impact of freebies on the taxpayers and the economy as a whole and recommend measures to regulate it. It is significant to note that during the hearing, the apex court did not leave the matter entirely to Parliament but referred to the inaction of the Election Commission, which, it felt, was relying on the 2013 judgment that stated that Nirvachan Sadan can only formulate a model code of conduct at the time of elections.

The PIL, which was filed ahead of the recent Assembly elections in five States, had sought a complete ban on populist measures to gain undue political favour from voters as these violate the Constitution, and the Election Commission should take suitable deterrent measures.

Delving into the problem, one may perhaps find that the culture of freebies was started by the late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, J Jayalalitha, promising free saris, pressure cookers, washing machines, television sets etc, and this was quickly followed by other political parties. In recent times, the AAP swept the Delhi Assembly elections by promising free electricity, water to the voters. Lately during the 2021 Kerala Assembly elections, freebies such as subsidised rice and food kits were promised by the ruling Left Democratic Front.

Before Punjab Assembly elections, the AAP promised free electricity for 300 units to the electorate and ₹1,000 per month for every woman, aged 18 years and above, if voted to power. It did have a positive effect for the party. However, this speaks volumes about the impact freebies have. And while, as is exemplified in the case of Punjab, such freebies culture can not only spell doom for the economy but is dangerous in case of a sensitive border state, AAP supremo Kejriwal, justifies it saying that 'giving away crores of rupees from the government exchequer to friends will lead to an

economic crisis, and not providing free facilities to people.

It is a well-known fact that the financial condition of many states is indeed precarious. In the last fiscal, as many as seven states exceeded their budgeted target while 11 others have been able to keep their fiscal deficit equal or lower than their budgeted numbers. It may be noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) pointed out that in respect of some states "if extra-budgetary borrowings are taken into account, the government's liabilities are way above what is acknowledged

in the official books". Therefore, the present step by the apex court should have come much earlier, as the recommendations of the expert committee may help regulate freebies. Moreover, the political parties should not be allowed to announce freebies before elections at their will without the prior consent of the Election Commission as also getting such decisions passed in their respective state Assemblies. Development and a level playing field should not become a victim to freebies

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TO THE EDITOR

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Blows to sporting world

Sir, Even as the pompous and blissful extravaganza of the 44th Chess Olympiad came to an end, the sporting world has come across with a couple of dejected news - one, Serena Williams has hinted at retiring from professional tennis after the upcoming US Open. A glittering career of nearly three decades, in which Serena has won a record 23 Grand Slam singles titles, is soon coming to an end. The American star who revolutionised women's tennis with her powerful style of play, will be sorely missed from the circuit. And two, veteran umpire Rudi Koertzen was killed in a road accident in Cape Town. The South African umpire was one of the earliest inductees to the clique of topnotch officials of cricket. He never held back his words on important cricketing matters. Koertzen always disfavoured and had a vicious view of the DRS. The iconic umpire will be revered and respected by the cricketing fraternity for years to come.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Parsi New Year

Sir, In mid-August every year, Parsis celebrate their arrival in India and the acceptance of their new homeland. Originally from Persia, they follow a religion called Zoroastrianism, which was founded by Prophet Zarathustra more than 3,000 years ago. During the Islamic invasion in the 7th century AD, many Zoroastrians migrated to India looking for a new place to call their 'home', and they landed on the Western coast in the state of Gujarat. The Parsis celebrate their New Year, which is known as Pateti in August with prayers, greetings, feasting, watching movies and plays in theatres and giving away alms to the poor. Pateti is not actually the new year of the Parsis, it is the last day of the closing year, while the following day, Navroze, is the first day of the next. The word 'Pateti' means 'repentance'. And since Pateti is the day of repentance, it is paradoxical to wish people 'Pateti Mukarak'. Parsis may be a small community of people in a country like India, but like Christians, they too have contributed a lot to Indian culture over the years

Jubel D'Cruz, MUMBAI

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The BJP-led Centre is strongly opposing free facilities to people as it lacks funds to support such welfare measures after waiving loans and taxes worth crores of its super rich friends

ARVIND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CM

COPS TO GRILL RANVEER

Mumbai police would be recording actor Ranveer Singh's statement in a case registered against him for posting nude photographs of himself on social media, an official said Friday





Delhi Chief Minister has twist to the debate on freebies. Health and education have



NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

The state government is mooting a universal health insurance scheme for residents of the state HIMANTA BISWA SARMA



Attempts to topple the

ASSAM CM

Jharkhand government boomeranged and resulted in the loss of government in Bihar





SHORT TAKES

4 killed in Bihar

Patna: Four people were killed and several others fell ill after they consumed suspected spurious liquor in Bhualpur village of Bihar's Saran district, officials said Friday. According to the officials, the toll in the incident, which took place on Thursday night, is likely to rise. The deceased have been identified as Kameshwar Mahto, Rohit Singh, Rajendra Ram, all residents of Bhuwalpur village while Allauddin Khan hailed from neighbouring Garkha Odha village.

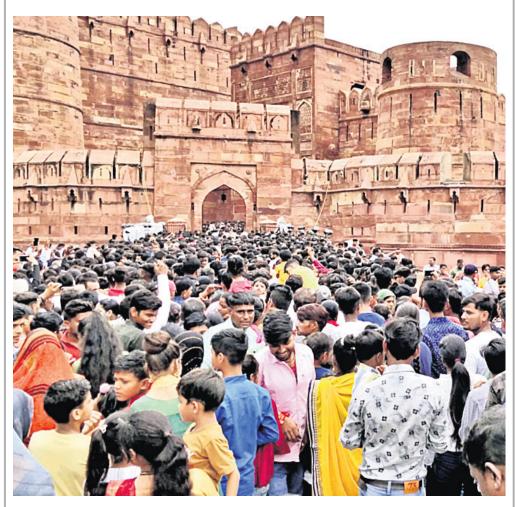
26 judges appointed to six high courts

New Delhi: Twenty-six judges were appointed to six high courts Friday, bringing the total number of HC judges appointed so far this year to a record 127. The previous record was achieved in 2016 when 126 high court judges were appointed during the first tenure of the Narendra Modi government, sources pointed out. Of those elevated as additional judges and judges on Friday, 20 were judicial officers and six advocates. While two judges each have been appointed to the high courts of Orissa. Himachal Pradesh and Gauhati. five have been appointed to the Karnataka HC. Six judges have been appointed to the Telangana High Court and nine to the Allahabad HC.

30 injured in UP

Lucknow: Thirty people were seriously injured when a roadways bus collided with a DCM vehicle on Friday morning on the Lucknow-Bahraich highway. An hour after the accident, another mishap took place when a bike rider rammed his two-wheeler into the bus from behind. He died on the spot. According to reports, the bus was on its way to Bahraich when the incident took place under the Ramnagar police circle near Chandanpur village.





Tourists crowd the Agra Fort during the long weekend owing to Raksha Bandhan festival in Agra

ccording to Additional

Commissioner of Police

(Eastern Range) Vikramjit Singh,

be part of a criminal network but

he said terror angle is also being

jmal and Rashid were using

were commuting in public

transport to avoid suspicion

Delhi as a transit point and

Ajmal Khan and Rashid. They were

booked under Arms Act, and dur-

ing investigation, they revealed

that they had received the ammu-

nition from a person in Dehradun

in Uttarakhand and it was to be de-

livered in Lucknow, Deputy

Commissioner of Police (east)

Priyanka Kashyap said. Khan and

Rashid had previously delivered

similar consignments at least four

On the basis of information

gathered, a team was sent to

Lucknow and Jaunpur in Uttar

Pradesh to nab the other mem-

bers of the syndicate, who were

supposed to receive the consign-

ment. The team raided several

places and nabbed one Saddam

from Jaunpur, the DCP said.

Another team was sent to

Dehradun to find the source of

the illegal ammunition.

times, she said.

prima facie, the accused appear to

Protesters allege HIV medicines' shortage

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: A group of people who are HIV positive have been protesting outside the National AIDS Organisation (NACO) office here for the past 20 days alleging shortage of certain antiretroviral (ARV) drugs even as the government maintains there is no scarcity at the state or national level.

The government recently told Lok Sabha that there is adequate stock of ARV medicines nationally for around 95 per cent of people living with HIV in India. The protestors are alleging complete unavailability of certain drugs including those for children living with HIV and random shifting to another class of drugs for most of the patients.

They say if the drugs do not be come available in the next few weeks, this will lead to serious complications in HIV-affected people. 'Dolutegravir 50 Mg is the backbone of the National AIDS Control Programme and since April the drug is not available at almost all individual antiretroviral therapy (ART) centres across the country

"We have written multiple letters to State AIDS Control Society and NACO and health ministry, mentioning the shortage of this lifesaving drug but there has been no response. Besides, DTG, another drug TL is also not available," one of the protesters said.

Terrorist tasked to kill Nupur arrested in UP



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, August 12: The Anti-Terrorist Squad of Uttar Pradesh Police Friday arrested an alleged terrorist linked to Jaishe-Mohammed, who was tasked with carrying out a 'fidayeen' attack on suspended BJP

spokesperson Nupur Sharma. Accused Mohammad Nadeem (25) is a native of Kunda Kala village under Gangoh police station area in Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said in a state-

The ADGP claimed that the police recovered chats and voice messages from Nadeem's phone and these messages were traced to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Two SIM cards and literature on preparing various kinds bombs were also recovered from him.

He has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act at ATS police station in Lucknow, the statement said.

During interrogation, Nadeem admitted that he was in direct contact with JeM since 2018 and that the outfit had invited him over to Pakistan and Syria for special training, the statement said, adding he had been wait-

ing for a visa. Nupur Sharma's comments against Prophet Mohammad during a television debate in May had sparked outrage and protests across the country and abroad, prompting the BJP to suspend her as its national spokesperson. She had received several death threats too.

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Over 2,000 cartridges recovered in Delhi



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: Ahead of Independence Day, the Delhi Police recovered over 2,200 live cartridges near Anand Vihar Inter State Bus Terminal and arrested six people in this connection, officials said

The accused have been identified as Ajmal (20), Rashid alias Lallan (20) and Saddam, all residents of Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh, Parikshit Negi, a native of Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Kamran from Delhi, and Nasir, a resident of Roorki in Uttarakhand, they said.

According to Additional Commissioner of Police (Eastern Range) Vikramjit Singh, prima facie, the accused appear to be part of a criminal network but he said terror angle is also being probed. "A total of 2,251 live cartridges have been recovered. At around 6.30 pm on August 6, we received information from an auto-rickshaw driver who informed us that he had spotted two persons near Anand Vihar ISBT carrying heavy bags."Police...Intercepted them, checked their bag and recovered the live cartridges that included various types of imported ammuni-

tion," Singh said. The two men were identified as

MIGRANT WORKER SHOT DEAD IN J&K

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, August 12: A migrant worker from Bihar was shot dead by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district, the latest in a series of targeted killings, officials said Friday.

The attack took place late Thursday night in Soadnara Sumbal in Bandipora. The deceased, identified as Mohd Amrez from Madhepura in Bihar, was a weaver. Amrez was aged around 20.

Mohammad Tamheed, who identified himself as Amrez's brother, said they were sleeping when they heard gunshots around 12:20 am."...My younger brother woke me up, saying some shots were fired. I told him to go back to sleep saying such things happen. But he told me that he will take a look as another brother was not in the room."He went downstairs and saw him (Amrez) covered in blood. We called the Army. They came and took him to Hajin. The doctors there told us to take him to Srinagar, but he suc-

cumbed on the way," Tamheed said. Tamheed and Amrez's colleagues have appealed to the government to help them take his body back to Bihar. Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party leader and former MLA of Bandipora

Usman Majid condemned the attack. "I strongly condemn the killing of non-local labourer Mohd Amrez.... Killing innocents is in no way bravery, but a pure cowardly attack which deserves the highest form of condemnation. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family," he tweeted.

Amrez is the fourth non-local to be killed in a targeted attack in Kashmir this year. A total of 14 civilians and six security forces personnel have been killed in targeted attacks this year. In January, one policeman was killed in a targeted attack in Anantnag. February saw no such killing.

March saw the highest of seven such killings -- five civilians and an on-leave CRPF jawan in Shopian and a special police officer (SPO) in Budgam. The brother of the SPO also lost his life in the same attack.

In April, two civilians, including a sarpanch, were killed, while in May, five persons -- two cops and three civilians - were killed. The civilians were Rahul Bhat, a government employee recruited under the prime minister's special package for Kashmir Pandits, TV actor Amreen Bhat, and teacher Rajini Bhala.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st May, 2022

S.O. 2523(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km 123.21 to Km 238.2 (O/o Tahasildar, Papdahandi) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA, lares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Tahasildar cum Land Acquisition Officer, Papdahandi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner. and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km 123.21 to Km 238.2 (O/o Tahasildar , Papdahandi) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA

State: ODISHA District: NABARANGPUR						
SI. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	
Taluk	: Paparahandi		· ·			
Villag	je: Birigura				-2	
1	120	Private	Dangara/1	0.1032000(Hectare)	0.1032000	
2	121	Private	Dangara/1	0.0599000(Hectare)	0.0599000	
3	122	Private	Dangara/1	0.0728000(Hectare)	0.0728000	
4	1220	Private	Dangara/2	0.0618000(Hectare)	0.0618000	
5	1225	Private	Dhana/1	0.0123000(Hectare)	0.0123000	
6	2083	Private	Dangara/1	0.5439000(Hectare)	0.5439000	
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7	448	Private	Dhana/2	0.1943000(Hectare)	0.1943000
8	689	Private	Dangara/1	0.0055000(Hectare)	0.0055000
9	715	Private	Dhana/2	0.2362000(Hectare)	0.2362000
10	792	Private	Dhana/1	0.1097000(Hectare)	0.1097000
11	792/2695	Private	Dhana/1	0.1081000(Hectare)	0.1081000
12	797	Private	Dangara/2	0.0103000(Hectare)	0.0103000
Villag	e: Dangara	17			
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1	109	Private	Dangara/2	0.0253000 (Hectare)	0.0253000
2	147	Private	Dangara/2	0.0945000 (Hectare)	0.0945000
3	148	Private	Dangara/2	0.2917000 (Hectare)	0.2917000
4	445	Government	Basti	0.1746000 (Hectare)	0.1746000
5	473	Private	Dhana/2	0.0005000 (Hectare)	0.0005000
6	479	Private	Dhana/1	0.0013000 (Hectare)	0.0013000
7	90	Government	Jungle	0.0530000 (Hectare)	0.0530000
8	91	Private	Dangara/2	0.0404000 (Hectare)	0.0404000
9	92	Private	Dangara/2	0.0711000 (Hectare)	0.0711000
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1	679/865	Private	Gharabari	0.0101000 (Hectare)	0.0101000
2	688	Private	Dangara/1	0.0053000 (Hectare)	0.0053000

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Kite catchers, kite flyers part of I-Day security

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: The Delhi Police has deployed kite catchers and kite flyers on roof tops and other sensitive locations in the Red Fort area here to counter any threats from sub-conventional aerial platforms ahead of the 75th Independence Day celebration, officials said Friday,

They also said adequate measures have been taken to prevent kites, balloons, drones, or any manned or unmanned flying objects to reach the area where the Independence Day function will be held on August 15.

Police said kite catchers, kite flyers and window watchers have been asked to report the sight of any flying object in the restricted area from August 13 to August 15 to the staff concerned. Meanwhile, more than 11 cases have been registered for sale and purchase of Chinese 'manjha' or glass-coated



Police personnel seal shops near the Red Fort, as part of security arrangements for the 75th Independence Day ceremony in New Delhi

thread used largely for kite flying.

Dependra Pathak, Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) said provisions of section 144 have already been instituted in Delhi. Anyone seen flying kites, balloons or

Chinese lanterns from August 13 to August 15 till the time of the programme at Red Fort will be punished and legal action taken against them.

"Kite catchers have been deployed with necessary equipment on strate-

gic locations who will prevent any kind of kite, balloon and Chinese lanterns from reaching the function area. Radars will be deployed at Red Fort to counter any threats from subconventional aerial platforms and manned or unmanned flying objects, including drones, balloons, kites, Chinese lanterns, among others," he said.

Officials said adept kite flyers who also organise kite flying competitions in the Red Fort area have been identified and convinced to not fly the kites this time, keeping in mind the security aspect.

Several meetings were held with the kite flyers at SHO, ACP and DCPs levels to convince them in this regard. They will also be patrolling with the city police and help the local policemen to prevent such kite-flying incidents.

The police, however, said kite flying competitions can be held in the early evening hours of August 15.

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Tejashwi meets Sonia, Oppn leaders

New Delhi, August 12: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav met Congress president Sonia Gandhi and other Opposition leaders here and is learnt to have discussed the developments in the state as well as political situation prevailing in the country.

Yadav's visit to Delhi, the first to the national capital after taking the oath of office, also holds significance as Rashtriya Janata Dal supremo Lalu Prasad is here and the finalisation of names of ministers is set to be high on the agenda during discussions between the two.

The cabinet, which at present comprises only Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Yadav as his deputy, is due for expansion early next week. The Bihar deputy chief minister met Gandhi at her 10

Earlier, he met CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI General Secretary D Raja here and is learnt to have discussed the developments in Bihar as well as

After the meeting, Tejashwi said in a tweet that he met the two Left leaders and had a positive discussion on the current social, economic and political scenario pre-



vailing in the country and Bihar. 'Bihar, the land which gave birth to democracy, has again shown the way to the country,' Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi. Yadav, who arrived here last night, is also expected to meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi

later in the day. Earlier, he celebrated Rakshabandhan with his sisters here. Yadav is likely to be back in Bihar soon for the cabinet expansion expected immediately after Independence Day.

The expansion would be followed, later this month, by a special session of the assembly when the new government will prove its majority on the floor. The RJD leader served as deputy chief minled NDA and joined hands with the RJD, the Congress and some other parties to form a 'Mahagathbandhan' government.

Nitish Kumar defended his new government's decision to provide Z-plus' security cover to his deputy Tejashwi Yadav, rubbishing criticism of the move by the BJP.

Kumar also said his government will "try" to fulfil the promise of 10lakh jobs that Yadav had made ahead of the last assembly elections. "He is the deputy CM with obvious security needs. Why should he not get the cover?" said Kumar when his attention was drawn by reporters to criticism from leaders of the saffron party.

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Friday maintained that he had no prime ministerial ambitions but said he was looking forward to play a "positive" role in forging opposition unity against the ruling NDA at the Centre. Kumar also made light of apprehensions of "misuse" of the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate against the new dispensation in Bihar, which has achieved power after ousting the BJP, and said "those habituated to misuse will face public ire". "Please do not ask me such questions, I have said many times that I harbour no such ambitions. I want to serve my state," Kumar asserted, with folded hands, replying to journalists who asked whether the people of Bihar could one day see

6 got death rap, 466 lifer from Jan to June this year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, August 12: Six people were awarded death sentence by courts in Bihar in the first half of this year while over 450 got imprisonment for life during the same period, according to figures released by the police headquarters.

The PHQ release said that between January and June, speedy investigation helped conviction in 1.576 criminal cases lodged across the state and punishments were awarded to 2,507 people.

The highest number of convictions (953) was for minor offences for which jail terms of two vears or less were awarded.

Prison sentences of 10 years or less were awarded to 853 convicts while 220 got 10 years or more in jail. Life sentences were awarded to 466 convicts.

Among those convicted for serious crimes, 442 people were charged with murder and 171 with rape while 243 faced trial under the POCSO Act, 220 under Arms Act and 111 under SC/ST Act. The highest number of 124 people were convicted in Madhepura district, followed by Patna (91) and

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payment of the bills raised by the contractors at the weigh bridge as per terms of the agreement. This will facilitate the department to computerise the entire operations of weighbridge and further reduce the scope of illegal mining.

sumer comes from the transportation rates, so the department will prepare a mobile App connecting transporters and consumers and the rates will be fixed by the Transport Department.

Cheaper construction material in Punjab now



AGENCIES

Chandigarh, August 12: In order to make construction material available at affordable prices and to increase revenue, the Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Thursday gave nod to amend Sand and Gravel Mining Policy of 2021.

A decision to this effect was taken at the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister here.

A spokesperson for the Chief Minister's Office said this initiative will rationalise the sand and gravel policy with a view to give relief to consumers on one hand and generate more revenue for the exchequer on the other.

As per this policy, the royalty of ₹2.40 per cubic feet will be the same as earlier. Revenue collected under the Information and Technology Department and weigh bridge head, which is 10 paise per cubic feet, will be deposited in the state exchequer instead of being retained by the contractor currently.

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suing K-2 permits, a surcharge of ₹5 per square feet will be charged by the authority approving the building plans where construction of basement is proposed and the revenue thus generated will be collected by respective local bodies and town planning authorities and deposited it in the department.

This will not be applicable for residential houses of any size or for any other building on plot size up to 500 square yards. The royalty rate of ordinary clay and ordinary earth will be ₹10 per tons for commercial use except brick-kilns. In another decision, the Cabinet

gave green signal to rationalise the crusher policy with a view to give relief to consumers and at the same time generate more revenue for state exchequer.

As per the new policy, the crushers will be allotted a mining site of five hectares or a multiple of five hectares to check illegal mining.

But it will not be mandatory for every crusher to take these sites. An environmental fund at the rate of Re 1 per cubic feet has been imposed on the output material of the crusher to enhance the revenue of the state exchequer by nearly ₹225 crore.

SUGARCANE DUES

SPECIAL REMISSION SCHEME

Bihar govt to free certain prisoners



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, August 12: The Bihar government has decided to release certain categories of prisoners, who have served half their jail terms, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the country's independence, a state minister said.

A screening committee of the state home department has been instructed to review records of prisoners and identify eligible ones to grant the special remission, Bihar Law Minister Pramod Kumar told PTI.

The decision to this effect was taken in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The proposal to grant special remission to certain categories of prisoners was placed before the state cabinet by the law department.

"It's a major decision taken by the state government. Certain categories of prisoners, who have served half their jail terms, will be released as advised by the central government. The state-level screening committee of the home department has been instructed to review records of inmates and identify eligible ones languishing in different prisons in Bihar," the minister told PTI. The panel has received some recommendations from several prison authorities

examine these, Kumar said. "The committee will ensure that notorious criminals, repeat offenders and those who fall in prohibited categories are not considered for the special remission," he said.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked all state governments and Union Territories to give special remission to certain categories of prisoners and release them on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the country's independence being celebrated as the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. As advised by the Centre, the committee's recommendations will be placed before a competent authority for consideration and approval, Kumar said.

"According to the advisory issued to all states and Union Territories, women and transgender convicts above 50 years with overall good conduct, especially those not punished in the last three years and have completed half their sentence, may be released in three phases - this Independence Day (August 15), Republic Day 2023 and the next

year's I-Day," he said. The same rules apply for male convicts, except that their age limit has been fixed at 60 years and above, the minister said.

GIRIRAJ, TEJASHWI IN TWITTER SPAT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi/Patna August 12: A war of words broke out between Union Minister Giriraj Singh and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav Friday over the RJD leader's poll promise of 10 lakh jobs made earlier. Singh tweeted a video clip of an

ister of Bihar from 2015 to 2017.

Kumar and Yadav had taken

oath Wednesday, a day after the

JD(U) snapped ties with the BJP-

interview of Yadav in which he spoke about generating 10 lakh jobs for the young people of Bihar. This led to a spat between the two on the social media platform.

The firebrand BJP leader has been tweeting furiously ever since the upheaval in his home state left his party stripped of power.

In the video clip, Yadav can be heard saying, "I had made the promise of providing 10 lakh jobs upon becoming the CM. Currently, I am the deputy CM". Yadav, who



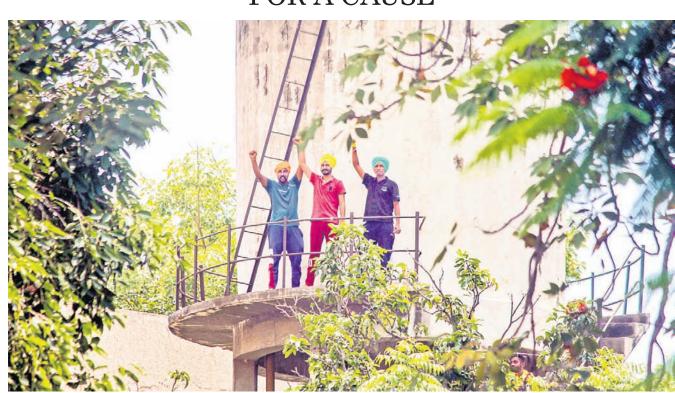
is himself very prolific on the micro-blogging site, replied by posting a longer clip of the same interview with some acidic remarks aimed at the Begusarai MP.

The Bihar deputy Chief Minister has asserted that the newly formed government in the state will "deliver" on the promise of providing 10 lakh jobs that he had made while spearheading the RJD's campaign during the assembly elections in 2020. In the clip, the words spoken by Yadav quoted above are

the Union minister's physical appearance. Yaday also wrote on Twitter that "Don't be so shameless. No one becomes knowledgeable just by keeping a one-foot-long braid". Singh hit back: "Top lead-

> Bihar have started attacking symbols of Hindu religion" In his response to Singh, Yadav said the BJP could not save face in Bihar because of its "cheap tactics". "BJP has suffered on account of your chirkut (petty) acts and sadak chhap (cheap) public statements", the RJD

FOR A CAUSE



Members of Apprenticeship Lineman Union Punjab climb a water tank inside PSPCL headquarters during their protest against the Punjab government

Farmers block

2nd side of NH in **Punjab's Phagwara**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Phagwara, August 12: Farmers protesting over the non-payment of sugarcane dues for the past four days here blocked the second side of the Jalandhar-Ludhiana stretch of the national highway Friday.

Roads leading to Hoshiarpur, Nawanshahr and Nakodar were also blocked by parking tractors, leading to traffic snarls.

Police personnel in large numbers were deployed and water cannons stationed near the protest site.

Earlier, they had blocked the Jalandhar-Ludhiana carriageway of the national highway while protesting over the alleged delay in the payment of their dues amount-

ing to ₹72 crore by a sugar mill here.

The farmers had started their indefinite protest near the sugar mill Monday under the banner of the Bharti Kisan Union (Doaba). Kapurthala SSP Navneet Singh Bains is monitoring the situation.

"Since the Punjab government has taken our protest lightly, we blocked the other side of the national highway at 10 am today," said BKU (Doaba) president Manjit Singh Rai. However, ambulances, school buses and other emergency vehicles were allowed to pass, said farmer body's general secretary Satnam Singh Sahni. They claimed that representatives of various farmers bodies under the Samyukt Kisan Morcha are holding a meeting to chalk out the next course of action. Banners of the SKM were on display at the protest site Friday



Punjab to get 100 'Aam Aadmi Clinics' on Independence Day

THE NUMBER OF **CLINICS HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 100 AGAINST 75** PROPOSED EARLIER FOR THE FIRST PHASE, **HEALTH MINISTER CHETAN SINGH JOURAMAJRA SAID**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, August 12: As many as 100 "Aam Aadmi Clinics" will be dedicated to people by the Bhagwant



Mann-led government in Punjab on The number of clinics has been been increased to 100 against 75 the Independence Day August 15.

With this facility, every gender and age group in the state would get health services without having to worry about their income. Now, there will be no need to go to big hospitals for the treatment of minor diseases

CHETAN SINGH JAURAMAJRA

proposed earlier for the first phase, Health Minister Chetan Singh Jouramajra said Friday.

'This is the first step towards fulfilment of the state government's commitment to provide top notch health care facilities to the common man," said the minister in an official statement.

He said the Health Department is fully geared to launch the flagship scheme and working hard to ensure availability of requisite staff, equipment and infrastructure for the smooth running of these clinics.

The minister disclosed that under the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate 75 vears of India's independence, the "Aam Aadmi Clinics" will cover all 117 assembly constituencies of the state. With the establishment of these clinics, lower and middle class people will not only get all health benefits on their doorsteps but it will also help reduce unnecessary crowding in hospitals, the minister said. "With this facility, every gender and age group in the state would get health services without having to worry about their income. Now, there will be no need to go to big hospitals for the treatment of minor diseases," added the minister.

Last month, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had said an "Aam Aadmi Clinic" will have a staff of four to five people, including an MBBS doctor, and will offer around 100 tests and medicines free of cost to people.

He said the aim is to provide the best health care services free of cost to people of the state.

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The ruling DMK's key initiative aimed at women, providing them free bus travel, should not be confined to a narrow aspect of freebies but it is an economic revolution M K STALIN | TN CM

STERN ACTION

As many as 40 road 'romeos' were beaten up in Jaipur on alleged charges of eve-teasing on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Those detained were made to tie 'rakhi' by girls and asked to apologise to them



Tiranga Utsav is a celebration of ideals and aspirations of the

MANOJ SINHA JAMMU AND KASHMII

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM





SHORT TAKES

Cop injured in terror attack

Srinagar: A special police officer (SPO) was injured in a militant attack Friday in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district. Police said the militants fired at SPO Ghulam Qadir from a close range in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district. "He was shifted in an injured condition to Bijbehara hospital where attending doctors described his condition as critical. He is posted in police station Bijbehara town. "The area has been cordoned off for searches," police said.

Nigerian held

Hyderabad: The sleuths of the Hyderabad Narcotic Enforcement Wing (H-NEW). along with Narayanguda police, apprehended a Nigerian for drug peddling, an official said Friday. The peddler, identified as Osigwe Chukwuemeka James, 37, was found in illegal possession of 30 grams of MDMA at Nivaz Khana near King Koti Hospital under Narayanguda police station limits. Police also seized four cell phones, Rs 4,000 cash, two one-dollar notes of Cayman Islands currency and a Qatari riyal note.

Youth arrested

Chennai: Police in Tamil Nadu's Tiruchi have arrested a 21-year-old youth for raping and impregnating a 16-year old girl. According to the Tiruchi police, the two were in love. The youth, Prathap was a final year student of a private college and the girl was studying in Class 12. Police said that Prathap was arrested under the Prevention of Children against Sexual Offenses (Pocso) and remanded to judicial custody.

Three die in MP

Sagar: Three persons died after inhaling a poisonous gas on entering a well in a village in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district, police said Friday. The incident took place in Piparia village, around 40 km from the district headquarters, on Thursday evening, an official said. The victims had entered the 60-feet deep well to remove a motor, but inhaled some poisonous gas emanating from it. The trio fell unconscious and drowned, Gourjhamar police station incharge Anand Singh said.

11 children rescued

Ranchi: Eleven children and a woman trafficked from Jharkhand have been rescued from Delhi, an official release said Friday. Of the 12 people, 10 children and the woman belong to West Singhbhum district, while a boy hails from Simdega district, the release said. The nodal officer of Integrated Rehabilitation Resource Center (IRRC), New Delhi, Nachiketa, said that there is a one and half-yearold girl among the children.

Top JeM financier using social media to sow hatred

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 12: Farhatullah Ghauri, a terrorist recruiter and financier for Pakistanbased terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), has been using a network of accounts on Facebook. Telegram and YouTube to call on Muslims in India to revolt against the country, a detailed investigation by artificial Intelligence (AI) startup Logically has found.

Ghauri is listed among 38 individuals as a terrorist by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (amended in 2019). The three encrypted Telegram channels, two associated Facebook pages, and three YouTube channels, operated by the Ghauri group, were all created this year.

The network was identified by Logically before it could accrue a significant audience peaking with

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bility in the region.

New Delhi, August 12: India

Friday said it was concerned over

the developments around Taiwan

and called for avoiding "unilateral

actions" to change the status quo

in the region, days after China

held its biggest-ever military drills

around the self-ruled island fol-

lowing US House Speaker Nancy

In an apparent reference to a

question on the "One-China" policy

at a media briefing, External Affairs

Ministry Spokesperson Arindam

Bagchi said India's relevant policies

are well-known and they do not

It was India's first reaction fol-

lowing increasing tension between

China and Taiwan after Pelosi's

visit to the island last week. On

the overall situation around Taiwan,

Bagchi said India is for de-escala-

tion of the tensions and pitched for

efforts to maintain peace and sta-

India too is concerned at recent

developments," he said. "We urge

the exercise of restraint, avoid-

ance of unilateral actions to change

status quo, de-escalation of ten-

sions and efforts to maintain peace

"Like many other countries,

Avoid change in Taiwan's

status quo, says India

200-400 subscribers across all the accounts. During the course of the investigation, the content moderation teams took down one Telegram channel and one Facebook page linked to the group.

"The terrorist propaganda has Resistance Front (TRF)," Logically said in a statement.

The company said that a closer scrutiny of the amplification patterns of the videos on Facebook since January 2022 suggests a concerted attempt by malicious actors to post the videos in Facebook groups and pages dedicated to socialism, Islam, and minority rights. "These groups are frequented by larger, more mainstream audiences of domestic users who are critical of the BJP-ruled govern-

line campaigns coincide with offline incidents of communal violence in the country, revealing how malicious actors abroad are leveraging major social media platforms to exploit domestic tensions and radicalise the minority pop-"The terrorist propaganda am-

plified via these channels consists of professionally-edited videos with voice overs by Ghauri. Some of the videos engage with the rhetoric of Muslim minorities allegedly facing human rights violations by Indian security services in Jammu. Kashmir and other parts of the country," said the report."There are explicit calls by Ghauri to Indian Muslims to revolt and take up arms against the Indian state," the report mentioned.

An analysis into the spread of the videos on Facebook between January 1 and July 1, 2022, via social media analysis tool CrowdTangle, revealed that videos from Ghauri's network were amplified across several mainstream Facebook groups and pages devoted to Islam, socialism, and minority rights.

'While platform officials took down these posts, the time-stamps on the posts in these groups and the use of similarly written captions and descriptions accompanying the video suggest the presence of a copy paste campaign by a single entity," said Logically.

As with its other accounts managed by the outfit, the extremist recruitment videos amplified on the Telegram channels were also accompanied by targeted hashtags to expose the content to Indian-Muslim users frequenting the platform. Also known as Abu Sufiyan, Ghauri is originally from Kurmaguda area of Hyderabad and primarily known for being a terrorist financier. He fled to Saudi Arabia in 1994 and finally settled in Pakistan in 2015.

Bommai to lead **BJP** in elections

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 12: Amid the speculation on change of guard in the state, BJP's Karnataka in-charge and general secretary Arun Singh on Friday said that the party will contest the next assembly election under the leadership of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Singh blamed the Congress for creating confusion by raising "non issues" such as change of guard.

"We will form the government in Karnataka next year. There is no change of guard and the entire issue was created by D.K. Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah because they don't have an issue... Congress is a leader-less party. They don't have any agenda against the BJP... so they are trying to create such an issue that the CM will be changed. There is no truth into

When asked about some party MLAs talking about change of guard, Singh asserted that as state in-charge, he has said it many times that BJP will contest under leadership of chief minister Bommai and one has to believe

"I told you... that we will contest the next election under the leadership of chief minister Bommai. He is doing good work for farmers, for youth, SCs and STs. We will come back with a full majority. We have set a target of 150 seats and we will achieve it," he

Hitting out at the Congress, Singh said: "Congress is a divided house and they are not on the ground. They are creating confusion. Congress is a party which believes in 'tape' and 'conspiracy' in Karnataka."The issue of change in guard cropped up with the statement of Suresh Gowda, a former MLA from Tumakuru constituency.



circulated across other encrypted messaging channels on Telegram, including those affiliated with Islamabad-backed proxy terror groups claiming to operate in the Kashmir region, such as the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and The

and stability in the region," Bagchi

vant policies are well-known and

consistent. They do not require re-

iteration." China held a mega air

and naval exercise around Taiwan

following Pelosi's trip, triggering

fears of a major confrontation be-

China considers Taiwan as its

countries, India too is

breakaway province. The Taiwanese

Like many other

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

government has alleged that China

used the military exercise as a

practice to attack the country in fu-

ture. The US has been steadfast in

its outreach to Taiwan in the face

of increasing Chinese hostilities and

reassuring Taipei of its continued

support. India has been promot-

ing ties with Taiwan in areas of

trade, investment, tourism, cul-

ture, education and people-to-peo-

ple exchanges. The volume of bi-

lateral trade has grown nearly six

fold from USD 1.19 billion in 2001

to almost USD 7.05 billion in 2018

and India ranks as Taiwan's 14th

largest export destination and 18th

largest source of imports, accord-

By end of 2018, around 106

Taiwanese companies were oper-

ating in India, with the total in-

vestment amounting to USD 1.5 bil-

lion in the fields of information

and communication technology,

medical devices, automobile com-

ponents, machinery, steel, elec-

tronics, construction, engineering

and financial services. The two sides

have also set up teams for further ex-

pansion of ties in education as well

as skill development training.

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concerned at recent developments

ARINDAM BAGCHI

He further said: "India's rele-

ment," said the report. Moreover, these coordinated on-

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Woman tries to stop friend's travel for Euthanasia

New Delhi, August 12: A 49-yearold woman from Kerala has approached the Delhi High Court to cancel the emigration clearance of her close friend, a 48-year-old man from Noida, who is allegedly planning to travel abroad for Euthanasia (Physician-assisted suicide).

The plea filed through Advocate Subhash Chandran KR contended that the man is diagnosed with Myalgic encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome which is a complex, debilitating, long-term neuroinflammatory disease. It is a poorly understood condition and it is in the early stages of research. The most common symptom is extreme tiredness. ME/CFS can affect



anyone, including children.

Studies say it is more common in women and tends to develop in the mid-40s. It's also common for people who have chronic fatigue syndrome to also have other health problems at the same time, such as sleep disorders, irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, depression, or anxiety.

These being the nature of the dis-

Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) in AIIMS, which was promising and giving significant im-

relief, as per the plea.

ease, treatment focus on symptom

In the earlier stage, the man was

going through a treatment called

provement. FMT is considered to

be safe, promising and effective

treatment method for CFS related

problems as the results show high

success rate. However, he could not continue it in the pandemic situation due to donor availability issues and this affects his confidence and hope.

His symptoms started in 2014 and his condition deteriorated over the past eight years. He is now completely bed-bound and just able to take a few steps inside the house.



Security personnel during parade rehearsal ahead of Independence Day celebrations, at Veterinary college premises in Guwahati

Man-elephant conflicts rising due to competition for resources: Yadav

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav Friday said human-elephant conflicts are increasing due to "competition for resources", with around 500 people in the country dying in elephant attacks and 100 jumbos "killed in retaliation" annually.

Addressing an event to mark the World Elephant Day at the Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, the minister said India has emerged as a pioneer in elephant conservation and managing human-elephant conflicts is the major focus of the government.

With competition for resources, (the number of) human-animal conflicts are increasing, and it is very unfortunate that around 500 people are killed in elephant attacks and 100 jumbos are killed in retaliation annually," Yadav said.

"Managing human-elephant conflict is the major focus of the government. The Narendra Modi gov-



With competition for resources, (the number of) man-animal conflicts are increasing and it is very unfortunate that around 500 people are killed in elephant attacks and 100 jumbos are killed in retaliation annually BHUPENDER YADAV

Mahouts holding the national flag ride their elephants during an event on the occasion of World Elephant Day, at Manas National Park in Baksa district

ernment has increased the ex-gratia amount for families of those killed in elephant attacks from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.

"To find a long-term solution, we are revisiting the elephant corridors of the country and have finished more than 50 per cent of the task involving key stakeholders,'

According to government data presented in Parliament last month, 1,578 people have died in elephant

attacks in the country in the last

The government said 222 elephants have died due to electrocution, 45 in train accidents, 29 due to poaching and 11 died due to poisoning during this period.

Yadav said India has done remarkably well in elephant conservation despite challenges. The country has 29,964 jumbos, according to the latest elephant census in 2017.

Boat tragedy in UP: 17 missing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Banda (UP), August 12: Seventeen people are still missing while three bodies have been fished out, police said a day after a boat capsized in the Yamuna here.

Police confirmed that 13 people swam to safety as rescuers continue searching for those missing. Ramkaran and Sunil, who swam to safety, said they had set out to their in-laws' place with their wives to celebrate Raksha Bandhan when the boat overturned in the river at Samagara village in the district.

The incident took place when the boat was going from Marka to Jarauli Ghat in Fatehpur district."When we reached the bank of the river, there was only one boat. It was around 3.10 pm and there was a rush of people crossing the river. About 50 people boarded the boat, which was also carrying three bikes and six cycles," Ramkaran said. K P Yadav, who is among the survivors, said he was going to Lucknow to her sister's place for Raksha Bandhan. He managed to overcome the river current with the help of a bamboo, Yadav said.

Alert patrolman averts major train disaster

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, August 12: An alert patrolman averted a possible railway mega-disaster with boulders breaking loose from the hills and hurtling on to the rail tracks in the western ghats near Lonavala, early on Friday, an official said.

According to the Central Railway (CR), some heavy boulders, measuring 1-2 metres, broke loose and crashed on the railway tracks between Nagnath-Palasdhari on the Lonavala-Karjat sector, around 1 a.m.

The onduty patrolman Motiram Lobhi detected the falling boulders, mud and stones blocking the railway line near the tunnel No. 26, around 111 kms from Mumbai. Acting quickly, he waved a red signal and stopped one train engine which was in the vicinity and took other necessary steps to protect the railway lines.

Then Lobhi called the higher officials and informed them of the incident as heavy rains continued to lash the ghats region for the past three-four days. A boulder train with equipment like stone-



breakers, safety gear was promptly dispatched to the site to inspect and initiate the track clearance and restoration works in the wee hours of today.

Several of the large boulders were split and removed and after carrying out other necessary repair works, the lines were finally restored for normal train operations around 8 a.m., said a CR Spokesperson. Meanwhile, several long-distance trains on both sides of the Mumbai-Pune sector were diverted to the third line owing to the mishap and suffered delays of between 30-60 minutes.

international



Humanitarian needs are at an all-time high, and aid workers are working in ever more dangerous environments

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NEW WATER STRATEGY

Drought-stricken California has announced a new water strategy to adapt to hotter, drier conditions, as officials believe extreme weather could diminish water supply by up to 10 per cent by 2040 in the most populous US state



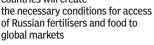


its concern reports of shelling near the spent fuel storage facility of the Zaporizhzhya nuclear



RUCHIRA KAMBOJ | INDIA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN

We expect that all provisions of the food agreements will be implemented in full and Western countries will create



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maiming of so many children this year is unconscionable

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SHORT TAKES

SK to pardon Samsung's Lee

Seoul: South Korea's president will pardon Samsung heir Lee Jae-yong with a year left on his sentence for bribing a president as part of a massive corruption scandal that toppled her government, the justice minister announced Friday. Lotte Group Chairman Shin Dong-bin and two other top business leaders will be pardoned as well, extending South Korea's history of leniency toward convicted business tycoons and major white-collar crimes. They are among some 1,700 people President Yoon Suk Yeol will pardon Monday, a national holiday celebrating Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule at the end of World War II.

Gang violence leaves 11 dead

Mexico City: A gang riot inside a border prison that left two inmates dead quickly spread to the streets of Ciudad Juarez where alleged gang members killed nine more people, including four employees of a radio station, security officials said Friday. The federal government's security undersecretary, Ricardo Mejía Berdeia, said the violence started inside the state prison after 1 pm Thursday, when member of the Mexicles gang attacked members of the rival Chapos. Two inmates were killed and 20 injured.

HK population shrinks for 2nd yr

Hong Kong: Hong Kong's government says its population has shrunk for a second year as anti-virus controls hampered the inflow of new workers and births declined, but it made no mention of an exodus of residents following a crackdown on a prodemocracy movement. The population as of mid-2022 declined by 1.6% from a year earlier to 7,291,600, the Census & Statistics Department announced Thursday. It said there was a net outflow of 113,200 residents while only 18,300 new residents arrived.

NZ welcomes back 1st cruise ship

Wellington: New Zealand Friday welcomed the first cruise ship to return since the coronavirus pandemic began, signaling a longsought return to normalcy for the nation's tourism industry New Zealand closed its borders in early 2020 as it sought at first to eliminate COVID-19 entirely and then later to control its spread.

Drought in England, fires rage in France

France, August 12: Firefighters from across Europe came to France's rescue on Friday to battle a massive wildfire, while fire also raged in Portugal and parts of England faced a severe drought, as successive heatwaves renewed the focus on climate change risks.

Much of Europe has faced weeks of baking temperatures that have also depleted water levels of the Rhine River in Germany and seen the source of Britain's River Thames dry up further downstream than in previous years.

High temperatures and a worsening drought brought a high risk of new fires breaking out in Gironde, in southwestern France, local officials said, even after an overnight reprieve held in check the wildfire that has been burning for days, scorched thousands of hectares and displaced 10,000 people. Firefighters from Germany. Romania, Greece and beyond were on the ground to help France battle the fire in the region - home to Bordeaux wine - as well as on other fronts, including in Brittany



- FIREFIGHTERS FROM ACROSS EUROPE HELP FRANCE WITH MONSTER FIRE
- DROUGHT OFFICIALLY DECLARED IN PARTS OF ENGLAND
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- SEVERAL LARGE FOREST FIRES ALSO RAGED IN FRANCE'S NORTHERN REGIONS THIS SUMMER

in the northwest.

"It doesn't matter the country, we are firefighters and we are there to help," said chief Romanian firefighter Cristian Buhaianu, in Gironde.

French commandant Stephanie Martin welcomed their support in an area that already battled a massive fire for weeks last month. "Our firefighters are tired after one month of fighting. It is really good

support for us, so we can also focus on the other operation," she said.

But while an expected end of France's third heatwave on Sunday could bring some relief, the fire has already left much destruction in its wake, including over 7,400 hectares (18,286 acres) of forest burnt to the ground - equivalent to the size of a major French city such as Nice.

What firefighters called a "mon-

rom dry and cracked reservoirs in Spain to falling water levels on major arteries like the Danube, the Rhine and the Po, an unprecedented drought is afflicting nearly half of the European continent. There has been no significant rainfall for almost two months in western, central and southern Europe. In typically rainy Britain, the government officially declared a drought across southern and central England on Friday amid one of the hottest and driest summers on record.

ster fire" also destroyed houses, including the ancestral home of the family of 19-year old student Juliette Pilain, from Belin-Beliet, in the heart of Gironde.

"It is complicated to process this news. It's a house that's been in the family for years, it's especially painful for my grandparents," Pilain told Reuters.

'We had all the furniture of my great-grandparents there, books and encyclopaedia belonging to my

great grandmother ... we cried a lot but then thought it is just material damage and we are all still here."

In central Portugal, a huge wildfire raged into its seventh day, with 1,600 firefighters backed by 13 waterbombing aircraft, including one sent from Spain, combating the blaze that has destroyed about 15% of the Serra da Estrela national park.

After starting in the Covilha area Saturday, the fire has spread to several neighbouring councils, burning around 15.000 hectares overall. Meanwhile, water levels on the river Rhine in Germany have fallen again, with some vessels no longer able to sail, shipping operators and brokers said.

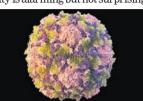
Further north, in Britain, the heatwave was also hitting hard, with the government formally declaring parts of southern, central and eastern England in drought after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather.

England suffered its driest July since 1935, with only 35% of the average rainfall for the month, and parts of England and Wales were now in the middle of a four-day "extreme heat" alert.

Polio detected in NYC's sewage

New York, August 12: The polio virus has been found in New York City's wastewater in another sign that the disease, which hadn't been seen in the US in a decade, is quietly spreading among unvaccinated people, health officials said Friday.

The presence of the poliovirus in the city's wastewater suggests likely local circulation of the virus, the city and New York state health departments said. State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said the detection of poliovirus in wastewater samples in New York City is alarming but not surprising.



"The risk to New Yorkers is real but the defense is so simple — get vaccinated against polio," New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan said in a statement.

Unsurprisingly, Boris hasn't returned my calls: Sunak

London, August 12: Rishi Sunak has revealed that his former boss, Boris Johnson, has not returned any of his messages and calls since he resigned from his Cabinet as Chancellor, implying tension between the duo as the British Indian former minister battles it out in a tough race to be elected the next leader of the UK's governing Conservative Party

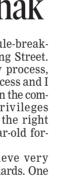


Sunak, who is going head-tohead with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in the race to succeed Johnson as British Prime Minister. was asked if he had spoken to the outgoing Prime Minister in recent weeks at a Tory members hustings at Cheltenham in the south-west of England Thursday night. During a questions session with each candidate separately, 'The Daily Telegraph' associate editor Camilla Tominey as the moderator asked Sunak his views on the ongoing parliamentary investigation into whether Johnson misled Parliament over the partygate

scandal of COVID rule-breaking parties at Downing Street. "It's a parliamentary process, not a government process and I fully respect the MPs on the committee [Commons Privileges Committee] to make the right decisions," the 42-year-old former minister replied.

"I personally believe very strongly in high standards. One of the things I would do immediately as Prime Minister is reinstate an independent adviser for ministerial interests because everyone needs to know that trust, integrity and decency belong at the heart of politics and I will lead from the front," he said, to applause from the audience made up of many of those who will be voting in the election to elect a new

Johnson to announce his own resignation as Tory leader and Prime Minister, launching the party's leadership election.



Tory leader. Tominey followed that up to ask if he had spoken to Johnson since, to which he replied: "I have messaged and called but, unsurprisingly, he hasn't returned my calls." Sunak had quit his role as finance minister in early July, citing standards and integrity as the reason as well as differences of opinion on the direction of the economy. It set in motion a series of other resignations from Cabinet which eventually forced



A supermoon rises behind the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco skyline as seen from Sausalito. Calif

Gunman in Montenegro kills 11 after family dispute: Police

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cetinje (Montenegro), August 12: A man in Montenegro went on a shooting rampage after a family dispute, killing 11 people on the streets of a city before being shot dead in a gun battle with police, Montenegro state TV reported Friday, quoting police



sources. State TV RTCG reported that the 34-year-old gunman

wounded another six people, including a policeman, in the city of Cetinje's Medovina neighbourhood near the seat of the former royal government. The city is 36 kilometers (22 miles) west of Podogrica, the current capital of the small Balkan nation.

RTCG, quoting witnesses, said the attacker was randomly shooting at people walking in the street, including at children. Four of the wounded were transferred to a hospital in Cetinje while two others with serious wounds were sent to the Clinical Center in Podgorica. The site of the attack was blocked off by police. Police still have not issued an official statement about the attack

Trump premises searched for papers related to 'N-weapons'

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INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Washington, August 12: FBI agents were looking for documents relating to nuclear weapons, among others, in the unprecedented search they conducted of the premises of former US President Donald Trump earlier this week in Florida, according to a stunning news report.

Neither the Justice Department, which oversees the FBI, nor the investigating agency denied or confirmed the Thursday evening report by The Washington Post.

The newspaper sourced the report to multiple officials - all unidentified - involved in the investigation of the case that caused the search but gave no further details of the kind of nuclear weapons documents sought by the agents.

Government officials are worried that these documents could fall in the wrong hands at Trump's Florida home that is also a club frequented by members.

Trump has held on to an undisclosed volume of documents from his presidency that he is required to have turned in for archiving by the government. The National Archive, which is the repository of these documents, has been following up with him and his aides for months.

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As allies and followers predictably poured scorn and outrage on the "raid", Trump and his lawyers did not tell them and the country the details that were avail-



able to them by way of the search warrant issued by a federal judge, which would have contained the grounds for it, or the itemised list of articles taken by the FBI -- at least 15 boxes -- that were duly provided to them.

Trump was once again the hounded hero for his followers -including many lawmakers -- who had no idea why his premises were searched.

US Attorney General Merrick

President's bluff.

Garland said in rare public remarks -- the Justice Department doesn't comment on ongoing investigation -- said the government has filed a motion in a Florida federal court asking for unsealing the search warrant and all related documents. He offered no details of the investigation.

Late Thursday night, however, the former President said in a post on Truth Social, "Release the

Security concerns bring China closer to Taliban

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Islamabad, August 12: The severe isolation of Afghanistan since the Taliban captured the country's capital a year ago has provided China an opportunity to become a major player in the country, the media reported.

Beijing has joined the international community in urging Kabul's new rulers to implement reforms, such as forming an inclusive government with representation for all Afghan ethnicities and respect for women's rights, particularly when it comes to education and work. VOA reported.

But China has also promised the Taliban regime economic and development support in exchange for attention to Chinese security concerns -- especially in restraining any Uyghur militant groups in Afghanistan from targeting Chinese interests, particularly Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects,

in the region, VOA reported. Before the collapse of the Ashraf Ghani-led government, Beijing had a close working relationship with Kabul, and Afghan security forces helped monitor and target Uyghur militant groups at China's request. But since the Taliban's takeover



Afghanistan into China or target its interests in the region.

As no country has yet recognised the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate rulers, the millions of dollars in aid that helped prop up the previous government have vanished, billions in state assets are frozen, and economic sanctions have led to a near-collapse of the country's economy.

In this situation, the Taliban administration actively courts Chinese investment and financial support, VOA reported.

More than seeking a role in post-US Afghanistan, Beijing is worried about the possibility of attacks planned by militant groups such as the Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP), a Uyghur militant group that Beijing blames for unrest in its western province of Xinjiang and refers to by its former name, the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM). The TIP seeks to liberate Xinjiang and the Uyghur people from Chinese government controland carries out attacks on

in August last year, Beijing has Garland. who heads the Justice begun to engage with the new Documents Now! rulers because it does not want Department that has oversight of A Florida court is expected to the FBI, called the former announce a decision later Friday. terrorism to spill over from Chinese interests.

business



There is a need to establish more than 2 lakh new primary agriculture credit societies across the country to achieve the target of providing agri-finance worth ₹10 lakh crore through cooperatives

AMIT SHAH | HOME AND COOPERATION MINISTER

BOM TOPS LIST OF PSU LENDERS

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among the public sector lenders in terms of the loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during the first quarter of 2022-23. It has recorded a 27.10 per cent increase in gross advances. It was followed by the Indian Overseas Bank and Bank of Baroda. The country's largest lender SBI stood at the fourth spot





ranks third globally in the startup ecosystem, after the US and China, the country now has close to 49 per cent of startups coming from the tier 2 and 3 cities

JITENDRA SINGH UNION MINISTER

KEL has decided to form this subsidiary so that dedicated resources and funds can be deployed to evolve

the correct strategy for a long term sustainable and expansive future AJINKYA FIRODIA MD, KINETIC ENGINEERING LTD

As the country enters the festive season

we expect the twowheeler demand to be on a healthy trajectory supported by micro factors like normal monsoon, crop cycle, opening of all

sectors of the economy etc

NIRANJAN GUPTA CFO, HERO MOTOCORP

SHORT **TAKES**

Meesho adds Odia to its platform

New Delhi: Softbank-backed ecommerce firm Meesho has added eight new vernacular languages to its platform with an eye on 377 million potential users across different regions, the company said Friday. Meesho has added Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia to its platform to target regional users. With this, Meesho customers can select their preferred language for accessing the account and product information, placing and tracking orders, and making payments on android phones.

Dabur Chairman Burman resigns

Mumbai: Dabur India Friday said Amit Burman has stepped down as the company's Chairman and Mohit Burman has taken over as the Non-Executive Chairman. Amit Burman would continue to be the Non-Executive Director of the company, according to a regulatory filing. Mohit Burman has been appointed as the Non-**Executive Chairman for five** years with effect from August 11. He is currently the Non-Executive Vice Chairman of the company. Amit Burman had taken over as the Chairman of Dabur India in 2019.

Palm oil imports fall; Soyoil zooms

Mumbai: India's palm oil imports in July fell 10% from a month ago, as refiners ramped up purchases of rival soyoil to take advantage of New Delhi's move to allow duty-free imports of the vegetable oil to calm all-time high prices, a trade body said Friday. India's palm oil imports in July fell to 530,420 tonne from 590,921 tonne a month earlier, the Solvent Extractors Association of India said. Soyoil imports in July jumped 125% from a month ago to a record 519,566 tonne, while sunflower oil imports rose 30% to 155,300 tonne.

Pak forex falls to near 3-yr low

Islamabad: The State Bank of Pakistan's foreign currency reserves fell to their lowest level in almost three years at \$7.83 billion as of August 5 from \$8.385 billion a week earlier on debt payments, data from the central bank showed. The foreign reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan dropped by \$555 million or 6.6 per cent on a weekly basis due to increased debt payments and a lack of external financing, The News reported. The central bank's data showed reserves plunged to their lowest level since October 2019.

Trade deficit at record \$30bn July retail inflation

India's trade deficit has widened sharply in recent months because of high global commodity prices. This has put pressure on the rupee's exchange rate, which has hit multiple all-time lows against the US dollar over the last few weeks and crossed the 80-per-dollar mark for the first time July 19

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: India's exports rose by 2.14 per cent to \$36.27 billion in July while the trade deficit almost tripled to \$30 billion during the month due to over 70 per cent rise in crude oil imports, according to official data released Friday.

Imports shot up by 43.61 per cent to \$66.27 billion in the month compared to July 2021, the data showed. The trade deficit was \$10.63 billion in July 2021.

Preliminary data released earlier this month had shown a 0.76 per cent contraction in exports at \$35.24 billion for July.

However, exports during April-July 2022-23 rose by 20.13

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THE TRADE DEFICIT

per cent to \$157.44 billion. Imports during the four months increased by 48.12 per cent \$256.43 billion.

WAS \$10.63 BILLION IN trade The deficit stood at \$98.99 billion as against \$42

billion during April-July 2021-22. Imports of crude and petroleum products during July this year were \$21.13 billion, up 70.4 per cent compared to \$12.4 billion in July 2021.



Merchandise exports are facing a triple whammy. There is again a shift in consumption from goods to the services with opening up of economies after pandemic; the inflation affecting all economies reducing the purchasing power and many economies entering the recession while some advanced ones already in recession

A SAKTHIVEL | PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF INDIAN EXPORT ORGANISATIONS

Imports of coal, coke and briquettes shot up more than twofold to \$5.2 billion while that of vegetable oil rose 47.18 per cent to \$2 billion in July this year.

Inbound shipments of gold, however, declined by 43.6 per cent to \$2.37 billion compared to 4.2 billion in July 2021.

Exports of engineering goods; petroleum products; gems and jewellery; and drugs and pharmaceuticals, contracted in July 2022 vear-on-vear.

On the export front, sectors which recorded positive growth include petroleum products, leather, electronic goods, and coffee.

Engineering, gems and jewellerv. plastic, cashew and carpet segments witnessed a fall.

According to the data, the estimated value of services export for July 2022 is \$24.91 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 28.69 per cent year-on-year. Imports are es-

Forex reserves drop \$897mn to \$572.978bn

Mumbai: The country's foreign exchange reserves declined \$897 million to \$572.978 billion in the week ended August 5, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). In the previous week ended July 29, the reserves had risen \$2.315 billion to \$573.875 billion. In the week ended August 5, the fall in the foreign exchange reserves was due to a dip in the Foreign Currency Assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, as per the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by RBI Friday. FCA declined \$1.611 billion to \$509.646 billion, the data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, FCA includes the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased \$671 million to \$40.313 billion in the week ended August 5. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose \$46 million to \$18.031 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF declined \$3 million to \$4.987 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

timated at \$15.95 billion, a growth of 40.02 per cent.

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THE RETAIL INFLATION **IS ABOVE RBI'S UPPER TOLERANCE LEVEL OF 6 PER CENT AND HAS** REMAINED AT THAT **LEVEL FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 12: Retail inflation softened to 6.71 per cent in July due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month.

With retail inflation continuing to remain high despite a fall in prices of vegetables and edible oils, among other commodities in July the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might go for another rate hike in September.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was at 7.01 per cent in June and 5.59 per cent in July 2021. It was above 7 per cent from April to June this fiscal.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Friday, food inflation in July moderated to 6.75 per cent as against 7.75 per cent in June.

RBI has hiked the benchmark reporate thrice in a row and the rate is now at 5.4%. Meanwhile, the moderation in re-

tail inflation in July was mainly due to easing of vegetable and edible oil prices. In the case of 'fuel and light', the prices remained high. Fears of a global recession and

fresh geopolitical uncertainties have led to a correction in commodity prices from the peaks seen in mid-June 2022, rating agency ICRA's Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said. Services account for over 23.4

per cent of CPI basket.

According to the data, inflation in vegetables and 'oil and fats' in

Industrial output grows 12.3% in June New Delhi: India's industrial

production grew in double digit for the second month in a row at 12.3 per cent in June mainly due to strong performance by manufacturing, power and mining sectors, according to official data released Friday. However, the data showed that the industrial output growth is lower than 19.6 per cent recorded in May this year. It was 6.7 per cent in April. Factory output, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), had expanded by 13.8 per cent in June 2021, the data showed. The manufacturing sector expanded by 12.5 per cent in June 2022 compared to 13.2 per cent recorded in the yearago period, the data released by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry showed. The power sector showed a growth of 16.4 per cent as against 8.3 per cent a year ago, while the mining sector witnessed an expansion of 7.5 per cent in June 2022 compared to a 23.1 per cent growth last year. During April-June this year, IIP grew 12.7 per cent as against 44.4 per cent growth in the same period a year ago.

July moderated to 10.90 per cent and 7.52 per cent respectively. In June, the same stood at 17.37 per cent and 9.36 per cent, respectively.

In July, fuel turned costlier with an inflation print at 11.76 per cent as against 10.39 per cent in the comparable period.

The prices of protein rich 'meat and fish' and 'pulses and products' rose 9 per cent and 0.18 per cent, respectively, in July this year: However, eggs continued to show deflation at (-)3.84 per cent as against (-)5.48 per cent in June.

The prices of fruits were costlier by 6.41 per cent in July compared



LIC Q1 net profit jumps multifold

Mumbai: Life Insurance Corporation of India Friday reported a multifold jump in its June quarter net profit at ₹682.89 crore. The state-run life insurance behemoth, which went public recently, had a net profit of ₹2.94 crore in the year-ago period. The first-year premium for the reporting quarter came at ₹7,429 crore as against ₹5,088 crore in the year-ago period, it said in an exchange filing after its board meeting. The total income came at ₹1,68,881 crore for the June quarter as against ₹1.54.153 crore in the yearago period, it said. The net profit had come at ₹2,371 crore, first year premium stood at ₹14,614 crore and total income stood

at ₹2,11,451 crore in the March quarter. LIC shares closed 0.03 per cent down at ₹682.15 apiece on the BSE Friday against 0.22 per cent gain on benchmark Sensex.

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rally in energy rates.

New Delhi, August 12: India's

top oil and gas producer ONGC

Friday reported a tripling of net

profit in the June quarter as it

earned record prices before the

government slapped a tax on wind-

fall profits arising from a global

Corporation's (ONGC) standalone

net profit at ₹15,205.85 crore, or

₹12.09 per share, in April-June,

compared to ₹4,334.75 crore, or

₹3.45 a share, in the same period

a year back, according to a stock

Oil and Natural Gas

CHIP SITUATION IMPROVES

Auto sales rise 11% in July Sales of two-wheelers

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New Delhi, August 12: The passenger vehicle despatches to dealers increased by 11 per cent in July as improvement in semiconductor supplies helped the companies to ramp up production ahead of the festive season, auto dealers body SIAM said Friday.

Overall passenger vehicle wholesales increased to 2,93,865 units last month compared to 2,64,442 units in July 2021. Passenger car despatches rose 10 per cent to 1,43,522 units in July from 1,30,080 units in the year-ago period.

Utility vehicle wholesales grew 11 per cent to 1,37,104 units last month from 1,24,057 units in the same period last year. Van

BUMPER OIL, ONGC net triples to ₹15k-cr



despatches also increased to 13,239 units from 10,305 units in July 2021.

The total two-wheeler despatches rose 10 per cent to 13.81.303 units from 12,60,140 units. Scooter wholesales climbed to 4,79,159 units against 3,73,695 units. Similarly, motorcycle wholesales increased to 8,70,028 units in July compared to 8,37,166 units a year ago.

Three-wheeler despatches to deal-

higher than the ₹8,859.54 crore

The earnings rose as the com-

pany got \$108.54 per barrel price

for crude oil it sold in the quar-

ter as opposed to \$65.59 a barrel

rate realised in the same period

last year. Gas price realisation

more than doubled to \$6.1 per

million British thermal unit

International energy prices

have been elevated since Russia

invaded Ukraine in late February,

raising concerns about global

shortages given the nation's role

as a key commodities supplier,

especially to Europe.

from \$1.79

net profit of January-March.

in July 2022 are still below July 2016 numbers and sales of three-wheelers are still below the July 2006 numbers. The third hike in a repo rate in a row, to rein in high inflation, will make auto loans costlier, making it more difficult for entry-level vehicles to recover

RAJESH MENON | DIRECTOR GENERAL, SIAM ers also increased to 31,324 units

from 18.132 units a year earlier. Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Director

General Rajesh Menon noted that the market for entry-level passenger cars, two-wheelers and threewheelers is vet to recover

BIZ BUZZ



Bhubaneswar: State-owned UCO Bank opened its 79th Branch at Bhukta of Bargarh district, in the iurisdiction of its Zonal Office Sambalpur Friday. The branch was virtually inaugurated by Managing

expressed his gratitude to the inhabitants of the village, gathered in the

UCO opens 79th branch at Bargarh

Director and CEO of the Bank. Soma Sankar Prasad. Prasad

opening ceremony. The bank is looking forward to become a major stakeholder in progress of the village and the adjoining areas, he said. A customers' meet, at Hotel Regenta Inn, Sambalpur was also organised. Prasad interacted with leading industrialists and entrepreneurs of the zone in the meeting. The participants discussed about further development of business ecosystem in the western part of the state which is strategically important especially in the sphere of agriculture and MSME. Prasad also addressed the issues raised by the participants and assured banks' affirmative approach in collaborating with their journey,

British economy closes in on recession

Bank of England expects the economy to enter a year-long recession by the end 2022 as Britons endure a cost-of-living crisis with inflation at its highest level in decades

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

London, August 12: Britain's economy shrank in the second quarter, official data showed Friday. as the country heads towards recession under a new prime minister. UK gross domestic product dropped 0.1 percent in the April-June period after a rise of 0.8 percent in the first quarter, the Office for National Statistics said in a statement.

The Bank of England (BoE) expects the economy to enter a yearlong recession by the end 2022 as Britons endure a cost-of-living crisis with inflation at its highest level in decades.

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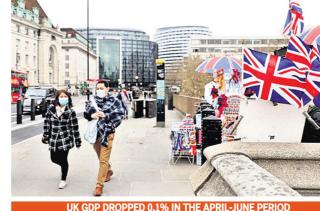
Sequentially, the profit was

by the company.

"With May's growth revised down a little and June showing a notable fall, overall the economy shrank slightly in the second quarter," said ONS director of economic statistics Darren Morgan.

"Health was the biggest reason the economy contracted as both the (Covid) test and trace and vaccine programmes were wound down, while many retailers also had a tough quarter.'

Morgan said this was "partially offset by growth in hotels, bars, hairdressers and outdoor events across the quarter, partly as a result of people celebrating the Platinum



Jubilee" that marked Queen **New Prime Minister** Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. Following Friday's data, finance The ONS added that the UK econminister Nadhim Zahawi said he omy slumped 0.6 percent in June. was "determined to work with the

Bank of England to get inflation under control and grow the economy". But Prime Minister Boris Johnson will not make "major fiscal interventions" before leaving office next month, his spokesman said. Johnson, who announced he would step down Sept 6 is set to hand power to either Liz Truss or Rishi Sunak.

Foreign Secretary Truss and Sunak – Zahawi's predecessor as chancellor of the exchequer -- have clashed over how to address the crisis. Truss plans an emergency budget to lower taxes and to review the independent BoE's inflation-fighting mandate. But Sunak said tax cuts financed with more borrowing would force the bank to increase interest rates even more, insisting on the need to maintain fiscal rigour and tame the price pressures first.

18% GST on rent for biz entities, govt clarifies

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 12: The Centre Friday issued a clarification regarding GST on house rent, noting renting of a residential unit is taxable only when it is given to a business entity

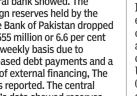
Responding to news reports, claiming that tenants would now have to pay 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on house rent, the Government's official factchecker said such claims were mis-PIB Fact Check clarified on

Twitter that there would be no GST when a house is rented to a private person for personal use, and not even when the proprietor or partner of a firm wants to rent a residence for personal use.

"Renting of residential units taxable only when it is rented to a business entity. No GST when it is rented to a private person for personal use. No GST even if the proprietor or partner of a firm rents residence for personal use,' PIB Fact Check tweeted from its official handle.

GST registration is needed when any person carries on business or profession and makes an annual turnover more than the threshold limit defined under the GST law.





RETURN OF RAHUL, KOHLI COMPLICATES SELECTION OF PLAYING XI AHEAD

Team combination in question



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New Delhi, August 12: Even one year back it was beyond imagination that Virat Kohli's place in the Indian team could be questioned.

Kohli is fit and available but perhaps for the first time in a decade, the former India captain's presence in the playing eleven could be a point of discussion in cricket-

ing circle. The T20 World Cup in the UAE last year was an unmitigated disaster and it was largely due to India's archaic batting philosophy at the top of the order. The runs scored did not come at a good pace. It was debated if KL Rahul, Rohit and Kohli are the ideal No.1, 2, and 3 in the shortest format and the answer received from most quarters wasn't exactly in the affir-

A good 10 months down line, the Indian team management finds itself at the same crossroads with another edition set to commence in

If India repeats its top three in Asia Cup and the T20 World Cup, then one of the three other top T20 performers - Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav and Dinesh Karthik - would find it tough to stay inside playing XI.

Pant has that 'x-factor', Suryakumar has a bonafide 360 degree hitter and Karthik is a designated finisher. Can India ill-afford to drop any one of the three if Kohli or Rahul has to be slotted? It is an important question and till now there hasn't been any defini-

Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja's positions as all-rounders seem non-negotiable and at least four specialist bowlers are required in the line-up. That leaves India with the option of only five specialist batters and hence the big question

The bigger question is whether the team management will let Kohli play his own game which is to build the innings and accelerate after

getting set. But across formats, Kohli is getting out before getting set though he keeps hitting those delectable boundaries.

The team's philosophy has now changed completely and even skipper Rohit has tweaked his game upfront to suit the needs of Powerplay batting in the slambang format.

In fact from the England series, Rohit has scored mostly at 150 plus strike-rate with Pant and Suryakumar Yadav as his opening partners in two different series. Both looked comfortable in that new position and Suryakumar was a touch better than Pant during the recently-concluded West

Then there is immensely talented Deepak Hooda, who has also scored a hundred as an opener although it was against minnows Ireland. Hooda has shown his class at No.3 although he won't be a starter going into the Asia Cup as of now but his tight off-breaks and steady fielding will keep him in

KL Rahul seems to have rushed himself for the Zimbabwe tour, declaring that he is available after attaining fitness. If sources close to selection committee are to be believed, Rahul will open in Asia Cup but he is a bit jittery going into high stakes game against Pakistan August 28 in Asia Cup without any tangible game time.

Hence, he has rushed himself (medical team announced he is now fit although earlier it was said his recovery would take more time) into the Zimbabwe ODI series. where he would get to bat for lengthy time to be ready for the tourna-

But Rahul despite his stupendous T20 numbers has always been an accumulator, who plays at a certain pace in the first 10 overs and only ups the ante in the final five overs. He has been a phenomenal run-machine for years at the IPL and has an international strikerate of 142. The overall numbers look good but the team's philosophy has now changed.

In case of Pant, if cricket would have been a game of pure statistics, he would have been under the sledgehammer for the underwhelming numbers. But big tournaments are often as much about consistency as it is about that one piece of magic that can turn the table on a big day.

In case of Suryakumar, after that innings in Nottingham where he pulled off a near miraculous chase, no one can question his inclusion, considering his 360 degree shot playing ability.

This brings us to Dinesh karthik, who has hardly set a foot wrong since he is back in the mix. On Australian tracks with less lateral movement and even bounce, Karthik will surely have his good days.

FIFA, Qatar urged to compensate workers

Beirut, August 12: With 100 days to go until the World Cup starts in Qatar, Human Rights Watch Friday again urged FIFA and the host nation to improve compensation for migrant workers and their families.

The rights group called for a "comprehensive remedy program for workers who suffered serious harms, including deaths, injuries, and wage theft" while working on World Cup-related projects like stadiums, transport and hotels.

Qatar has spent tens of billions of dollars on infrastructure since being picked by FIFA as host in 2010, and faced intense scrutiny of its labor laws and treatment of hundreds of thousands of workers, many from south Asia, who were needed to come to the tiny emirate and build the projects.

"Qatar has compensated some migrant workers who have faced serious abuses in recent years, but for many, these programs were created too late and are still a major work in progress," said Michael Page, HRW's deputy director for the Middle East.

Since 2010, the agency claimed, the level of "uncompensated human rights abuses... is significant."

In Qatar, a Workers' Support Fund has since 2020 paid out USD 164 million in compensation to 36.373 workers from 17 different countries, HRW said citing data from Qatar's Ministry of Labor.

The organization did not specify a figure for how much compensation is still needed, though Amnesty International has suggested FIFA should pay USD 440 million in reparations to workers — matching the sum soccer's world body will pay in prize money to the 32 national



FIFA WORLD CUP Qat_ar2022

federations whose teams are playing in Qatar.

FIFA and tournament organizers have long cited the World Cup as a catalyst to modernize laws and society in Qatar.

Responding to Amnesty in May, Qatari organizers pointed to "significant improvements ... across accommodation standards, health and safety regulations, grievance mechanisms, healthcare provision, and reimbursements of illegal recruitment fees to workers.'

In another development, FIFA has formally moved the World Cup start up by one day to give host nation Qatar an exclusive Sunday evening slot with a global audience.

Qatar will now play Ecuador in Doha November 20 — just 101 days after FIFA's decision — stretching the World Cup to 29 days from the 28 agreed seven years ago when a June-July tournament was pushed back to avoid the searing desert heat in midsummer.

The surprise late switch was signed off by a FIFA committee comprising its president Gianni Infantino and presidents of the six continental soccer bodies. FIFA said the vote was unanimous.

VVS Laxman will

be head coach in

Zimbabwe: Shah

New Delhi, August 12: National

Cricket Academy (NCA) head VVS

Laxman will be India's acting head

coach for the upcoming tour of

Zimbabwe as there is only a short

turnaround time between the se-

ries and the Asia Cup starting August 27 in the UAE, BCCI sec-

"Yes, VVS Laxman will be in

charge of the Indian team in

Zimbabwe for the three-match ODI

series. It's not like Rahul Dravid is

taking a break. The ODI series in Zimbabwe finishes August 22 and

Dravid along with Indian team will

reach the UAE August 23. Since there

is little gap between the two events.

Laxman will be in charge of the

Indian squad in Zimbabwe," BCCI sec-

retary Shah told this agency Friday.

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Inaugural WIPL edition to be held March 2023

New Delhi, August 12: The muchawaited Women's IPL will be starting from March 2023 to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams, a senior BCCI official confirmed the development Friday.

The BCCI bigwigs have discussed the issue and a March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

"Yes, the WIPL will start in the first week of March and we have earmarked a four-week window for the first year. The T20 World Cup in South Africa is from February 9 to 26 and immediately after that we plan to hold the WIPL," a senior BCCI official privy to development told this agency on conditions of anonymity.

"As of now, we are going ahead with five teams but it could be six as there is a lot of interest among potential investors. In due course of time, the process of auctioning of teams will be announced," he

Both BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah in separate interviews to PTI had earlier confirmed that 2023 is the year when WIPL would start. A lot of cricket lovers believe that WIPL will bring in a revolution and the



standard of women's cricket in India will have a quantum leap.

"I am thrilled at the kind of response we have got from the stakeholders. Multiple existing IPL teams have enquired and expressed serious interest in owning WIPL franchises," Shah had said in an interview to PTI some time back.

Before that, Ganguly had also expressed his confidence about the start of the WIPL in 2023. "I strongly believe that next year i.e. 2023 will be a very good time to start a fullfledged women's IPL which will be as big and grand a success as men's IPL," he had said.

It is understood that teams like Mumbai Indians Raiasthan Royals Chennai Super Kings have all expressed their interest in buying teams. Even UTV big boss Ronnie Screwvala had tweeted that he would be interested in buying a WIPL franchise.

Barca sell more assets to register players

Barcelona, August 12: Barcelona have sold off even more of their club assets in the hopes of meeting the Spanish league's financial rules so Robert Lewandowski and its other signings can play in the sea-

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Barcelona said Friday that it had agreed to sell 24.5 per cent of their Barca Studios production hub to Orpheus Media in a deal that would earn it 100 million euros (USD 103 million).

Last month Barcelona sold an initial 25 per cent stake in their production hub to 'socios.com', a blockchain provider, for another 100 million euros as well as 25 per cent of their Spanish league television rights for the next 25 years for nearly 670 million euros (USD 689 million).

All told, the heavily indebted Catalan club has mortgaged their future for 870 million euros (USD 895 million) in order to sign Lewandowski from Bayern Munich along with other talented new-

Regarding the sale of nearly 50 per cent of their production hub, Barcelona said in a statement that "with this investment the strategic partners in Barca Studios show confidence in the value of the project and the future of digital content in the world of sport.

It also comes with Barcelona yet to register their new signings





with the Spanish league. Barcelona will open the season Saturday at home against Rayo Vallecano.

Thanks to the money they have made by selling their assets, Barcelona has been able to strengthen their squad by signing Lewandowski, winger Raphinha and defender Jules Kounde for a combined 160 million euros (USD 165 million).

But the Spanish league has strict financial requirements that limit the amount clubs can spend on players' salaries and transfers based on the clubs' financial health. Despite efforts to reduce costs and pay down its debt, Barcelona still hold 1 billion euros (USD 1 billion)

in debt and has seen their salary cap slashed by the league in recent seasons

So, as of Friday morning, it had not registered Lewandowski, Raphinha, Kounde, free agent arrivals Franck Kessie and Andreas Christensen, or Ousmane Dembele and Sergi Roberto, who both signed new contracts recently after their old ones had expired and so are considered new signings by the league.

This new injection of another 100 million euros should help Barcelona's financial balance that they present to the league and increase their chances of being able to register all those players.

The club is also pushing to sell

players such as Samuel Umtiti and Martin Braithwaite that are either unwanted by coach Xavi Hernandez or have big salaries like Frenkie de Jong.

Teams have until the end of the month to register new players if they want to play in the Spanish league this season. Real Betis is also still waiting to register several players.

Barcelona club president Joan Laporta said recently that he was confident that his club will be able to field their latest acquisitions. But it would be yet another blow to Barcelona's reputation if their star signings are not able to play at Camp Nou Saturday.

"Since only KL Rahul and Deepak Hooda are there with the ODI squad in Zimbabwe, it was only logical that the head coach would be with the T20 squad." The three ODIs in Zimbabwe will be played in Harare, August 18, 20 and 22.

Shah also informed that Rahul and Hooda will directly fly from Dubai to Harare as they are part of the Asia Cup squad.

The convention in BCCI has been that second string or A teams have always been monitored by the head of the NCA and hence Laxman will be with the Indian squad when the first team is on assignment elsewhere.

Rahul is making a comeback in the national squad after recuperating from sports hernia surgery. He was initially not supposed to be a part of the Zimbabwe squad but since the medical team has deemed him fit, he is going to be with the team for the three ODIs, which will be good practice for him ahead

Olympics attack victims' families to shun ceremony

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BThe families of 11 Israeli athletes killed by Palestinian attackers at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich will not attend a 50-year anniversary ceremony organized by German authorities, saying they deserve more compensation and a fuller reckoning of the

The decision underscores a lingering point of friction between the two countries that have built strong ties despite the enduring legacy of the Nazi Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews were murdered during World War II.

Members of the Palestinian group Black September broke into the Olympic Village, killed two athletes from Israel's national team and took nine more hostage September 5, 1972. The attackers hoped to force the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel as well as two left-wing extremists in West German jails.

All nine hostages and a West German police officer died during a rescue attempt by German forces. Relatives of the athletes accuse Germany of failing to secure the Olympic Village, refusing Israeli help and then botching the rescue operation.

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"Fifty years of abuse, lies, hular, are really too much for us," the miliation and dismissals by the group of families wrote in a let-German Government, and by the ter to Bavarian authorities, who Bavarian authorities in particuare organising the September 5 me

They said that while German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier accepted their demands for a public apology and the opening of archives with more information about the attack, the amount of compensation offered by Germany was "an insult."

Ankie Spitzer, the widow of Andre Spitzer, a fencing coach who was among those killed, said the families expected compensation according to international standards governing terror at-

"I was 26 when this happened in Munich. I'm 76 now. I don't

need a diamond ring," she told this agency. She said the families want "fair and just compensation," especially for the 14 people who lost parents in the attack and have lived in its shadow for a half

"If they don't want to come close to that, not even close, with their humiliating offer, then have vour ceremonies, but we will not

be there," Spitzer said. She said the entire Israeli delegation of some 200 people, including Olympic athletes, would stay home. There was no immediate comment from German ofof the big ticket Asia Cup.

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