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Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: The Suryakiran Aerobatic Teams of Indian Air Force (IAF) will perform air shows in Bhubaneswar and Puri this month.

According to official sources, the IAF will exhibit the air shows over the vast stretch of Kuakhai riverbed in Bhubaneswar September 16 while the air show in Puri will be conducted near Raj Bhawan September 18.

SHORT TAKES

Lifetime achievement award for Naveen

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be conferred with the prestigious Capital Foundation Life Time Achievement Award in recognition of his distinctive and outstanding leadership qualities at an event in New Delhi Sunday. Former Chief Justice of India NV Ramana will present the award to Patnaik at India International Centre Auditorium in presence of distinguished guests, official sources said. Patnaik, who has been in New Delhi since last Wednesday, is scheduled to return state September 6. Meanwhile, the BJD has planned a grand reception to

Rayagada/Tikiri, Sept 3: In a shocking incident, a youth allegedly killed a girl by slitting her throat congratulate Patnaik on his return to over unrequited love and later tried

Sources said Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) will be used as the base for the display. The IAF had earlier performed such an air show in Cuttack in 2016. Apart from Odisha, the IAF will also display air shows in Guwahati September 26 & 27, in Chandigarh October 8 and at Bareilly October 14. The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team

of the IAF is one of the nine aircraft display teams across the world. The IAF Team undertakes the extremely challenging role of doing aerobatic manoeuvres close to the ground in large formations.

The aim of the aerobatic display is to showcase the professionalism and skill of the Indian Air Force pilots as well as to instill a sense of patriotism in the youth of the country.

The Suryakiran of the IAF was formed in 1996 and has been personifying the motto of the IAF-"Touch the sky with glory".

Tikiri girl killed

Food poisoning claims two kids

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Badamba, Sept 3: Two children of a family died following a suspected case of food poisoning at Birabarapur under Abhimanpur panchayat in Badamba police limits of Cuttack district in the wee hours of Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Rudra Patra, 12, and his sister Ruchika Patra, 9-son and daughter of Runubala, 36, and Gobind Patra, 46, in the village. Their parents have also been admitted to the hospital in critical condition due to food poisoning.

Sources said Patra with his vife and children had reportedly

ED raids Razorpay, Paytm, Cashfree

■ *These payment gateway* firms have been in the crosshairs of ED action since 2020 when instances of several debtors ending lives came to the fore AGENCIES

New Delhi/Bangalore, Sept 3: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Saturday said it conducted raids at premises of online payment gateways such as Razorpay, Paytm and

"The authorities reached out to us with directions to provide certain information about these merchants under scrutiny, to which we promptly responded. We continue to cooperate with the authorities and remain fully compliant," Paytm said. Razorpay said some of their_

merchants were being "investigated by law enforcement about a vear-and-a-half back. As part of the ongoing investigation, the authorities requested additional information to help with the inves-

"We have fully cooperated and

shared KYC and other details. The



Rajapaksa returns to SL after 51-day exile

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa was accorded a warm welcome as he returned to Colombo from Thailand amid tight security on late Friday. ending his 51-day self-imposed exile after fleeing abroad following months-long mass protests over the country's worst economic crisis. Rajapaksa, 73, was festooned with flowers by a welcoming party of ministers and politicians as he disembarked at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport from Bangkok via Singapore. The duty manager of the airport said that the former president arrived in the country at around 11:30pm Friday aboard a Singapore Airlines flight.

to end his life at Ushapada under Tikiri police limits of Rayagada district, Saturday.

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The deceased was identified as Seema Majhi (name changed), 17, of Sanamatikana under Tikiri police limits and a casual labourer. The accused identified as Rasika Pradhan, 35, of Mundagaon sustained critical injuries as he tried to kill himself. He has been admitted to district headquarters hospital (DHH) in Rayagada for treatment. The incident occurred when Seema was engaged at a private civil construction site at Ushapada, Saturday afternoon.

Rasika, a father of three, was reportedly in love with Seema but was distressed over the fact that the latter was not reciprocating to his advances. He was angry as Seema's family members had rejected his marriage proposal as they did not ap-



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The accused was reportedly in love with the girl but was distressed

over the fact that the latter was not reciprocating to his advances

prove of their relationship. This had built up tension between the two. Seema was taking a siesta after having the lunch at the worksite when Rasika approached her again and professed his love for her at around 2pm. This resulted in a fight between them as Seema again rejected his proposal. Enraged, Rasika took out a knife and slit her throat with it. alleged the locals.

Another woman labourer, who was Seema's friend, tried to stop Rasika but in vain. He also attacked

slit Seema's throat with it the woman and then slit his own throat. A profusely bleeding Seema died on the spot. The deceased's co-worker has been admitted to a local hospital.

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On being informed, police reached the spot and rushed Rasika to a nearby hospital and later shifted him to Rayagada DHH after his condition worsened. Police sent the body for post-mortem and started an investigation after registering a case (No-120/22) in this regard.

consumed stale food, Thursday. After some time, all of them felt uneasy and started vomiting. On being informed, neighbours rushed them to Maniabandh community health centre (CHC) from where they were shifted to a private hospital in Cuttack after their health condition deteriorated.

Police rushed to the spot and sent the bodies for post-mortem and launched an investigation to ascertain the actual reason behind the deaths. Police said only a medical report will confirm the reason behind the deaths.

Badamba MLA Devi Prasad Mishra enquired about the health condition of the couple.

Medical officer of Maniabandh CHC Sarat Chandra Khuntia said an enquiry was conducted at Birabarpur village and later the house of Patra was sealed.

Cashfree in Bangalore as part of a money laundering case against some instant app-based loan dishing entities "controlled" by Chinese persons.

said that during the raids, it seized

Rs 17 crore worth of funds kept in

"merchant IDs and bank accounts

of these Chinese persons-controlled

The three companies responded

A Paytm spokesperson said they

were "supporting law enforcement

agencies, who are investigating a

by saying they were cooperating

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Saturday evening.

searches that CHINESE LOAN APP FRAUD

Friday as part of an ongoing probe their "operations and onboarding were underway, the agency said The federal probe agency also

tigation."

"We extended our diligent cooperation to the ED operations, providing them the required and necessary information on the same day of enquiry," the spokesperson added. These payment gateway firms have been in the crosshairs of the ED action since 2020 soon after the COVID-19 pandemic broke

The ED probe found these





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SERENA LOSES TO AJLA IN CAREER'S LAST FIGHT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New York, Sept 3: Leave it to Serena Williams to not want to go quietly, to not want this match, this trip to the US Open, this transcendent career of hers, to really, truly cameras at the ready.

ring a change of heart, the final minutes of her quarter-century of excellence on the tennis court, and an unbending unwillingness to be told what wasn't possible, Williams tried to mount one last classic comeback, earn one last vintage victory with fans on their feet in a full Arthur Ashe Stadium, cellphone

Right down to what were, bar-

The 23-time Grand Slam champion staved off five match points to prolong the three-hours-plus proceedings, but could not do more, and was eliminated from the US Open in the third round by Ajla Tomljanovic 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1 on Friday night in what is expected to

MORE P12 be her final contest. It's been the most incredible ride and journey I've ever been on in my life ERENA WILLIAMS

Hotels, homestays in Bengal nearly full AS CORONAVIRUS CASES SUBSIDE, BUSINESSES ARE HOPEFUL OF AN EFFERVESCENT FESTIVE SEASON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Siliguri (WB), Sept 3: Over 70 per cent of hotel rooms in the tourist destinations of northern West Bengal are booked ahead of Durga Puja, an official said Saturday.

The economy of the region, which boasts of some picturesque Himalayan destinations such as Darjeeling and Kalimpong, and forests of the Dooars, was battered by the pandemic as tourists stayed home amid the lockdowns.

As coronavirus cases subside, businesses are hopeful of an effervescent festive season with tickets of trains to New Jalpaiguri-the gateway to the region, sold out and hotel rooms fast getting filled up.

Federation of Bengal Hotels assistant secretary Ujjwal Ghosh said the region saw a good footfall during the summer holidays this year, and the hoteliers expect even a better festive season.



"Over 70 per cent of hotel rooms have already been booked in the Hills and in Dooars, and we expect the rest to be filled up soon," he said. The homestays are also wit-

nessing a huge demand with most expected to be fully booked within the next few days, he added.

The West Bengal government announcing a 10-day Durga Puja holiday for its employees coupled with

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The surge in 'revenge travel' as people make up for vacations lost

authorities were satisfied by our due diligence process," the spokesperson said. Cashfree

Payments said

processes adhere to the PMLA and KYC directions, and we will continue to do so."

in the country.

companies had "fake" addresses.

during the pandemic has also

pushed up hotel prices to twice-

thrice the normal levels, they said.

tions in the region are nearly full

between October 1 and 10-the Durga

Puja vacations, officials said. Niranjan

Saha, the manager of West Bengal

Tourism's Jaldapara Tourist Lodge,

said all rooms of the property have

been fully booked during the festive

season. "We are now working on a

special menu for the guests who will

All the government accommoda-

come during the festive season," he said. To tackle the rush of tourists, the Eastern Railway has announced two special trains between Kolkata

and New Jalpaiguri in Siliguri in 🛁 October. The bookings for these trains will begin September 5. The Northeast Frontier Railway

has also decided to operate four new toy train joyrides in Darjeeling during the festive season. Thetrains will run between Darjeeling and Ghum from October 1.









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ED SHEERAN HINTS AT EARLY RETIREMENT

Chart topping star Ed Sheeran has enjoyed huge success since first exploding onto the music scene back in 2011 but fans need to brace themselves as his retirement is just a few years away.

JANE FONDA DIAGNOSED WITH **BLOOD CANCER, BEGINS CHEMO**

Veteran Hollywood star Jane Fonda has announced that she has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a cancer that starts in the lymphatic system, and has started chemotherapy treatments. It occurs when the body produces too many abnormal lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell.



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> Do something really exciting today – perhaps you could put on your trekking boots and explore unknown territories Ganesha advises you to keep busy but not to go overboard. In group activities today, everybody will focus their attention on you.

TAURUS

This day your mind is likely to be blissfully drawn towards your personal

friends and family members. Your warm and intimate relationships will stay uppermost in your mind and fill the day, not leaving room for anything else. Hanging out together with them will give you immense pleasure and contentment.

GEMINI

Today, you are likely to be rather emotional and sentimental, says Ganesha, Your love for performing arts may make you take up lessons in classical music or traditional dance And much to your delight, your sweetheart will treat you to a surprise candlelit dinne

CANCER

Today, you are likely to experience something lifechanging. A small incident. an observation, a tragedy, a disaster, or a simple thought may change the course of vour live. You, however, may not be able to take the changes well

LEO

Your passionate and emotional nature contributes in a big way to your sudden outbursts of emotions, says Ganesha. Today, your anger may erupt abruptly This makes it very likely for you to get carried away irrespective of your surroundings and circumstances, both at work and at home. Ganesha warns you of the negative influence such blind angei may have on your plans and strategi

VIRGO

LIBRA

Stay clear of a coalition when it comes to business ventures, warns Ganesha Alone, you can manage an entire stam pede. By your own you are, by far, the best administrator of your department. Today, find yourself being the general and uniting people under your banner to achieve greater success, says Ganesha

Huge responsibility to shoulder a film: Rakul

Mumbai: Actor Rakul Preet Singh says the faith filmmakers and writers have in her talent acts a major confidence booster when headlining a project. The Delhi-born actor is playing the central character in the upcoming social comedy Chhatriwali.

In the film, directed by Tejas Prabha Vijay Deoskar, she plays the quality control head of a condom factory.

"I feel it is a huge responsibility when a film is shouldered upon you. It is the trust of the team that lies upon you, that in itself, is a big booster," said the Cuttputli actress

She believes female-centric movies are a result of evolution in writing as well as the audience's openness to diverse stories

"As years progress, more and more female-centric films are being written. My peers or actors

younger than me, like

Chhatriwali, wider audience.

"It is a family film Even though the topic



Rakul said her endeavour is to reach out to a

is the need of the hour, it is told in a simple, happy and sweet manner. My endeavour is to do films that I

can watch with my parents," she further said. AGENCIES



Chennai: Popular playback Watch out for my appearance in singer Jonita Gandhi, Walking Talking Strawberry who has turned Icecream. an actress

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has called working

on the film a 'fun ex-

Instagram to share

her thoughts on acting

in a film, the singer

turned actress said, "So

I did a thing... Say

hello to Piku!

perience'.

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"It's a small but fun role and I hope I didn't suck at it. Such a fun experiwith direcence with a lovely team. Happy to add Vinayak a checkmark beside "act in a film" on V's film, mv bucket list!" The film, which features four other

women in the lead roles, is being produced by director Vignesh Shivan's Rowdy Pictures.

On launching Jonita Gandhi as an actress, Vignesh Shivan had said, "WTSI introducing the very famous, pretty and extremely talented Jonita Gandhi as an actor this time in our dearest film from Rowdy Pictures.

Mumbai:

Acclaimed actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui, started working on Haddi, where he'll be seen playing a transgender, talked about his experience working with female directors. Nawaz then went on to point out

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some differences between male and female filmmakers.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui rose to fame with Peepli Live with director Anusha Rizvi. He has worked with Director Debamitra Biswal for Motichoor Chaknachoor

Adieu Godard not a typical art film: Amartya

Shot entirely in Odisha, the award winning movie follows the story of an old man who is addicted to pornography

Bhubaneswar: When the team of Odia film Adieu Godard went to shoot a scene in rural Odisha, they actually had to screen a movie by legendary French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard for locals.

It's anyone's guess how angry the villagers might have gotten for bringing them to one place and showing them a French film that they don't understand, di-Amartya rector Bhattacharyya said. 'What we were try-

ing to show in the film was actually what we were doing," said the Capita I director pointing out the op

era

tional challenges of shooting the movie, which was released Friday. Shot entirely in Odisha, Adieu Godard follows the story of an old man named Ananda who is addicted to pornography and secretly watches adult films with some

men in the evening. One day, the protagonist

Choudhary Bikash Dash, accidentally brings home a DVD after assuming it to be pornography. But



FEMALE GAZE IS KINDER, SENSITIVE: NAWAZUDDIN

He has also worked with Zoya Akhtar in Bombay Talkies, an anthology of four short stories that describe how films have an influence on the lives of people from various strata of society.

He also worked on Talaash with Reema Kagti.

Nawaz stated: "I have worked with many renowned female directors and that helped me a great deal. I realised that women look at the world differently. They are far more compassionate and they see beauty in everything.'

"For most men, it's often about power and control. That also reflects in our relationships. Men tend to be more territorial and unko adhikaan





Ananda gets attracted by the newness and gradually develops an obsession. Then, he then attempts to host a film festival on Godard in their village.

Bhattarcharyya said the movie was not a propaganda film and the dark satire underscored the importance of cross-cultural exchange of ideas

The Khyanikaa-The Lost Idea director pointed out that the message of the film cannot be given in a line and it was not a spoon-feeding of the typical art films, which would try to impose a statement on the viewer.

He felt blessed that Adieu Godard became the first Odia film to have a world premiere at the Moscow International Film Festival. It has been to around 20 international festivals and won six awards. PTI

You never let a favour go $|\rangle$ unacknowledged, or let a ridicule pass by unanswered. So, it's time to settle those old accounts that are so important to you, feels Ganesha. This will increase chances of interesting developments that will continue to surprise you throughout the day. All in all, Ganesha wishes you a vibrant day today.



You shall probably realise the fact that seeing is

believing. Learn to trust your own eyes more than what you hear. Don't get lost in the crowd, warns Ganesha. Strive to stand out and be in the spotlight, advises Ganesha

SAGITTARIUS

The day is bright and the seas are calm today. For a change, you shall spend time with your life partner and help them in household chores. Even routine jobs like cooking and cleaning will weave an intricate bond between you two.

CAPRICORN

A good day always begins with a good start. It will be a good day for you today as you will start the day with a positive attitude to life, says Ganesha. Your unremitting dedication and determination will not only put you ahead of others, but will also help you get an edge over them

You are a polished diamond. Adversities come and go, yet you remain unruffled Today, you manage to please your boss, and beloved, and that is a feat! It is yet another day of contentment. And in a cyclical process, this again rejuvenates you into giving your best, says Ganesha.





Nawazuddin has taken on a very challenging role of prolific writer Manto in Nandita Das's directorial venture of the same name

DRAG HIM OVER HERE

BY THE WATERBED,

AND I'LL BITE HIM

ON THE LEG!

jatana hai, auraton par bhi. The female gaze is kinder and sensitive. I am trying to get that POV (point of view) right," he added.



Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui in a poster of upcoming Hindi film Haddi

PEANUTS







SNOOPY, GET UP!

A BURGLAR STOLE

OUR TV SET !!

BREVITY

NEED TO CLEAR MY THAT'S A REAL BROWSING HISTORY TO CACHE 22! SPEED THINGS UP, BUT THEN I'LL LOSE ALL MY SAVED LOGINS.



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

SUDOKU

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

Governor Ganeshi Lal speaks during the anniversary celebration of Drushti Daan at Soochana Bhawan in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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lia	4,44,47,148	4,38,65,016	5,27,965
isha	13,28,244	13,17,492	9,179

REMEMBERING THE POET



Odisha Sahitya Akademi president Hrusikesh Mallick in presence of other dignitaries lights a lamp to mark the birth anniversary celebration of legendary poet Atibadi Jagannath Das at Geeta Govinda Sadan in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

Judge's mom cries murder

PNN & AGENCIES

Cuttack, Sept 3: A day after a spe cial POCSO judge was found dead at his official residence here, his mother Saturday approached the Markatnagar police here alleging that the judicial officer did not die by suicide but he was murdered by his wife and brother-in-law.

In a written complaint lodged at Markatnagar police station here, Tulasi Behari, 70, also claimed that her son, who died Friday, was mentally and physically tortured by his wife and brother-in-law.

"We have registered an unnatural death case (93/22) Friday. An investigation is on and we are taking statements of the judge's brother, mother and in-laws," Markatnagar inspector in-charge (IIC) Beauty Mohanty said, adding that the autopsy report, which is yet to arrive, will help decide the course of investigation.

Subash Kumar Behari, an additional district judge-rank judicial officer who was officiating as a special judge of POCSO court here, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his quarters here Friday af-



ternoon. There were injury marks on his neck, it was learnt.

"My son has not committed suicide. He was murdered and later his body was hanged from the ceiling fan." Tulasi alleged in her complaint and urged the police to ensure a thorough investigation into the matter.

He had taken leave Friday on account of his father's death anniversary. His wife and their two daughters were not at home when the incident occurred, police said. Stating that her son had a love marriage 15 years ago. Tulasi has mentioned in her complaint that her son had on several occasions con-

Tulasi Behari approached the Markatnagar police in Cuttack alleging that her son Subash Kumar Behari. who was found hanging in his official residence Friday, did not die by suicide but he was murdered by his wife and brother-in-law

fided to her that he was mentally and physically tortured by his wife and brother-in-law.

After the post-mortem examination was conducted, the judge's body was cremated in Puri Friday night.

There was an altercation be tween his wife and his brother over where the body would be consigned to flames. His brother wanted to take his mortal remains to their ancestral home in Jajpur district. Arun Kumar Pahi, a relative of

the judge, demanded a CBI probe into the incident. The judge's wife refused to

comment.

Only 25% in Odisha took Covid-19 precaution dose State targets piped water to 50% Jharsuguda households this year POST NEWS NETWORK Health Director Bijay Panigrahi urges people

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra visited Jharsuguda district Saturday to review the progress of various development projects and said the government has set a target to ensure that at least 50 per cent of households in the district get piped water by this year.

Mahapatra held a meeting with the district officials and set timelines for various phases of projects. He directed officials to closely monitor it for timely completion and ensuring quality of the work.

"We have set a target to ensure that at least 50 per cent of the households in rural and urban areas get piped water by this year. he said at a press briefing.

Mahapatra stated that the exist ing power substations would be upgraded, and new ones would be installed for reliable electricity supply to the 11 mega lift irrigation proj ects, which are being constructed in various places of the district.

He also visited the project sites of the cardiac care hospital and set a target to operationalise it in around six months. The Chief Secretary asked the Agriculture department to encourage farmers to diversify and aware them of benefits of cultivating non-paddy crops.



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he Revenue and Disaster Management department was directed to complete the land survey and settlement in favour of the dam-affected families living in the fringe areas of the Hirakud reservoir

Horticulture, oilseeds and pulses can be cultivated on a large scale, he said.

The officials were asked to be in direct touch with farmers and give necessary guidance, agricultura input and technical know-how. The Revenue and Disaster Management department was directed to complete the land survey and settlement in favour of the dam-affected families living in the fringe areas of the Hirakud reservoir.

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: The state government Saturday appealed to the people to take the precaution dose against Coronavirus as soon as possible as a few weeks are left for the period of free jabs and only a quarter of the targeted population got vaccinated with the third shot. A total of 80.90 lakh people, in-

cluding frontline workers and those in the 18-60 age group and above 60

Brahmagiri cop robbed of ₹10 lakh at gunpoint

POST NEWS NETWORK

Brahmagiri, Sept 3: A police official was robbed of Rs 10 lakh at gunpoint near the sub-registrar of-



The incident took place around 1:30pm when the victim Rakesh Kumar Sahoo, a resident of Sahaipur under Brahmagiri police limits, was on his way home after ithdrawing Rs 10 lakh from the State Bank of India's branch here.

to take the precaution dose by September 30, the deadline set by the Union government for giving free jabs at public healthcare institutions

years, have taken the precaution dose, Health Director Bijay Panigrahi said at a press briefing here. "Around 25 per cent of the targeted

dose while many are yet to take the jab," he said, adding that 23 lakh beneficiaries of the first shot had the second one due even now.

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The Covid-19 tally rose to 13,28,244 Saturday as 174 more people, including 13 children, tested positive for the infection, a health bulletin said

The toll climbed to 9,179 as a 74-

Panigrahi appealed people to ease in Bhubaneswar. Fifty-three

other patients have died due to comorbidities so far, it said. Odisha had recorded 226 infec tions and a fatality Friday. The state now has 1.734 active Covid-19 cases, while 236 more peo-

year-old man succumbed to the dis-

the last 24 hours, taking the total recoveries to 13,17,278. The daily positivity rate was at 1.32 per cent as 13,217 samples were

ple recuperated from the disease in

tested for the infection in the last 24 hours



National Portal for Residential Consumers Launched

population has taken the precaution

"Sahoo was walking back home when two bike-borne miscreants waylaid him near the sub-registrar office and snatched a bag containing the cash from him at gunpoint before fleeing the scene," an official said, adding that they would check the footage of CCTVs installed near the crime scene to probe the incident.

Women at greater risk from air pollution: Researchers



differences in lung diseases such as asthma and respiratory infections. Our previous research showed that breathing diesel exhaust creates inflammation in the lungs and has an impact on how the body deals with respiratory

Women try to protect themselves from heavy smog and air pollution PTI photo

team of Indian-origin researchers has found that the impact of breath-Ting diesel exhaust fumes may be more severe for women than men.

Dr Hemshekhar Mahadevappa and Professor Neeloffer Mookherjee from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Canada looked for changes in people's blood brought about by exposure to diesel exhaust

In both females and males, they found changes in components of the blood related to inflammation, infection and cardiovascular disease, but they found more changes in females than males.

The research by Mahadevappa, Mookherjee and Chris Carlsten at the University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada will be presented at the European Respiratory Society

International Congress in Barcelona, Spain, next week.

"We already know that there are sex differences in lung diseases such as asthma and respiratory infections. Our previous research showed that breathing diesel exhaust creates inflammation in the lungs and has an impact on how the body deals with respiratory infections," said Mahadevappa.

The new study involved 10 volunteers, five female and five male, who were all healthy non-smokers.

Each volunteer spent four hours breathing filtered air and four hours breathing air containing diesel exhaust fumes at three different concentrations, with a four-week break in between each exposure. Volunteers donated blood samples 24

hours after each exposure and the re-

searchers made detailed examinations of the volunteers' blood plasma.

Among the proteins that differed between females and males, were some that are known to play a role in inflammation, damage repair, blood clotting, cardiovascular disease and the immune system.Some of these differences became clearer when volunteers were exposed to the higher levels of diesel exhaust.

"These are preliminary findings, however they show that exposure to diesel exhaust has different effects in female bodies compared to male and that could indicate that air pollution is more dangerous for females than males," said Mookherjee

This is important as respiratory diseases such as asthma are known to affect females and males differently, with females more likely to suffer severe asthma that does not respond to treatments.

"Therefore, we need to know a lot more about how females and males respond to air pollution and what this means for preventing, diagnosing and treating their respiratory disease," said Mookherjee.

Professor Zorana Andersen from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, said, "We also need to understand how and why air pollution contributes to poor health.'

"This study offers some important insight into how the body reacts to diesel exhaust and how that may differ between females and males," said Andersen, Chair of the European Respiratory Society Environment and Health Committee, who was not involved in the research. IANS

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ULTIMATE KHO KHO

CM wishes Odisha Juggernauts the best for final match today

ifier 2, the Pratik Waikar-led side

will now take on Odisha

Juggernauts in the blockbuster

Patnaik congratulated team

Odisha on its splendid performance

and on qualifying for the finals. He

encouraged them and wished them

the very best for their final match.

thrilled to interact with the Chief

support that had been extended by

him and the Odisha government and

said that they will give their best per-

with the coveted trophy.

pital superintendent.

'We have already recorded

statement of doctors, nurses on

duty, attendants, hospital security

and others. Two more people will

be interrogated and we will sub-

mit report on Saturday", Panda

He said the woman social worker

was accompanying Pujari from

Jevpore and was known as a lady

attendant of the Padma Sri awardee.

"The hospital staff allowed her (the

social worker) entry because she had

come along with Pujari during the

Meanwhile, a day after Paraja

tribal community demanded strong

action against the woman social

worker who forced Pujari (72) to

dance, now the Bhumia tribe also

admission time." Panda said.

Minister.

told PTL

Minister over video conference.

The coaches and the players were

They thanked Patnaik for the

final Sunday.



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday wished Odisha Juggernauts all the best for their final match Sunday. He also interacted with the coaches and the players of the state-owned team in the ongoing Ultimate Kho Kho league.

In the inaugural season, Odisha Juggernauts performed exceedingly well and qualified for the final after a dominating performance against Gujarat Giants in the qualifier in Pune Friday.

Telugu Yoddhas secured their place in the final after recording a commanding 67-44 victory against Guiarat Giants in the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex here Saturday.

After a 23-point win in the qual-

a comprehensive 57-43 victory against Gujarat Giants to storm into the final while Telugu Yoddhas knocked out Chennai Quick Guns by 61-43 in the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex here Friday.

In an intense battle between the top two teams of the league, Odisha Juggernauts began the game aggressively by claiming 23 points in the first turn. They played equally well when they switched to defence and allowed only 18 points to Gujarat Giants

Milind Chavarekar and Avinash Desai remained unbeaten for 2.38 minutes to secure two bonus points as Odisha Juggernauts continued to lead with 27-18 at the end of the first innings.

Odisha Juggernauts added 24 more points to their tally in the third turn, thanks to two sky-dive dismissals each from Lande and

Aditya Kudale, earning 12 points. Already in the lead, Odisha Juggernauts held their nerves in the crucial final seven minutes. Khandavi kept the Gujarat Giants at bay during his sensational defence of 3.48 minutes, adding six bonus points for Odisha Juggernauts before they clinched the match comfortably and marched

formance and return to Bhubaneswar into the final. Head coach Ashwani Kumar With a massive prize pool of ₹2 Sharma, co-captain Dipesh Vijay crore up for grabs, the title win-More and player Jagannatha ners will get ₹1 crore along with the Murmu interacted with the Chief coveted trophy whereas second and third-placed teams will take home Odisha Juggernauts registered ₹50 lakh and ₹30 lakh respectively.

SOUVENIR RELEASE



Dignitaries releasing a souvenir during English department's centenary celebration at Ravenshaw University in Cuttack, Saturday

SOA organises workshop on NCF

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: A day-long eastern region consultation on the national curriculum framework was organised at Siksha 'O Anusandhan Deemed to be University (SOA) here Saturday.

The main objective of the programme was to integrate the basic and grassroot knowledge and experiences of the civil society in the national curriculum framework. The consultation was organised by the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar, NCERT, New Delhi and SOA in collaboration with the Central University of South Bihar, Gaya. The NCERT has been pursuing

a bottom-up approach for prepa-



ration of the national curriculum framework so that inputs provided by all stakeholders could be included in the document to facilitate a national consensus.

The inaugural session was addressed by PC Agarwal, Principal, RIE, Bhubaneswar while Kameshwar Nath Singh, and Vice-Chancellor of CUSB explained the objectives of the workshop.

SOA's Vice-Chancellor Ashok

Kumar Mahapatra addressed the workshop along with SOA professor Basanta Kumar Pati and NCERT professor and coordina-

OTDC celebrates 43rd

tor of the programme, Laxmidhar Behera. Those who participated in the panel discussions included Sudhakar Panda, Director of NISER, Bhubaneswar, SK Palita, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Odisha, Koraput, PK Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor of Khallikote University, Byomakesh Tripathy, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University of Culture, Gitanjali Das, Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University, Jashobanta Jena, Director of Institute of Mathematics and Application and Somen Ghosh, Director of Regional Science Centre.

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Representatives of reputed NGOs and civil society groups such as Language and Learning Foundation, New Delhi, Save the Children, Odisha, Shikhya Sandhan, Bhubaneswar, CYSD, Bhubaneswar, Aide et Action, South Asia, Action Aid India, New Delhi, Learning Links Foundation, New Delhi, Shikhya Vikash Samiti, Odisha and Tata Trust joined the deliberations.

Tribal group livid for forcing Pujari to dance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar/Koraput, Sept 3: Another tribal group in Odisha has demanded action against the woman social worker who allegedly forced sick Padma Sri awardee and tribal icon Kamala Pujari to dance while being discharged from a hospital in Cuttack.

Following the public outcry over the issue, authorities of the SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack have constituted a committee headed by the head of the medicine department Prof Jayant Panda to probe into the incident where Pujari was 'forced' to dance

despite her illness. The committee c

Handloom Expo at Neelachal Haat

of design.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: As per the revised annual calendar approved by the Handloom, Textiles & Handicrafts Department, Government of Odisha, the Special Handloom Expo-2022 is being organized by Sambalpuri Bastralaya under Promotion Of Handloom Industries (POHI)-2022-23 funds at Neelachal Haat, Puri to boost up the sales and provide regular employment to the weaver members of the PWCs/SHGs.

In this special expo, 300 women weavers belonging to different women Self Help Groups (SHGs)

and 400 women weavers, working under Sambalpuri Bastralava HLCS, Bargarh, will be benefitted by selling their clothes. This will empower them to display their

art and skill to the customers and



modification / colour combination casing their products. Handicraft artisans are participating in the Haat by putting up 11 stalls.

The Special Expo will continue till September 15. A total of 22 stalls have been erected in which women SHGs from Baragrh. Cuttack, Sonepur, Athagarh, Dhenkanal, Baripada, Khurda, Navagarh, Kalahandi, Bolangir

and Boudh Zone including

foundation day POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) celebrated its 43rd Foundation Day at Panthanivas in Bhubaneswar, Saturday.

On the occasion, tourism minister Ashwini Kumar Patra said, With the inflow of foreign tourists to Odisha through the Hockey World Cup, the state has been exposed to the outside world. The potential of such exposure would be tapped. "Everybody saw how the OTDC played a key role when the The stalls are allotted to the participants free of cost. Up to foreign players and delegates came August 31, the Haat achieved sale in good numbers to Bhubaneswar of ₹98.48 lakh through the handduring the Hockey World Cup and loom artisans and ₹14.96lakh Asian Athletic championship. We would now like to scale up that po-



On the occasion a booking website of OTDC was launched www.bookodisha.com.

OTDC is operating 21 hotels in the state. All its hotels are strategically located, well-maintained and are moderately priced. It also operates sightseeing tours from all important Pantha Nivas hotels on regular basis to nearest tourist locations, the department sources said.

registrar of the SCBMCH, Abinash Rout will submit its report to the hos-

SAI International donates essentials to flood victims

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 3: SAI International did its bit by donating a few essential items to the people living in the flooded areas of Goap Block in Puri district. The school donated biscuits, chhatua powder, sugar, chuda mixture, mudhi, candles, matchbox, mosquito repellent coil, stick, spray and sanitary pads towards flood relief at villages of Nothapur, Mahisahi, Sankhitra of Kuanpada panchayat and Villages of Itakuda, Olandi, Davara Gunia, Sankhatira, Harijana Sahi and Orauli of Davara panchayat under Goap block of Puri district.

Items donated were sanitised and sealed before being sent for distribution. Speaking on the occasion, chairperson, SAI International Education Group Silpi Sahoo said, "It is the duty of each citizen to come forward to help the ones in despair. Children need to understand such acts of kindness through activities like these to grow up as empathetic human beings. We inculcate empathy and kindness in students by making them understand the pain of the ones in need."



A scene from the play 'Andhar ra Bivishika' organised by Natyadhara at Bhanjakala Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Saturday OP PHOTO

through the handicrafts artisans. a total of which comes to ₹103.44lakh.

tential for the upcoming hockey world Cup in 2023.

POSHAN ABHIYAAN Odisha utilised only 8% of funds

he number of women who delivered in institutional facilities declined during October-December 2020 compared to that of the same period before the outbreak of Covid-19, according to a report by government think-tank Niti Aayog.

During October-December 2020, nearly 53.48.000 women delivered in institutional facilities, which was lower than the pre-pandemic level (October-December 2019) of 54,98,000, said the report titled 'Preserving progress on nutrition in India Poshan Abhiyaan in pandemic times'.

Besides, approximately 30,52,000 beneficiaries received post-partum check-ups between 48 hours and 14 days of birth during the October-December 2020 period against 31,31,000 such beneficiaries during the pre-pandemic (October-December 2019) period.

The report also pointed out that the number of institutional deliveries conducted (including Csection) reduced in most states and UTs (32 out of 35 states UTs) compared with the number of such cases recorded during the pre-pan According to the report, utilisation of fund under the Centre's flagship Poshan Abhiyaan was highest in Kerala (58 per cent) and lowest in Odisha (8 per cent) among larger states by the end of FY20

Odisha filled 100 per cent of its Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) positions, while Bihar (52 per cent), Uttar Pradesh (61 per cent) and Himachal Pradesh (71 per cent) had filled less than 75 per cent of ANM positions

demic period.

The largest decline was witnessed in Bihar and Chandigarh, it added.

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Among small states, fund utilisation was highest in Nagaland (87 per cent) and lowest in Arunachal Pradesh (9 per cent), while among Union Territories (UTs), fund utilisation was highest

in Lakshadweep (65 per cent) and lowest in Puducherry (22 per cent).

Referring to issues related to human resources, the report said 15 states have filled more than 75 per cent of the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) positions, whereas the data for Punjab were not available.

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While the information on ANM positions filled was not available for Punjab, it said states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Bihar filled the least ANM positions.

The report also suggested strengthening the service delivery across anaemia interventions.

Additionally, states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana. Uttarakhand, north-eastern states and UTs must focus on child immunisation, antenatal care (ANC) check-ups, and the use of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) for treating diarrhoea, it noted. PTI

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state

Host of steps on cards for jumbo safety in Keonjhar

Forest, Energy dept officials & NHAI in a coordination meeting decide to build a 532-metre-long overbridge across NH-49 for safe movement of elephants

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Sept 3: In a bid to ward off elephant casualties in this mineral-rich district, officials of the Forest department, the Energy department and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) held a coordination meeting at the DFO office here Saturday. It was presided over by Rourkela RCCF Arun Kumar Mishra.

Significantly, they took a collective decision to build a 532metre-long overbridge across NH-49 to facilitate movement of the elephants, because they regularly face the danger of fatal accidents while the crossing the National

Dhenkanal/Rayagada: A female elephant and wild boar were electrocuted after coming in contact with a live wire trap allegedly set up by poachers in a forest near Baghadharia village under Hindol



Highway. The officials discussed a number of issues related to elephants' safety and their hindrancefree movement in Keonjhar. Given the risk to animals from

the high tension live wires, they suggested the idea of electricity transmission through cables as a safety measure in the elephant

mands for more dowry. The judge

pronounced the verdict on the basis

of the statements by 20 witnesses,

medical report and the dying dec-

laration, Gouda added.

2 elephants, boar killed forest range in Dhenkanal district, Saturday. On being informed, Forest department official rushed

to the spot and initiated a probe into the matter. A few days ago, another female elephant had been found dead in Khairamunda forest of Mahabirod range in

Dhenkanal. The deaths have raised the concern of the Forest department. Another elephant was also found dead Saturday in North

habitat areas. They also called for urgent measures and stressed the need to increase the height of hightension transmission towers to curb illegal hooking. Joint patrolling in these areas was also suggested by the officials. Besides, they wanted to make protective fencing around unsafe transmitters and spiked



Ghumsar range in Ganjam, a report from Bhanjanagar said. The animal was ailing for last several days. However, it was alleged that the sick animal succumbed due to the Forest department's failure to provide timely treatment. In the last three months, three elephants have died in this range, sources said.

wires for utility poles so that the animals will remain safe.

The spots where elephants cross National Highways will be identified and rumblers will be set up to break the speed of the vehicles there. The RCCF asked the NHAI to make solar-powered lighting systems at those places.

Security measures will be stepped up at Putulupani, Tentuli, under Bhuyan Junag Pidhi (BJP) range; Jagmohanpur under Telkoi range; Pipilia under Ghatagon range, as these places close to NHs are frequented by elephants.

Moreover, safety measures near railway lines were discussed with emphasis on curtailing the speed of trains. DFO Dhanraj HD directed all the rangers to ensure safety measures are enforced near such railway tracks.

The coordination meeting came days after two elephants got electrocuted on the OUAT premises in Keonjhar August 25 after coming in contact with 11 KV wire. Both were females and had given birth to two calves less than a month back.

The incident has exposed a glaring lack of coordination among Forest, Energy and other government agencies in securing elephants. The state has of late grabbed headlines over a spate of elephant deaths and alleged suppression of the incidents



People at Gangapur village in Ganjam district participated in traditional 'Nala Yatra' praying for the protection of locals, agriculture and livestock, Saturday

Man gets life term for killing wife

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Sept 3: A court in Ganjam district Friday sentenced a 36-year-old man to life imprisonment for killing his wife over dowry six years ago. Additional District Judge Indu Sharma also imposed a fine of ₹10,000 on Sushant Bisoi as she convicted him.

On December 17, 2016, Sangeeta was set ablaze by her husband after he poured kerosene on her at Konkorada village in Pattapur Police Station area, around 170 south of

24x7 piped water supply soon for thirsty Silk City Bhubaneswar. The mother of two children succumbed to the injuries PNN & AGENCIES after battling for her life for six days at MKCG Medical College and Berhampur, Sept 3: This southern Hospital in Berhampur, Additional

town in Ganjam district is all set to Public Prosecutor Kureshu Gouda. get round the clock piped water As per a complaint filed by supply in every household. Sangeeta's mother, Bisoi started In the first phase, a state govtorturing her daughter a few years ernment-owned company Water after marriage in 2012 over de-

Corporation of Odisha (WATCO), will provide 24X7 water supply to two zones, comprising Gandhi Nagar, Good-shed area, Patitapaban Nagar and Duduma Colony in Berhampur Municipal Corporation

(BeMC) limits by the end of the current month, and entire city by July 2023, an official said.

Before the end of the current year, the residents of around 60 per cent of the corporation area will get round the clock water, said Biswabandhu Panigrahi, general manager of WATCO's Berhampur division. There are around 60,000 households in the BeMC and around 80 million litres of water required per day to supply for round the clock. It would be pos-



sible due to the completion of the much-awaited Janibili water supply project, he said.

While the newly constructed Janibili project will provide around 43 mld (million litre per day), other

two existing projects-Dakhinapur reservoir and Rushikulya water supply project, Kaliabali will supply 27 and 10 mld respectively, he said.

The work is going on in full swing with the replacement of the PVC pipelines and diverting the pipelines from the drains. Out of 31 pipelines identified in the drains, 11 have already been diverted so far, he said. Panigrahi said they would hold a meeting with BeMC corporators soon to seek their cooperation to re-

place and divert the pipes

Besides, a dedicated power supply is being made for smooth supply of the drinking water. The company will also install three 625-ky power breakers at the Janibili project site and four 250-kv power breakers at the reservoir sites at Jagadalapur, near here for uninterrupted power supply to the city, he added. "We thank Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for solving the nagging problem of the drinking water crisis in the city," said Berhampur MP Chandra Sekhar Sahu.

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1.	DEOGARH - 1 BRANCH / Borrower: Mrs. Gitanjali Sahu, W/o: Mr. Prasad Sahoo/ Legal Heirs of Late Arjur Sahoo: 1) Mrs. Minakshi Sahu, W/o: Late Arju Sahoo, 2) Mr. Ambika Prasad Sahu, S/o: L Mohan Sahoo, All are At: Matru Niwas, Nea Chowk, PO.: Purunagarh, PS.: Deogarh, Dis	r. Ambika Deoga in Mohan Dist.: I Jun Mohan Dist.: I Bounda ar College	iring Area: 0.06 Dec., under POJPS:: Deogarn, Deogarh, in the name of Mrs. Gitanjali Sahu , ed by North: Land of Ranjan Brahma, South: Road, Mathura Mohapatra, West: Land of Raghunath Naik	₹11,06,496.21 as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹8,50,000/- / ₹85,000/- / ₹10,000/-	14.	JHARSUGUDA BRANCH/ Borrower/Co-Applicant/Guarantor: Mrs. M Kanchan Prasad, W/o.: Manish Thacker, At: COX Colony, Opp New Church, PO.: Industrial Estate, Jharsuguda, Odisha	Sri Chaitanya Biswal II that piece and parcel of Land and Building at Mouza: Jharsuguda, Town Unit - 2, Balijori, MS Khata Io.: 747/2194, Plot No.: 678/9649, Beheramal IBP Petrol Pump, Bijunagar, Jharsuguda - 768203 in the name of Smt. Kanchan Prasad	+ interest, costs and charges thereon	₹42,50,000/- ₹4,25,000/-, ₹10,000/-
	AMBAGAON BRANCH / Borrower: M/s. Maa Foods Enterprises Samantaray, S/o.: Paramananda Samant 5527, Mouza: Kuarmunda, P.S.: B Sundergarh, Odisha & Also At: Qtr. No.: F/ Daurdel 20010	taray, Plot No.: 9 Birmitrapur, Dis	72/ 378/2167, Area: Ac.0.10dec., Mouza: st.: Kuarmunda, P.S.: Birmitrapur, Dist.:	₹20,27,246.47 as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹16,50,000/- / ₹1,65,000/- / ₹10,000/-	15.	JHARSUGUDA BRANCH / Borrowers/Co-Applicants/Guarantors: Mr. Dhananjay Patel & Arati Patel, At: Kurla, P.O.: Mangaspur, Via: Bhasma, Dist: Sundargarh, Odisha-770019	P.S.: Bhasma, PO.: Mangaspur, Dist.: Sundargarh-770019, M.S. Khatian No.: 211/180, Plot No.: 683, 685/2166, 686/2167, 725,728/1, Area: Ac.0.26 Dec.	as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹51,72,000/ / ₹5,17,200/- / ₹10,000/-
	Rourkela-769012		Journan Gamanaray	111110000011			JHARSUGUDA-3 BRANCH /	1) All that piece and parcel of vacant Land situated	₹3,13,92,262,36	₹83.50.000/

3	Mohammad Salim, S/o.: Mohammad Majid, At: Bargarh, Mouza: Bargarh, P.S./Tahasil: Bargarh, Dist.: Ward No. 7, Bargarh, Dist.: Bargarh, PIN-768028 Bargarh in the name of Mohammad Salim CHURIAPALI BRANCH/ EM of Land & Building at Plot No.:	₹63,13,514.75 as on 03.09.2022	₹69,74,500/- / ₹6,97,450/- / ₹10,000/- ₹36,07,830/-/ ₹3,60,783/-/ ₹10,000/-	16.	 Bengali Para, Ward No: 3, Opposite Manmohan ME School, Jharsuguda, Odisha - 768201/ Guarantors: 1) Suresh Kumar Tulshyan, S/o.: Sanwar Mal Tulshyan, At: Hari Om Complex, Ward No: 3, Bengali Para, Opposite Manmohan ME School, Jharsuguda, Odisha - 768201, 2) Rajesh Agrawal, S/o.: Om Prakash Agrawal, At: Jhanda Chowk, Jharsuguda, Odisha - 768201, 3) Hema Agrawal, W/o.: Rajesh Agrawal, At: Singhal Tiles & Marbles, Main Road, Jharsuguda, Odisha - 768201 	₹83,50,000/- / ₹8,35,000/- / ₹10,000/- ₹19,00,000/- / ₹1,90,000/- / ₹10,000/- ₹3,55,66,000/- / ₹35,56,600/- / ₹10,000/-
5	2) Mr. Ananta Mahapatra, S/o.: Binod Mahapatra, Both are at Village: Banabira, Mouza: Banabira, GP.: Tabada, Block: Sohela, Bargarh - 768033, Odisha/ Guarantor: Shri Ishwara Mohapatra, S/o.: Harishankar Mahapatra, Village: Banabira, GP.: Tabada, Block: Sohela, Bargarh - 768033, in the name of Mrs. Annapurna Mahapatra.	as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges	₹18,50,000/-/ ₹1,85,000/-/ ₹10,000/-	17.	Borrowers: 1) M/s. Ekdant Electronics, Prop.: Saurav Bhalotia, At: Khata No.: 328/1067, Plot No.: 675/4299, Jagannath Chowk, Main Road, Rajgangpur, PO./ PS.:Rajgangpur, Dist.: Sundargarh, Odisha-770017, Also At: Samsung Smart Plaza, Bangeela Chowk Borrowers: 1) M/s. Ekdant Electronics, Prop.: Saurav Boad, At/PO:: Rajgangpur, Knata No.: 328/361, Plot No.: 603/4208/1, extent: Ac 0.090 dec, Kissam: Gharbari in the name of Mrs. Neeta Agrawal, Bounded by North: Railway Land, South: Plot Nos. 603/4208 & doz, East: Road and West: Plot No.: 602/5313	₹27,50,000/- / ₹2,75,000/- / ₹10,000/-
6	SAMBALPUR - 1 BRANCH/ Borrowers/Co-Applicants/Guarantors: 1) Smt. Sangeeta Agrawalla, W/o.: Moti lal Agrawalla, 2) Sri Moti Lal Agrawalla, S/o.: Mungi Lal Agrawalla, Both are At: Bada Bazaar, Near Samleshwari Temple, PO.: Khetrajpur, PS.: Khetrajpur, Dist.: Sambalpur-768003EMD of Land situated at Mouza: Pandaripathar, PS.: Jharsuguda, Dist.: Jharsuguda, Khata No.: 145-276, Plot No.: 445, Area: Ac.0.440 Dec., Plot No.: 4467, Ac.0.060 Dec., Plot No.: 486, Ac.0.170 Dec., Plot No.: 487, Ac.0.280 Dec., Plot No.: 490, Ac.0.060 Dec., Plot No.: 492, Ac.0.190 Dec., Plot No.: 444/1525, Ac.0.150 Dec., Total Area: A c.1.350 Dec., in the name of Smt. Sangeeta Agrawalla	₹34,69,094.94 as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹57,37,000/-/ ₹5,73,700/-/ ₹10,000/-		 Fertiliser Township, Rourkela - 770017, Mr. Saurav Bhalotia, S/o.: Sajan Agrawal, At: H. No. 357, Daily Market, Ward No. 5, Rajgangpur, PO./PS.: Rajgangpur, Dist.: Sundargarh, Odisha-770017, 2) Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, S/o.: Ghasiram Agrawal, 3) Neeta Agrawal, W/o.: Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, Both are At: Rajgangpur, Near Daily Market, PO./PS.: Rajgangpur, Dist.: Sundargarh, Odisha-770017 	₹4,30,00,000/- / ₹43,00,000/- / ₹10,000/-
7	THELKOLOI BRANCH / Borrower: Mr. Dilip Kumar Yadav, S/o: Ramnath Yadav, C/o: Dr. Pramod Kumar Yadav, At.: Buromal Shantinagar, PO.: Jharsuguda. Dist.: Jharsuguda-768201 / Guarantors: 1) Mr. Pramod Kumar Yadav, S/o: Ramnath Yadav, At: Buromal, Shantinagar, Jharsuguda, PO/Dist.: Jharsuguda- 768201, 2) Smt. Amrita Kumari Devi, W/o: Dilip Kumar Yadav, C/o: Raju Das, S/o: Murlidhar, At/P.O.: Thelkoloi, Dist.: SambalpurAll that piece and parcel of Land and Building, Mouza: Jharsuguda Town Unit-5, P.S.: Jharsuguda, M.S. Khata No.: 1212/4991, Plot No.: 3865/11820, Area: Ac.0.040Dec., Budha Pada, Ward No.: 21, Buromal, Jharsuguda, PIN- 768201 in the name of the Dilip Kumar Yadav, 768201, 2) Smt. Amrita Kumari Devi, W/o: Dilip Kumar Yadav, C/o: Raju Das, S/o: Murlidhar, At/P.O.: Thelkoloi, P.S.: Thelkoloi, Dist.: SambalpurAll that piece and parcel of Land and Building, Mouza: Jharsuguda, MS. Khata No.: 1212/4991, Plot No.: 3865/11820, Area: Ac.0.040Dec., Budha Pada, Ward No.: 21, Buromal, Jharsuguda, PIN- 768201 in the name of the Dilip Kumar Yadav, Proposed 15' Wide Road, East: Proposed 12' Wide Road, West: Plot No.: 3865(P)	₹11,97,501.12 as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹9,50,000/- / ₹95,000/- / ₹10,000/-	18.	Chandra Giri, 3) Mr Kulda Singh, S/o: Hari 268, Plot No.: 1722, Area: Ac.2.760 Dec., Mouza: Khuruntia, thereon Singh, Both are At/P.O.: Khuruntia, P.S.: PS.: Morada No. 74, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, in the name of Mr.	₹48,15,000/- / ₹4,81,500/- / ₹10,000/- ₹79,50,000/-/ ₹7,95,000/-/
8	ATTABIRA BRANCH / Borrower: M/s. Nilambar Enterprises, Prop.: Sobhabati Satapathy, W/o: Subash Satapathy, At: Gopalpur, P.O.: Bhatli, Dist.: Bargarh, PIN-768030 / Guarantors: 1)Subash Satapathy, S/o: Nilambar Satapathy, 2) Lenin Satapathy, S/o: Nilambar Satapathy, Both are At: Gopalpur, P.O.: Bhatli, Dist.: Bargarh, PIN-768030	as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges thereon	₹72,50,000/- / ₹7,25,000/- / ₹10,000/-	19.	Morada, Dist.: Mayurbhanj, PIN-757073 Pradeep Kumar Giri. SONEPUR - 1 BRANCH/ All that piece and parcel of EM of Land & Building Belonging to Mr. Jambeswar Haripal at Khata No.: 209/ 98, Plot No.: 1728, 1729, 1730 measuring Total Area: A. Dist.: Subarnapur, Odisha PIN-767018/ Guarantor: Takasil: Ullunda All that piece and parcel of EM of Land & Building Belonging to Mr. Jambeswar Haripal at Khata No.: 209/ 98, Plot No.: 1728, 1729, 1730 measuring Total Area: A. C.O.27 Dec., Mouza: Jamgaon, P.S.: Birmaharajpur, Takasil: Ullunda ₹9,00,268.37 Mr. Laxmi Prasad Jagadala, S/o.: Ganeswar All that piece and parcel of EM of Land & Building Belonging to Mr. Jambeswar Haripal at Khata No.: 209/ 98, Plot No.: 1728, 1729, 1730 measuring Total Area: A. C.O.27 Dec., Mouza: Jamgaon, P.S.: Birmaharajpur, Tahasil: Ullunda thereest, costs and charges thereon Jagadala, At: Panisilai, PO.: Sonepur, Dist.: Subarnapur, Odisha, PIN-767017 EM of Rural Residential Land with Semi constructed building at Khata	₹10,000/- ₹12,10,000/- / ₹1,21,000/- / ₹10,000/-
9	ATTABIRA BRANCH/ 1) All that piece and parcel of Land situated at Padhan Pali, Borrowers/Co-Applicants/Guarantors: 1) M/s. Satapathi Associates, Prop.: Subash M/s. Satapathi Associates, Prop.: Subash Satapathy, 2) Mr. Lenin Satapathy, S/o.: Nilambar Satapathy, 3) Mrs. Sobhabati Sobhabati Satapathy, Wo.: Subash Satapathy, All are 2) All that piece and parcel of Land situated at Gopalpur, Khata No:: 220/435, Plot No.: 772/2838, Area: Ac.0.25Dec. at Mouza: Bargarh, Odisha, PIN - 768027 Mr. Lenin Satapathy Mr. Lenin Satapathy Mr. Lenin Satapathy, Wo.: Subash Satapathy, All are Coll and situated at Gopalpur, Khata No:: 220/435, Plot No.: 772/2838, Area: Ac.0.25Dec. at Mouza: Gopalpur, Tahasil: Bhatil, Dist.: Bargarh, PIN-768030 in the name Bargarh, Odisha, PIN - 768027 Mr. Lenin Satapathy Mr. Subash Satapathy	as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs and charges	(1)₹47,00,000/-/ ₹4,70,000/-/ ₹10,000/- (2) ₹41,74,000/-/ ₹4,17,400/-/ ₹10,000/-		Borrower: <i>Wis.</i> Sri Ram Orissa IKTA Handloom Pvt. Ltd., At: Khairmal, PO.: Manamunda, Dist.: Boudh - 762016/ Partners: 1) Mr. Saroj Kumar Guru (MD), S/o.: Sitaram Guru, At: Kumarkeli, PO.: Jogindrapur, Dist.: dec.), Plot No.: 7 (Ac.0.52 Boudh - 762016, 2) Mr. Poulasthi Kumar Meher (Director), S/o.: Mr. Chaturbhuj Meher, At/PO.: Sonepur, Dist.: Subamapur, Pin - 767017, 3) Mr. Baneswar Meher (Director), S/o.: Bharat Meher, At: Patavadi, PO.: Sonepur, Dist.: Subamapur, PIN-767017, 4) Mrs. Tanuja Meher, W/o.: Mr. Ashish Meher, At: Bada Bazar, PO.: Sonepur, Dist.: Subarnapur, PIN-767017 Date and Time of Inspection of Property for Intending Purchasers : upto 19.09.2022 during Banking	/ ₹4,20,000/- / ₹10,000/-
	ATTABIBA BRANCH /				Details of encumbrances if any : NIL	
10	Borrower: M/s. Sri Sai Laxmi Tractor, At/P.O.: Saranda, P.S.: Attabira, Dist.: Bargarh, Odisha- 768027/Partners: 1) Mr. Bikani Vaer Vankata	₹16,76,482.39	₹8,10,000/-		For registration and login and bidding rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp, www.unionbankofindia.co.in	
	P.S. No.: 47, Tahasil: Attabira, Dist.: Bargarh, Pin -	as on 03.09.2022 + interest, costs	/ ₹81,000/-	ST	TATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/ RULE 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) F	RULES, 2002
	Satyanarayana, S/o.: Bikani Govino Hao, At. Kshirapali Kenal, Kulunda, Bugbuga, Dist.: Bargarh, 2) Mr. Abhilash Bhue, S/o.: Prahalad Bhue, At: Sodhapali, PO.: Janged, PS.: Attabira, Dist.: Bargarh	and charges thereon	/ ₹10,000/-	-	his May also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. For any query please con Bipin Kishore Ekka (Chief Manager) : Mob.: 7044991203	d guarantor/s
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The first principle of true teaching is that nothing can be taught. SRI AUROBINDO



Our Growth Story

India has overtaken the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth largest economy. This is the second time we overtook the UK, the first being a few years ago. But as our growth slowed, we fell behind again. The nations ahead of us are Germany, Japan, China and the United States. That two of the four are Asian nations gives us hope that we can also become a developed and wealthy nation.

The overall size of a nation's economy is one way of looking at gross domestic product. The other way is to look at per person GDP. India's population is 20 times more than the UK's and so we must keep that in mind when we exult. Our per capita GDP is \$2200, which is around ₹1.75 lakh/year. The UK's average income is \$47,000 or ₹37 lakh/year. The question is how can we get to that stage. Surely it is possible for us also if other nations in the recent past have gone there including South Korea (\$34,000), Japan (\$39,000) and China (\$12500).

The World Bank defines lower middle income nations as those where per person GDP is between \$1,036 and \$4,045 (at \$2200, we are lower middle income and have been here since 2008, around when we crossed \$1000). Upper middle-income economies are those with per capita national income of between \$4,046 and \$12,535. Above that is high income. An interesting facet of

these three economically successful Asian nations is that their highest growth rate phases came when they were where we are today. Japan was at our level (\$2056) in 1970. In the decade to 1980, it grew its economy by 16% a year to reach \$9463. In the four decades after that it averaged a growth rate of 3.5% to come to over \$39,000. South Korea was at \$2198 in 1983. In the 10 years to 1993, that nation grew its GDP by 15% each year to reach \$8884. After that it grew at around 5% a year for the next three decades. The most recent story has been that of China. It is also the one that should interest us most because China has as large a population as ours. And it was as poor as us at one point in time. The World Bank's data shows that India's per capita income in 1960 was \$82, while China's was \$89. In 1970, we were \$112 and China was \$113. In 1980, India was \$266 and China \$194. In 1990, meaning 32 years ago, India was \$367 and China \$317. That was the last time we were ahead of them. In 2000, we were \$1357 and China was \$4450. Today as mentioned earlier, we are \$2277 and they are \$12,556. How did they do this? By growing at 11% between 1990 and 2000, and then growing at 16.5% per year between 2000 and 2010 and then growing at 10% in the last decade. On the other hand in the same period, we grew at 6%. To grow at 15% per year is an astonishing feat which we have never achieved ever, but these three nations

have achieved it in sustained fashion over several years to escape poverty. What is their secret sauce? Japan was able to create consumer brands of the highest quality in the world, like Toyota, Sony, Honda, Panasonic, Yamaha and so on. Consumers in all nations were willing to pay for their cars, pianos, walkman sets and TVs. They also had industrial companies like Mitsubishi. Similarly, South Korea created engineering giants Hyundai and consumer brands like Samsung and LG. China did not follow the exact same route but became the world's manufacturing hub. Businesses relocated or set up operations in China because of costs and efficiency gains. All three nations also moved up what is called the value chain and developed industries in the manufacture of electronics and semi-conductors.

For India to repeat their success, we will have to figure out how to do what they did but that is not the only way to get there. Cuba (\$10,000) has a life expectancy, per capita income and health and education of world class standards despite not having an open economy and being under severe sanctions. There is also another way, in which other nations which are today called developed, achieved prosperity in the modern era. And that is through having transparent and functional democracies, including with an independent judiciary and criminal justice system. These are things only democracies can provide and not tyrannies and for this reason, this particular route is closed to those nations which are authoritarian.



Aakar Patel

After 2014 our growth has been average of around 5%. If this continues we will remain here like Egypt, Brazil, South Africa and Bangladesh

FLAWS IN PREZ POLLS

The people in India were witness to the maneuverings of two political formations - the party in power and its allies and of the opposition conglomeration - in selecting their nominees and their strategies in garnering support in the recent presidential election. For sure, they may have also wondered, at some point, if the choices and election exercise truly reflected their will.

Yes, people's keen observation of their representatives' actions in discharge of each of the assigned roles is essential for strengthening of democracy. Not only should people closely observe, but should make their opinion - approbation or rejection - explicit. A truly democratic setup should provide an environment for this and the scope and the capacity to people for course correction when their elected representatives falter in their job; otherwise, the choices of vested interests prevail over the public interest. Let alone the reflection or otherwise of people's true will in voting, at least three anomalies in the election system, which are against the democratic spirit, are not being debated enough; they continue unchallenged election after election although the presidential elections are extremely important.

PSM Rao

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Yes, the presidential position is crucial in that the constitutional architects carefully designed it for ensuring proper checks and balances in the governance and to guard against any autocratic trends of the elected government.

Reverting to the three flaws, a quick recap of the presidential election is imperative since they are inherent to the system. The Election Commission of India conducts the presidential elections in exercise of powers vested in it under Article 324 of the Constitution of India. An electoral college comprising the elected representatives of both Houses of the Parliament, elected members of Assemblies of all 28 states and two Union Territories (National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry) which have Assemblies elect the president (Article 54). The election is through the system of proportional representation by means



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of the single transferable vote and voting in a secret ballot [Article 55 (3)]. Now the three anomalies:

One: 1971 Population base till 2031

To ensure peoples representation from each state in proportion to the population, the Constitution mandated that the vote value of each MLA be decided dividing the state's population by total number of MLAs which again is divided by 1,000 to fix the vote value in 1,000 multiples; example: vote value of UP MLAs is 208. It is obtained dividing the state's 1971 population (not current) of 8,38,49,905 with 403, the number MLAs, and again dividing the value thus obtained by 1.000. Needless to say, the value would be different if current instead of 1971 population is taken.

Why 1971? The Constitutional Article 55 originally mandated that the population base of last preceding census of which relevant figures have been published be taken for calculating the MLA vote value (also implies of MP's). But that was changed through the 42nd amendment to the Constitution which has frozen the population reference year to 1971 till the year 2000 which practically meant until after 2001 census data was available. The purpose of the then Congress government for such freezing was its population policy; it was feared that the states which strictly followed population policy would register slower population growth and therefore current year's reference may result in a lower vote value meaning, a lower proportional representation to a performing state, which meant a disincentive for good job, whereas the states which failed to implement the population policy would register higher population and would get benefit of representation incentive.

With this very same approach and purpose the NDA government through the 84th Constitutional amendment extended the population reference year from 2,000 to 2,026 which means the same 1971 base continues till the 2031 census figures are published. Whichever the government and whatever its rationale, the persons born after 1971 do not get representation for no fault of theirs-they are not responsible for the ineffective population policy implantation. Is this not irrational, unjust and an outright undemocratic practice?

Look at the relative shares in population growth of four select states, for example Bihar (with highest population growth rate of 25.40% in 2001-11 decade), UP (20.23%), West Bengal (13.84%) and Kerala (4.91%) with a total 1971 population of 19.15 crore more than doubled to 41.85 crore in 2011. The details show the relative fall in population growth in West Bengal to -4% and of Kerala -3% between 1971 and 2011 against 3% and 4% hike in Bihar and UP whereas the vote value of the MLAs remain unchanged at 1971

level in all these states. **Two: UTs' detriment**

The method of achieving proportional representation should be foolproof, not in some, but in all the 28 states and eight Union Territories. But that is not the case in all the UTs-only NCT Delhi and UT of Puducherry are exception because they have Assemblies The state or territory with Assembly represents in voting at two levels - through their Assembly and Parliament members whereas the UTs without Assemblies represent only through their MPs. One example for greater clarity The recently formed UT of Ladakh with Jammu and Kashmir reor ganisation in 2019 doesn't have an Assembly although its constituents -Kargil and Leh had MLAs when it was part of J&K who too were entitled to vote together with the MPs from the area. Now the people have lost that privilege - no Assembly no MLA votes!

Three: MPs' share disproportional

The value of MP votes is uniform although the all-India average population per MP is 22.29 lakh with a wide variation. For instance, a Rajasthan MP represents 27.42 lakh while that of Lakshadweep represents just 64,000 people - a mere 2.87% of all India average.

Add to these three anomalies, the presidential elections at times are held without some Assemblies' participation. This time it was Jammu & Kashmir where Assembly is yet to be formed; this state could not participate in 1992, too. Also, there are other examples: Gujarat (in 1974), Assam (in 1982) and Nagaland (in 1992) could not participate in the presidential elections as their Assemblies were in dissolution.

Technically it was correct because elections to the President's position were to be held before the incumbent President's term ends [Article 62 (1)]. But is it not the duty of the government to ensure the timely Assembly elections so as not to exclude a state's representation?

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SPECTRUM JUSTICE The International Criminal Court at 20

India is today on the cusp in the same way as Japan, South Korea and China were when they were at around \$2000 per capita. Can we make the leap like them? All of us surely want this and it would be great for the world as well. But something must shift for this to happen. The only time we were close to growth rates like those achieved by our fellow Asians was in the 10 year period between 2004 and 2014 (growing at 9% from \$627 to \$1573). This is not just about political parties: global trade boomed in that period and therefore our exports rose exponentially. That boom has now gone and we can no longer take advantage of it.

After 2014 our growth has been average of around 5%. If this continues we will remain here like Egypt, Brazil, South Africa and Bangladesh. The fact is that it is only the rare nations that succeed economically.

WISDOM CORNER

- Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes. CARL JUNG
- Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today. JAMES DEAM
- All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue walt Disney

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Bioart

This is a rather broad term that can refer to any kind of art that has been inspired by biological mechanisms or which makes use of biological concepts. These include pictorial art based on aspects of nature or medical illustrations, software that turns the genetic code into luminous, scientifically accurate pictures, and robotic sculptures operated by fish. The creation by Eduardo Kac and others of transgenic bioartistic plants and animals – using a jellyfish gene that makes them glow in the dark – has provoked controversy because it raises ethical issues of a type that artists are unused to facing. The field has been in the news recently through the prosecution of Steven Kurtz, who used a biological laboratory at his home to make artistic works based on bacteria and DNA; however, he denies his work has any connection with the species-modification end of the bioart spectrum, which one writer has called "Frankensteinian aberrations".

Bioinvasion

This term seems to be new, but has recently been popularised through a book by Chris Bright of the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, DC, called Life Out of Bounds, Bio-invasion in a Borderless World. He describes how the traditional geographical barriers between species have broken down as a result of human activity. Plants and animals are transported on purpose or by accident all around the world by carriage on ships and aircraft. Ecosystems that have been isolated for millions of years are being invaded by exotic species, with catastrophic effects. The Everglades are being taken over by the Australian melaleuca tree, the Asian tiger mosquito is greatly expanding its range, bringing dengue fever and other diseases, the Amazonian water hyacinth has spread along the margins of Lake Victoria, where it impedes fishing, and Leidy's comb jelly has been introduced to the Black Sea, where it has caused the collapse of the ecosystem.



Irwin Cotler & Allan Rock THE IDEA OF INDIVIDUAL CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASS ATROCITIES CHALLENGED THE OLD NOTION OF UNFETTERED STATE sion of the International Criminal Court under the Rome Statute, a major milestone in the effort to end impunity for mass atrocities. The ICC's first generation of operation shows how much it is

needed - and what more needs to

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be done to maximise its impact. The concept of international justice rose like a phoenix from the ashes of the Holocaust, and was first put into practice at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi leaders in 1945. A newfound focus on the individual – on the civilian who deserves protection, and on the perpetrator who deserves punishment -marked a decisive shift away from a system in which heads of state had a license to kill or torture anyone within their borders. The idea of individual criminal responsibility for mass atrocities challenged the old notion of unfettered state sovereignty and its animating ethos that "might makes right."

Efforts to achieve accountability for mass atrocities have continued in various forms, including through ad hoc special tribunals established by the United Nations Security Council. But as a permanent venue for securing justice for victims and

ICC is the crown jewel of the current system. It continues to represent the greatest hope for international justice.

Complementary to the ICC is the international sanctions regime, which includes global legal norms (so-called Magnitsky laws) that allow for punitive measures - travel bans, asset seizures, financial prohibitions, and, in Canada, asset repurposing - against specific individuals responsible for human-rights abuses. The ICC and targeted sanctions are each significant in themselves; but to achieve their full potential, they should be mutually reinforcing. For example, the sanctions regime should be deployed against anyone who is evading an ICC arrest warrant, or against foreign officials from Rome Statute states who fail to cooperate with the ICC in the fulfillment of its mission.

One of the ICC's greatest challenges has been ensuring that arrest warrants are enforced. Former Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir travelled freely for years – taking more than 100 foreign trips to various countries – while subject to an ICC arrest warrant. The failure to arrest Bashir eroded the ICC's cred-

mined its deterrent effect. But if the image of a free-flying Bashir were to be replaced with one of a president in handcuffs at the airport, the story of international justice would start to look quite different. State parties to the Rome Statute

This month marks the 20th accountability for violators, the ibility and significantly under-effective. For instance, a US threat

State parties to the Rome Statute are required to cooperate with the ICC. But what happens if they refuse, as in Bashir's case? That is where sanctions come in.

We know that targeted measures can persuade state officials to change course, because we have seen "carrots" and "sticks" - incentives and coercive measures work together to secure arrests in the past. For example, the promise of eventual EU membership convinced the Serbian government to hand over Ratko Mladi to face trial in The Hague for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the 1992-95 Bosnian War. Similarly, the US government's offer of a \$5 million reward for the apprehension of ICC fugitives has resulted in militia leader Bosco Ntaganda's surrendering himself to the court in 2013, and in the arrest and capture of various other fugitives from Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

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 "Sticks" – such as threats of economic pressure – have also proven
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to withhold aid led then-Yugoslav President Vojislav Koštunica to have a "change of heart" in 2001, resulting in Slobodan Miloševi 's extradition to The Hague for trial before an international tribunal.

To bring such leverage more consistently to bear, states with existing sanctions legislation should amend their laws or regulations to include ICC prosecutor requests as one of the triggers for considering new sanctions designations. If all ICC member states were to adopt such a policy, 123 countries would become off limits to suspects on the run.

Coordinated implementation of targeted sanctions in these circumstances would help advance human rights and the rules-based order that safeguards them. By interweaving two of the most transformative trends in international justice – trials and sanctions – we can ensure that the effort to combat impunity grows stronger, rather than weaker, over time. The victims of the world's worst crimes deserve nothing less.

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TO THE EDITOR

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UK's cost-of-living shock

Sir, This refers to "UK slips behind India to become 6th biggest economy," Orissa POST, Sept 3. Britain has dropped behind India to become the world's sixth largest economy, delivering a further blow to the government in London as it grapples with a brutal cost-of-living shock. The UK's decline down the international rankings is an unwelcome backdrop for the new prime minister. Conservative Party members choose Boris Johnson's successor Monday, with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss expected to beat former Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak in the run-off. The winner will take over a nation facing the fastest inflation in four decades and rising risks of a recession that the Bank of England says may last well into 2024. By contrast, the Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7% this year. A world-beating rebound in Indian stocks this quarter has just seen their weighting rise to the second spot in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, trailing only China's. The IMF's own forecasts show India overtaking the UK in dollar terms on an annual basis this year, putting the Asian powerhouse behind just the US, China, Japan and Germany. A decade ago, India ranked 11th among the largest economies, while the UK was 5th. N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

GI tag for Baripada 'mudhi'

Sir, It makes me feel proud that the state government has started process for obtaining GI tag for famous Baripada 'mudhi'. It is a popular food item of this region. The state Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Science and Technology Suresh Kumar Vasisth has written a letter to Mavurbhani Collector Vineet Bhardwai to provide relevant information for Baripada mudhi's GI registration. This is believed to be the beginning of a concrete process towards Baripada mudhi getting GI tag. Baripada is known for its 'mudhi mansa' (mudhi mixed with meat) all over the state. The IPR cell of the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology has initiated the efforts for this purpose. Odisha has already received GI tag for Kandhamal haladi and Odisha Rasagola. The state has sought GI tag for other food products such as Kendrapara 'rasabali' and 'chhena Poda'. Odisha has filed the GI application for Mayurbhanj's sabai and Cuttack's famed silver filigree products. These food items reveal the beauty of Odisha and +the state government must try to protect these food items. Hitesh kumar Parida, PANIKOILI









An AAP government in Gujarat will provide a salary of ₹10,000 per month for the sarpanch and **₹10 lakh for the village panchayat** which would be transferred directly by the state government ARVIND KEJRIWAL AAP LEADER

SCHOOLCHILDREN FALL SICK

At least 12 schoolchildren fell sick at a state-run primary school in Bengal's North Dinajpur district after consuming midday meal. Investigation has revealed that the cook by mistake mixed detergent powder instead of salt in the food



NITISH CALLS FOR OPPN UNITY Dalit student hit with metal rod for touching teacher's bike

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gether reduce the BJP to 50 seats in the 2024 Lok Patna, Sept 3: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Sabha polls Saturday asked opposition The Janata Dal (United), parties to bury their difwhose office bearers are ferences to forge national meeting here for two days,

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minister Shrawan Kumar told reporters Kumar has been authorised to work for uniting opposition parties and said a "united opposition under the leadership of Kumar is the need of the hour to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections." A party resolution said Kumar's "vision and mission" behind Bihar's development have been praised in and outside India.

The JD(U) leader may reach Delhi on September 5 to meet several opposition

leaders, party sources said. The JD(U) also accused the ruling BJP of having "authoritarian" tendencies and destabilising non-BJP governments in several states, including Delhi and Jharkhand besides Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra earlier. The no-holds-barred

According to police, the incident was reported from Higher Secondary School, Ranaupur under Nagra police station limits, on Friday. "The incident took place when

the class 6 boy touched the motorcycle of his teacher Krishna Mohan Sharma. Enraged over this, the teacher first locked the student in a classroom. The child alleged that Sharma hit him with a metal rod and broom, and also choked his neck. The other staff of the school rescued the boy." Devendra Nath Dubey, SHO, Nagra Police station said.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 3: Over 9,000 Congress members would vote to elect the next party President, election for which would be held after a long gap 22 years on October 17.

In the last such election that was held in 2000, current interim president Sonia Gandhi had defeated Jitendra Prasada, who managed just 94 out of 7,542 votes. Prior to that, Sitaram Kesri had defeated Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot by securing 6,224 votes. Pawar had secured 882 votes, while Pilot got 354 votes.

Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi has, however, declined to run for the party chief's post this time even as efforts are on to persuade him. Senior leaders such as Mallikarjun Kharge and Salman Khurshid have said that they will try to convince Rahul Gandhi on the matter. Ahead of the notification on the

About 9K voters to

election, some Congress leaders have raised the issue of electoral rolls, saying it should be made public. Party leaders such as Anand Sharma, Manish Tewari, Karti Chidambaram and Shashi Tharoor have already expressed their opinion on the issue of electoral rolls. They have urged the party's

Central Election Authority (CEA). headed by senior Congress leader Madhusudan Mistry, to make the electoral rolls public by making them available on the Congress website.

However, the CEA has said that these rolls would be made available only to the candidates contesting the poll. Congress General Secretary (Organisation), K.C. Venugopal, said that it (the list) is an internal matter and hence, it cannot be made public.

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E mail: suryofoods.industries@gmail.com, Website: http://www.suryofoods.com NOTICE is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of SURYO FOODS & INDUSTRIES LIMITED will be held on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 at 11.30 A.M. at the registered office of the company at Dinalipi Bhawan, A-54/1 & A-55/1 Nayapalli, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751003 to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of 33rd AGM. The Annual Report of the Company for the Financial year 2021-22 along with the Notice of AGM has been e-mailed on 03rd September, 2022 to the members whose e-mail address have been made available by the Register and Transfer Agent or are registered with the Company and sent by permitted mode on 03rd September, 2022 to Members who have

Bangalore, Sept 3: An incident of Karnataka BJF

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"MLA Limbavali has in structed the police to boot me out into the prison repeatedly. He told me that, do you have any respect and honor? You encroach the land and now you come in front of the MLA. He also asked the police to drag me to the police station and made me sit there," Ruth stated The activist main the BBMP is tr molish her prope 1971. Whatever problem, the MLA behaved proper woman in a publi stated. Ruth alleged th kept in the police 10 p.m. and not make any calls. leged that MLA tried to drag her came to hit her fence. Limbaval that he had only woman to clea croachment. Dinesh Gundu leader and Cons demanded that Women's Commis take note of the "The MLA shou spoken to a woma This is uncivilize The MLA has u lars on her and that he would en imprisoned. W talk about all the leaders are displ gant behaviour Priyank Kharg MLA and KPCO charge, asked wh BJP leaders who him on his co women being con to bed with netas ernment jobs. "Is MLA Lin rowdy? He does r tience to receiv and listen to woe Meanwhile, Department Parthasarathy h complaint agair leging obstructi duty by her with Whitefield police station.

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BJP MLA threatens woman activist INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

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not registered their e-mail address.

Members are hereby informed that the notice of the 33rd Annual General Meeting and 33rd Annual Report of the Company are available on the website of the Company www.suryofoods. com and the Notice & Annual report can be viewed directly on the following links:

https://survofoods.com/notice and https://survofoods.com/annual-report

Click- Notice of 33rd AGM and Click- Annual Report for the F.Y. 2021-22.

The Notice & Annual Report are also available for inspection at the registered office of the Company on all working days during business hours of the Company.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015 Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using remote electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the AGM ('remote e-voting') provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) and the business may be transacted through such voting. In order to enable its Members, who do not have access to e-voting facility, to send their assent or dissent in writing in respect of the resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM: the Company has also enclosed a ballot form with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting

Members can opt for only one mode of voting, i.e., e-voting or ballot form. In case members cas their votes through both the modes, voting done by e-voting shall prevail and votes cast through ballot form shall be treated as invalid.

The e-voting period commences on Sunday, 25th September, 2022 at 10.00 A.M and ends on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022 at 5.00 P.M. during this period, Members may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter.

The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on 21st September,2022 ('cut-off date'). Any person, who is a Member of the Company as on the cut-off date is eligible to caste vote on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM using remove e-voting or ballot form or voting at the AGM.

In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or may call on 18002005533. The Company has appointed M/s. Saroj Ray & Associates, Company Secretaries, Bhubaneswar-751015, as the scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process as well as voting at the AGM through ballot paper in a fair and transparent manner.

The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or ballot or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM and Members who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

A person who has acquired shares and become a member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of AGM and holding shares as of cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at www.evotingindia.com. However, if the person is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting then the existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote. Every member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself/herself and such proxy need not be a member. Proxies in order to be effective should be duly completed, stamped (if applicable) and signed and must be deposited at the registered office of the company not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting

Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, 22nd September, 2022 to Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 (Both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 3: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Saturday urged the Central government to make the States take up what he called as productive spending to galvanise the economv of the country.

Speaking at the 30th southern zonal council meeting, chaired by Union Home Minister Shah, here, Vijayan said there was a need for discussion on the proposed laws based on the concurrent list of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution before they were enacted.

The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers of the southern



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States and Union Territories. Among them were Pinarayi Vijayan and his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin. 'There can be contestations, but through discussions and debates. consensus can emerge narrowing down the areas of differences. This



democracy." Vijavan said. He recalled the co-operative spirit with which the States faced the

situation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Differences stood apart and we

rose to the need of the hour to protect and provide the people relief. Though the immediate threat has receded, the fiscal empowerment of the Union and the States are of equal importance to meet the long impact of the pandemic on the economy. I take this opportunity to request the central government to take a pro-active stand to enable the States to undertake productive

spending to galvanise the national economy," he said. Vijayan called for taking up major issues like coastal erois the essence of a healthy federal sion, upgradation of railways hood and the economy.

He said the zonal councils have a role in fostering the spirit of cooperative federalism and one of its important functions was to resolve emerging issues.

"More important is learning of success stories and varied experiences of one another and attempt to adapt them to each State according to prevailing circumstances. In our Constitutional set-up, representatives to all tiers of the government are elected by the people, who gave unto themselves the Constitution. Power is not to be envisaged as a hierarchical and pyramidal structure, but as one which moves in concentric circles, with each tier of government having its defined territorial jurisdiction," Vijayan said.

The Left leader pointed out that thousands of pilgrims from the southern States who visit the Sabarimala temple in Kerala are treated as honoured guests.

Vijayan sought the opinion of the Chief Ministers and the Governors on further improving the facilities extended to the pilgrims. He said co-operative federalism requires continuous exchange of ideas between all the stakehold ers. The zonal council meeting was for southern States and Union Territories.

Vijayan calls for productive spending KERALA CM SAYS KERALA CM SAYS

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 3: Even as the Tamil Nadu government restricted the use of anti-inflammatory drugs ketoprofen and flunixin, considering the adverse impact they cause to predatory birds, the Egyptian vulture population in the state is on the decline.

According to Arulgam, an organisation that works for vulture conservation, there is no authentic breeding record in the state except for one in Krishnagiri district a few years back. The main reason for dwindling vulture population, according to conservationists, is the lack of food for these vultures and the presence of non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs like diclofenac in the bodies of their prev.

Most of the farmers bury their cattle even after the local bodies, health department and state forest department have conducted awareness campaigns to leave the dead cattle in areas with less population as predatory birds depend on these carcasses

Deworming drugs, rodenticide poisoning and chemicals released by tanneries are also reasons for the decline in the population of Egyptian vultures. Farmers poison rats which are eaten by the



vultures, leading to these chemicals entering the food chain and turning fatal for the birds. With the volume of tanning increasing, the industry which earlier used plantbased materials turned to chemical tanning, including ammonia and sodium, leading to the death of vultures that feed from tanneries.

A senior forest department official told IANS that they are launching a campaign among the farmers not to use chemicals to poison rats and also not use deworming chemicals in their cattle. The department in association with the local bodies, health department, police, and local NGOs is planning a major campaign against the burial of cattle as predatory birds, including Egyptian vultures, depend on them for food.

The official told IANS that recently two Egyptian vultures were rescued and kept in captivity. The one in Guindy Zoo has almost recovered and is ready to fly, while the one in Coimbatore Zoo is still not fit for flying.

Sources told IANS that the forest department has already submitted a proposal to the state government for captive breeding of Egyptian vultures in zoos.

The forest department has also issued instructions to leave the dead bodies of elephants and other animals in the open, instead of burying them.

TN to upgrade PDS shops, introduce cashless payment



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 3: The Tamil Nadu department of cooperation will soon upgrade the state Public Distribution System (PDS) shops to meet international standards.

The shops will be upgraded so that they meet ISO 9000 certification in quality control, ISO 28000 for supply chain management and FSSAI for food quality. The PDS shops will also be upgraded and cashless payment mode will be introduced for the

Tamil Nadu Cooperation

Minister I. Periyasamy in a statement Friday said that the department is taking up various measures to improve the functioning of the ration shops. Small godowns will be built near ration shops

The department, according to the minister, has issued orders for the construction of new buildings for 6,907 ration shops and that land has been identified for 862 new buildings, and administrative sanctions granted for 243 buildings. Presently, 17,473 ration shops in

Tree felling for NHAI project kills large number of birds

THE VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT HAS GONE VIRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PROMPTING KERALA GOVERNMENT TO SEEK REPORT FROM NHAI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Malappuram, Sept 3: A large number of birds were killed due to the reckless cutting of a tree for a road development work undertaken by the National Highway Authority (NHA) in Kerala, a video of which has gone viral on the social media.

The incident was reported from Randathani area in this district. The video of the felling of the tree which resulted in the killing of many birds has gone viral on social media since

of them chicks. The minister's office said a re-Thursday, prompting state PWD port has been sought from NHAI. "The minister has sought stringent action against the contractor who was entrusted with the works," his office said. Meanwhile, Edavanna forest range officer has taken the excathe ground as the tree fell, many vator and its driver into custody.



Screen grabs of the video which has gone viral on social media

A complaint in this regard was sent to Union Road Transport

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A complaint in this regard was sent to Union **Road Transport and** Highways minister Nithin__ Gadkari by Thomas Lawrence, the CEO of **Save Wetlands International Movement** seeking action against the culprits

seeking action was the reason for this particular video to go viral on social media.

"A proper rehabilitation of these birds should have been done be fore engaging in such so-called development activities. At least they could have waited until the baby birds were old enough to fly away. This is completely unacceptable," Praveen Muraleedharan, a wildlife photographer and nature enthusiast. said

Lawrence said there are

several such decades-old trees in

ration card holders.

There are 34,773 ration shops in the state, of which 33,377 shops are under cooperative societies. Some shops in the state are already accepting digital payments and this will be extended to shops across the state.

the state are functioning in government buildings and there will be major changes following the new policies of the department of cooperation.

The minister said new buildings will be constructed for all ration shops in the near future.

minister PA Mohammed Riyas to seek a report from the NHAI.

The video, which was shot in the first week of August shows a huge tree being felled using an excavator. Numerous birds from the tree were seen being smashed to and Highways minister Nithin Gadkari by Thomas Lawrence, the CEO of Save Wetlands International Movement seeking action against the culprits.

"Many birds and their young ones were displaced which is really heart breaking. This time of

few more weeks till the young ones are able to fly off," Lawrence told PTI.

that area with lots of bird nests Gadkari's office had positively and sought the help from responded to the complaint sent Gadkari's office as there were in this regard and has assured chances of felling more trees action, he added. which may end in the destruction of bird habitat.

He said the minister's office

Hospital exploring ways to use drones for organ transport

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 3: Chennai-based private hospital MGM Healthcare is exploring ways to use drones for transporting organs for transplantation, said Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

The Union Transport Minister was speaking via video conferencing during a function organised to mark over 500 successful heart and lung transplant operations at the MGM Healthcare.

Gadkari said that the construction of highways is reducing the travel time between various cities like Chennai-Bangalore which will be of help for organ transportation.

Meanwhile, Prashanth Rajagopalan, Director MGM Healthcare said that the hospital is looking at using drones to transport organs from the Chennai Airport to the hospital

According to him, currently the organs for transplant operations are transported by road from the Chennai Airport by creating a green corridor with the help of the city police.

He said that this put the public at some inconvenience and hence the hospital is looking at drones as alternative for carrying human organs from other cities.

According to Rajagopalan, the hospital has tied up with a city-



based drone company while declining to mention the latter's name, citing a non-disclosure agreement with that player. Hospital officials said transport

of human organs for transplant operation is in vogue in some foreign countries. And in India, permission from the government authorities have to be obtained.

They also said the box containing the human organ for transplant will weigh about nine kgs and drones can easily lift them. Speaking at the function Tamil Nadu's Minister for Health and Welfare Familv Ma. Subramanian said that the state is the pioneer and the leader in organ transplantation.

Subramanian also said that the state government will take steps to create necessary facilities in all its hospitals to carry out organ transplantation surgery.

MB Rajesh resigns as Kerala Speaker

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 3: Kerala Assembly Speaker MB Rajesh Saturday tendered his resignation from the post after the ruling CPI(M) decided to appoint him as a minister in the LDF government.

Rajesh handed over his resignation to Deputy Speaker Chittayam Gopakumar.

Addressing the media after the resignation, Rajesh said his job as Speaker was a learning experience. Party sources said he will take oath as a minister next week itself. The CPI(M) had on Friday announced the resignation of the party's newly appointed state secretary M V Govindan from the cabinet.

Rajesh would be replaced as Speaker of the House by party state committee member and Thalassery MLA A N Shamseer.

The reshuffle comes in the wake of Govindan's resignation after he was appointed as CPI(M) state secretary last week, replacing ailing senior party leader Kodiyeri Balakrishnan.



Air routes in Kerala remain under-served: Tharoor

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 3: Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor has lamented that air routes in Kerala remain under-served despite the slender state having four airports.

Tharoor made the observation while chairing the opening session of "TVM and Connectivity Summit" organised here by Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) which saw participation of around 30 airlines.

The meeting was convened to focus on the need for linking Kerala with Southern Tamil Nadu, to turn a new chapter in their connectivity, considering the "immense potential" this belt possessed across domains. "We are yet to fulfil the potential of tourism using increased connectivity. The need of the hour is short-distance flying facilities similar to what exists in Europe, the US and East Asia and it has contributed to economic growth," said Tharoor.

The general consensus that emerged at the meeting was that the country's deep-south region must host a flurry of variety events, brand its traditional festivals and nurture niche tourism to boost local connectivity.

If that happens, then small aircraft with busy schedules must



grow as a new travel culture in Kerala and adjoining Tamil Nadu even as the two states must groom an integrated surface transport system, opined the leading aviation experts. Kerala Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas emphasised on "connectivity" as the state has been recording resurgence in travel after fierce spells of Covid.

"The first quarter of 2022-23 clocked a 72.48 per cent rise in dotravel, mestic with Thiruvananthapuram district alone registering 6.9 lakh tourists. With safe travel, accommodation and food that we continue to offer in the post-pandemic era, tourism is back on its path to recovery in Kerala,' said Riyas

Adani Group Vice President (Finance) Jeet Adani spoke on how collective and dedicated efforts by stakeholders can promote the southern Indian region's exotic locations, ayurveda and wellness.

"Strengthening of the knowledge economy, building the health infrastructure and developing the exciting entertainment infra-structure are equally important," said Adani.







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In Rajasthan, effective action is being taken by the police against every crime and the government completely stands with the victims ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM

STRICT DIRECTIVE

Under fire over 'inadequate' investigation into the Sonali Phogat death case, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has directed the top officials of state administration and police to strengthen the Anti Narcotic cell



It is in our cultural tradition that we think of not only our own benefit, but also that of others, and the issue of organ donation is intricately linked

to such a vision MANSUKH MANDAVIYA UNION HEALTH

Prime Minister Modi has set a

MINISTER

target of winning 140 seats out of 224 assembly constituencies in the state. Prime Minister

Modi has told us that he would also arrive for campaigning. We will form a government in the state after the next assembly elections in 2023

B S YEDIYURAPPA FORMER KARNATAKA CM

The dynasty politics of the Congress has caused a great loss to the country

PRAKASH JAVADEKAR BJP LEADER

SHORT TAKES

Cocaine recovered

Mumbai: The Mumbai Customs department has arrested a passenger from Ghana at the international airport here for trying to smuggle cocaine into India by hiding it in 87 capsules which he had swallowed. The value of the 1,300-gram cocaine recovered from the passenger is ₹13 crore, the Customs said. The passenger was intercepted at the Mumbai international airport on suspicion on August 28 and was taken to a state-run hospital.

Woman gangraped

Bengaluru: Two cab drivers have been arrested for gangraping a woman on the pretext of dropping her to a church in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The arrested have been identified as 25year-old G Akshilesh from Ballary and 21-year-old J L Deepu from Hassan. In her complaint to police, the 25-

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On FM's demand for PM photo, KCR party's price jibe



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figures. For every Rupee that

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gas cylinders carried Modi's photographs along with price of each cylinder at ₹1,105

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Hyderabad, Sept 3: A day after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pulled up a district collector in Telangana on not finding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photo at a PDS shop, supporters of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) on Saturday pasted Modi's posters on LPG cylinders.

The posters put up on cooking gas cylinders carried Modi's photographs along with price of each cylinder ₹1,105. The TRS took the jibe at the Prime Minister over the massive hike in the price of cooking gas during the last eight years.

The TRS leaders pointed out that the price of LPG was only ₹410 in 2014 when Modi became the Prime Minister. "You wanted pictures of Modi ji, Here you are @nsitharaman Ji," tweeted TRS leader Krishank Manne with a video clip of Modi's posters on

LPG cylinders. The TRS's protest came a day after Nirmala Sitharaman hauled up Kamareddy district Collector Jitesh V. Patil as Prime Minister's photos were not displayed at a fair price shop.

She publicly expressed her anger saying that Centre is supplying

Ladakh to have India's first-ever **'Night Sky Sanctuary'**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 3: In a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has undertaken to set up India's first-ever "Night Sky Sanctuary" in Ladakh which will be completed within the next three months.

The proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle in Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost astro tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh said that all the stakeholders will jointly work towards the preservation of the night sky from unwanted light pollution and illumination, which is a serious threat to the scientific observations and natural sky conditions

It may be noted that Hanle is best suited for the project as it is located in Ladakh's cold desert region, away from any form of human disturbance and clear sky conditions and dry weather conditions exist throughout the year, the minister added.

The minister informed that a tripartite MoU was signed recently among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) for launching the Dark Space Reserve. He said the site will have activities to help in boosting local tourism and economy through interventions of Science and Technology.

Jitendra Singh said, a high-level delegation of scientists and officials from Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai will visit Ladakh by the end of this year to explore the possibility of setting up a regional branch of CLRI, as the Union Territory has a very rich and wide variety of animals for leather research and industry and to promote bio-economy of ani mal skin-derived products.

He added that Charthang in Ladakh has over 4 lakh animals, mainly pashmina goats, besides sheep and yak. He also complimented the CSIR for organising four training workshops, two each at Leh and Kargil for treatment of diseases of famous pashmina goats.

₹200 CRORE EXTORTION CASE Nora grilled, Jacqueline summoned

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 3: Bollywood actress Nora Fatehi was questioned by Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police in connection with the ₹200 crore extortion case involving multimillionaire conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar

Fatehi appeared before EOW office at Mandir Marg Friday where she was grilled for about six hours. 'Fatehi reached EOW's Mandir Marg branch at around 11 a.m. and was questioned till 6 p.m. She can be summoned again if need arises. We have sent summons to Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez to join the investiga-



Fatehi appeared before **EOW office at Mandir Marg Friday** where she was grilled for

tion in the same matter on December 12," an official said.

Chandrashekhar was arrested for allegedly cheating and extorting money from some high-profile people, including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh. Many Bollywood actors and models have been questioned by

about six hours the Enforcement Directorate for their alleged links with Chandrashekhar. In April last year, Chandrashekhar was arrested in another money laundering case linked to the 2017

Election Commission bribery case, which allegedly involved a former AIADMK leader, among others.



NCC cadets perform a routine drill during their Thal Sena Camp, at Nagrota on the outskirts of Jammu PTI PHOTO

Madrasa teacher arrested

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, Sept 3: A madrasa teacher was arrested in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly passing on information related to security installations to Pakistan-based terrorists, officials said Saturday.

Qari Abdul Wahid (25), who was also performing the duties of a maulvi (prayer leader), has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Code of

Criminal Procedure, they said Hailing from the Dool area, Wahid was staying at the madrasa at Dadpeth village along with his wife and son. Terming his arrest a "major breakthrough", the officials said initially military intelligence gath-

ered information about the pres-

ence of a suspect who was passing

Wahid came on the radar of

different security agencies that

worked together to identify and

arrest the accused.

information across the border.

New Delhi, Sept 3: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear Monday a plea seeking directions to authorities to ensure adequate security at hospitals and medical centres to prevent attacks on doctors and healthcare workers by relatives of patients and others.

SC to hear plea on

violence against docs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and Abhay S Oka is likely to take up the matter. The plea filed by the Delhi Medical Association and Dr Satvajit Borah, who is the president of Assam State Branch of Indian Medical Association, also seeks directions to the Centre and states to have a distress fund to grant compensation to the victim or family of the deceased healthcare workers, including doctors and nurses, in such violence. The petition, filed through advocate Sneha Kalita, says there is an increase in number of such assaults and verbal abuse, and "extreme incidents of public lynching" that have led to the death of doctors or health workers. "The petitioners are seeking appropriate directions in the form of guidelines to have a security system in place to ensure a safe working environment for the medical service personnel/professionals and the health care workers'.' it had said. "At present, there is no substantial central legislation which has a holistic mechanism of preventive, punitive and compensatory measures which can address the above-mentioned issues of violence against medical service personnel/professionals and the health care workers," the plea had claimed.

Thursday, she was walking towards church in Ejipura when the accused offered her lift to the place of worship. However, instead of church, they took her to an isolated place near Huskur, stripped her and gangraped her.

Couple arrested

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Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday arrested a couple from Punjab with 7 kg of heroin in Udhampur district. Addressing reporters, ADGP (Jammu) Mukesh Singh said that Lovepreet Singh and his wife, Mandeep Kaur, from Ram Tirth Road in Amritsar, were carrying the drug in their car when they were arrested in Udhampur.

Teesta Setalvad walks out of jail

Ahmedabad: Activist Teesta Setalvad Saturday walked out of jail, a day after the Supreme Court granted her interim bail in a case of allegedly fabricating evidence to frame innocent people in connection with the 2002 Gujarat riots. Setalvad, arrested June 26, was released from the Sabarmati Central Jail here. As per the Supreme Court's order, she was produced before sessions judge V A Rana for bail formalities. The sessions court asked her to furnish a personal bond of ₹25,000 and not to leave India without its permission, special public prosecutor Amit Patel said. In its Friday order, the apex court had said Setalvad shall be produced before the lower court which will release her on interim bail subject to such conditions as it may deem fit.

Bombay HC issues notices to Centre, Bill Gates

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Sept 3: The Bombay High Court has issued notices to the Serum Institute of India (SII), Pune, Microsoft founder Bill Gates and the Centre in a case filed by an Aurangabad man alleging that his medico daughter died due to the side-effects of the Covishield vaccine and sought ₹1,000-crore as compensation.

The petitioner is Dilip Lunawat, who has contended that his daughter Snehal Lunawat, 33, who was also a senior lecturer at the SMBT Dental College & Hospital in Nashik, was compelled to take the vaccine along with all other healthworkers there. Dilip Lunawat said that his daughter was assured that the vaccines were completely safe and posed no risks/threats to her body, and attached his daughter vaccine certificate



(January 28, 2021), and how she died on March 1, 2021, due to the alleged side-effects of the Covishield vaccine. A few days later, she suffered

severe headaches and vomiting

and was rushed to a hospital where doctors detected bleeding in her brain and she later succumbed owing to the purported aside-effects of the vaccine', as per Lunawat's plea.

He also cited the views and interviews of experts like the Drug Controller-General of India, Dr. V.G. Somani, and AIIMS Director Dr. Randeep Guleria, making them respondents along with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

and how the incident figured in the Centre's own Adverse Events Following

Immunisation Report of October 2, 2021.

In his petition filed in February 2022, Dilip Lunawat said that in 2020, the SII, Pune entered into a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to speed up the process of manufacture and delivery of upto 100 million doses of Covishield vaccines in India and for other third world countries.

"The petitioner lost his elder daughter. His loss can neither be explained in words nor can be compensated in terms of money. Only some sort of succour can be done by awarding compensation," said the plea, seeking ₹1,000crore as interim

compensation to **COVISHIELD VAX** the family. Dilip Lunawat **DEATH CASE**

also sought a declaration that the state authorities are responsible for causing his daughter's death "by false narratives". the authorities should initiate steps to stop further deaths of citizens and publish the side-effects of the vaccines. The plea urged that the state authorities should be given the liberty to recover the compensation amount from SII, which manufactured the Covishield vaccine.

RISING PRICES 1 in 3 Indian households reduced milk consumption: Survey

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 3: Rising prices of milk has led to one in three Indian households either downgrading brand or reducing consumption, says a survey.

Amid complaints on rising milk prices, LocalCircles -- a community social media platform --, conducted a survey to gather information on how the households are coping with it.

The survey, which covered 311 districts across the country, received over 21,000 responses of which 69 per cent were from men. Forty-one per cent of the respondents were from tier 1, 34 per cent from tier 2 and 25 per

cent were from tier 3, 4 and rural districts.

In most Indian households, milk and milk products - curd, butter, ghee, buttermilk, etc., are among the most consumed food items. India is not only the largest milk producer but also the largest consumer of milk and milk products according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) "Dairy and Products Annual - 2021" report.

For the Indian consumers already struggling in a high food inflation scenario, which seemed to be improving, according to the last government data, an increase in milk prices by ₹2 per litre from August 17 by most milk



cooperatives is bad news. More so, since the leading milk and milk products brands like Amul had earlier in March raised the prices by ₹2 per litre.

On coping with the price hike, 68 per cent of the consumers agreed to paying more for the same quantity and brand", while 6 per cent of the 10,685 have switched to a lower cost brand or local supply source. Another 4 four per cent have switched to a cheaper alternative of the same brand that they had been buying earlier. Though no respondent admitted to discontinuing buying milk, 20 per cent respondents admitted to "reducing the quantity".

LocalCircles also attempted to understand how people were buying milk. To the question, "what is the type of milk that vou purchase for majority of your household consumption" found that 72 per cent out of the 10,522 respondents were buying milk packaged in plastic pouches of 500 ml or 1 litre, 12 per cent were buying bottled milk from local farms or bottling units, while 14 per cent consumers are buying unpackaged milk from local vendors. Only 2 per cent were buying tetra pack milk with longer shelf life, possibly be-compared to milk packaged in pouches.





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Europe's problems securing fuel for

winter with living costs already

Moscow has blamed sanctions,

imposed by the West after Russia's

February 24 invasion of Ukraine.

for hampering routine operations

and maintenance of Nord Stream

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cuse Russia of using gas as an eco-

nomic weapon. The United States

said it has been collaborating with

Europe to ensure sufficient sup-

Finance ministers from the

Group of Seven wealthy democ-

racies - Britain, Canada, France,

plies are available for winter.

surging, led by energy prices.

Gazprom's indefinite delay to

occurred last week.

MOON ROCKET STALLED AGAIN

NASA's new moon rocket, Artemis 1, sprang another hazardous leak Saturday, for the second time this week, as the launch team began fuelling it for liftoff on a test flight that must go well before astronauts climb aboard





A price cap on Russia oil is a powerful tool one part of the tool in our agenda to put downward pressure

on global energy prices in a way that will benefit consumers in the US and globally. And we are determined to implement this policy in a way that achieves those goals

KAREN JEAN-PIERRE

PRESS SECRETARY, WHITE HOUSE

I am warning you [PML-N-led coalition government] today our justice movement will come to Islamabad if you continue to do this [political victimisation] and you will have nowhere to hide

IMRAN KHAN FORMER PM, PAKISTAN

The West in an attempt to push Russia toward collapse would amount to a chess game with death

DMITRY MEDVEDEV DEPUTY SECRETARY OF

SHORT TAKES

Modi writes to UAE Prez to cement ties

Dubai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written a letter to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan to further strengthen the strategic relations between the two countries and the prospects of developing them to serve their common interests, the official media here reported. Prime Minister Modi's letter was delivered by the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to the UAE President Mohamed when he called on him here Friday during his just-concluded visit to the Gulf nation. Jaishankar was in the UAE this week to attend the meetings of the 14th session of the UAE-India Joint Committee and the 3rd session of the UAE-India Strategic Dialogue.

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SPIRALING GEOPOLITICS

Russia, West step up energy war

Finance ministers from the G7 said Friday a cap on the price of Russian oil was meant to "reduce ... *Russia's ability to fund its* war of aggression whilst limiting the impact of Russia's war on global energy prices". The Kremlin said it would stop selling oil to any countries that implemented the cap

REUTERS

Zaporizhzhia, Sept 3: As UN inspectors sought to avert a nuclear disaster on Ukraine's frontline, the West and Russia wounded each other's economies, with Moscow keeping its main gas pipeline to Germany shut Saturday while threatened with price caps on oil exports.

Russia's state-controlled energy giant Gazprom blamed a technical fault in the Nord Stream 1 pipeline for the delay Friday. But the high-level manoeuvres in energy politics were seen as an extension of the war, and the ramifications would be felt far beyond Ukraine. The announcements came as

Indian man racially abused in Poland, called 'parasite'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 3: An Indian man has been racially abused in Poland, allegedly by an American, who called him a "parasite", "an invader" and told him to "go back to your country".

The Indian, whose identity has not yet been established, was filmed in a video that has gone viral on social media. It is unclear in which city the video was shot but Twitter users have been tagging Warsaw Police while commenting on it.

In the video, the American is repeatedly asking the Indian, who can be seen walking near a mall and telling him to stop recording him, why he was in Europe.



We are well prepared to resist Russia's extreme use of the gas weapon. We are not afraid of Putin's decisions, we are asking the Russians to

respect contracts. but if they don't, we are ready to react PAOLO GENTILON | ECONOMY COMMISSIONER, EU

Moscow and Kyiv traded blame over their actions at the Russianoccupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, where UN inspectors arrived Thursday on a mission to help avert a catastrophe. Vladimir Rogov, a pro-Russian

official in the Zaporizhzhia region, said Ukrainian forces had shelled Europe's largest nuclear plant several times overnight and

THE PEACEMAKER FAREWELL TO

Ukraine's N-plant goes offline again

Zaporizhzhia: Ukraine's and Europe's largest nuclear plant was once again knocked offline in the early hours of Saturday amid sustained shelling that destroyed a key power line and penetrated deep into the plant's premises, local Russian-backed authorities said. The claims came barely a day after a team of inspectors from the UN Nuclear agency arrived at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which has been caught in fierce recent fighting between Ukrainian and Russian forces. The IAEA's mission is meant to help secure the site as Moscow and Kyiv continue to trade blame for shelling at and around the nuclear plant. Late Friday evening, the Russian-backed authorities reported that the plant had been under fire for about two hours, blaming Ukrainian forces in the latest of a series of similar claims

Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States - said Friday a cap on the price of Russian oil was meant to "reduce Russia's ability to fund its war of aggression whilst limiting the impact of Russia's war on global energy prices"

The Kremlin said it would stop selling oil to any countries that implemented the cap.

US angers China with

NEW WAR ON ANVIL?

potential \$1.1 billion arms sale to Taiwan

The order reflects continued US support for Taiwan as Taipei faces pressure from China, which claims Taiwan as its own territory



REUTERS

Washington, Sept 3: The US State Department has approved a potential \$1.1 billion sale of military equipment to Taiwan, including 60 anti-ship missiles and 100 air-toair missiles, with China threatening to take counter measures.

The Pentagon announced the package Friday in the wake of China's aggressive military drills around Taiwan following a visit to the island last month by US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the highest-ranking US official to travel to Taipei in years.

The sale includes Sidewinder missiles, which can be used for air-to-air and surface-attack missions, at a cost of some \$85.6 million, Harpoon anti-ship missiles at an estimated \$355 million cost and support for Taiwan's surveillance radar program for an estimated \$665.4 million, the Pentagon's **Defense Security Cooperation** Agency (DSCA) said.

Liu Pengyu, spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said in a statement the possible arms sale "severely jeopardizes China-US relations and peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.'

"China will resolutely take legitimate and necessary countermeasures in light of the development of the situation." he said.

President Joe Biden's administration said the package has been under consideration for some time

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LIU PENGYU | SPOKESPERSON, CHINESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

crease pressure on Taiwan - including through heightened military air and maritime presence around Taiwan - and engages in attempts to change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, we're providing Taiwan with what it needs to maintain its self-defense capabilities," Laura Rosenberger, White House senior director for China and Taiwan, said in a statement.

The Pentagon said the equipment and support announced Friday would not alter the basic military balance in the region. US officials said they did not reflect any change in policy toward Taiwan.

Taiwan's defense ministry expressed its thanks, adding that China's recent "provocative" activities represented a serious threat and the arms sale would help it face China's military pressure.

"At the same time, it also demonstrates that it will help our country strengthen its overall defense capabilities and jointly maintain the security and peace of the Taiwan Strait and the Indo-Pacific region," the ministry said.



SECURITY COUNCIL, RUSSIA

2nd day in Russia

Moscow: Russia recorded more than 50,000 new daily Covid-19 cases for the second day running Saturday, the government's coronavirus task force said. Over the last 24 hours, 51,699 cases were detected across Russia - the most in a single day since March 9. On Friday, Russia's caseload passed the 50,000 mark for the first time in almost six months. Infections rose in July and August as new highly-transmissible variants of the coronavirus swept across the country.

Indonesia hikes fuel prices by 30%

Jakarta: Fuel prices increased by about 30 per cent across Indonesia Saturday after the government reduced some of the costly subsidies that have kept inflation in Southeast Asia's largest economy among the world's lowest. The hike the first in eight years raised the price of gasoline from about 51 cents to 67 cents per litre and diesel fuel from 35 cents to 46 cents. Long lines of motorbikes and cars snaked around gas stations as motorists waited for hours to fill up their tanks with cheaper gas before the increase took effect Saturday.

Several hurt in California blaze

Weed: A fast-moving fire in Northern California injured several people, a fire official said, and destroyed multiple homes as thousands of residents were forced to leave immediately, jamming roadways at the start of a sweltering Labor Day weekend. The Northern California blaze Friday forced as many as 7,500 residents to leave.

'I am from America. And in America...There's too many of vou guys here. So why are you in Poland? Why are you here? Do you think you can just invade Poland? Why don't you return to your own country?" says the man behind the camera.

"Why are your people invading our homelands? You have India! Why are you coming to the white man's land to take off from our hard work? Why don't you build your own country? Why are you being a parasite? You are genociding our race. You are an invader. Go home, invader. We don't want you in Europe. Poland for Polish only. You are not Polish" he adds. The incident comes over a week after a group of Indian-American

women was racially abused and threatened by a Mexican woman in the US state of Texas.

Thousands of Russians bid farewell to last Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev 'the peacemaker' at the Column Hall of the House of Unions in Moscow, Russia September 3, 2022 REUTERS

and was developed in consultation with Taiwan and US lawmakers. "As the PRC continues to in-

Pilot threatening to crash plane in US lands safely

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, Sept 3: A pilot, who was circling a stolen airplane for hours over Tupelo, a city in the state of Mississippi in the US, and threatened to intentionally crash it into a Walmart store has been taken into custody after he landed the aircraft safely, Governor Tate Reeves said Saturday

Mississippi Governor Reeves announced on Twitter that the "situation has been resolved and that

no one was injured.'

"The plane over North MS is down. Thankful the situation has been resolved and that no one was injured. Thank you most of all to local, state, and federal law enforcement who managed this situation with extreme professionalism," Reeves said in a tweet.

The pilot was taken into police custody, authorities said.

The nine-seater airplane started circling over Tupelo, Mississippi, about 5 am local time, when the



pilot made contact with 911, issuing the threat, according to CNN. It was airborne for more than five

hours, which police described as a "dangerous situation." A government source said the

aircraft was later flying over the

Holly Springs National Forest, CNN reported.

The Daily Journal, a local newspaper, reported that the pilot of the plane is an employee of Tupelo Regional Airport. Authorities believe the aircraft — a Beechcraft

King Air C90A — was stolen.

An online flight tracking service showed the plane meandering in the sky for several hours and following a looping path.

Meanwhile, the Walmart and another nearby store were earlier evacuated by security officials, while citizens were asked to avoid the area.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it "is aware and is coordinating with local law enforcement," the agency told CNN Saturday.

DEVASTATING DELUGE

"Gone back 50 years", Pak farmers count flood damage

Pakistan owes billions to foreign creditors, and only last week managed to

convince the International Monetary Fund to resume funding that can't even service foreign debt, let alone pay a flood-damage bill estimated at \$10 billion

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Lahore, Sept 3: Pakistan's farmers are still counting their losses from the devastating floods that have put a third of the country under water, but the long-term impact is already clear.

"We have gone back 50 years,"

said Ashraf Ali Bhanbro, a farmer in Sindh province whose 2,500 acres of cotton and sugarcane -- on the verge of being harvested -- have now been wiped out.

More than 33 million people have been affected by the floods caused by record monsoon rains, and one of the worst-hit areas is Sindh in Pakistan's south

The province is bisected by the mighty Indus River, along whose banks farming has flourished for millennia with records of irrigation systems dating back to 4,000 BC. Sindh's problems are two-fold. The province was drenched by record rains locally, but that water

has nowhere to drain because the Indus is already at full flow, swollen by tributaries in the north, and has burst its banks in several places. "At one stage it rained continu-

ously for 72 hours," said Bhanbro,



adding he has lost at least 270 million rupees (\$1.2 million) on inputs alone.

"That was the cost incurred on fertilisers and pesticides... we don't include profit, which might have been much higher as it was a bumper crop. Unless flooded farmlands can be drained, farmers like Bhanbro will not be able to plant a winter wheat crop -- vital for the country's food security.

Pakistan was for years self-sufficient in wheat production, but more recently has relied on imports to ensure silos are full as part of its strategic reserves.

Casualties continue to rise

Karachi: The toll from cataclysmic floods in Pakistan continued to climb Saturday with 57 more deaths, 25 of them children, as the country grapples with a relief and rescue operation of near unprecedented scale. A high-level body set up to coordinate the relief effort met in Islamabad Saturday for the first time, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, to take stock of the disaster. Record monsoon rains and melting glaciers in northern mountains brought floods that have affected 33 million people and killed at least 1,265 people, including 441 children. The inundation, blamed on climate change, is still spreading.

In some places there is water as far as the eye can see; where cotton

crops are visible in flooded fields, their leaves have turned brown, with hardly a boll to be seen.

"Let's forget the cotton," said Latif Dinno, a farmer in Saleh Pat, 30 kilometres northeast of Sukkur

The big landowners will likely ride out the floods, but tens of thousands of farm labourers face terrible hardships.

It's not just the farmers that are affected, but every link in the supply chain is feeling the strain.

'We are doomed," said Waseem Ahmed, a cotton trader in Saleh Pat, who like many in the industry paid advances to fix purchase prices and hedge against inflation and market fluctuation.

"Against 200 maund (about 8,000 kg, 18,000 pounds) expected, only 35 maund has been reaped," hesaid, adding he had shelved plans to expand his business.









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Proud moment for India to pip the UK. our colonial ruler. as the 5th largest economy: India \$3.5 trillion vs UK \$3.2 trillion. But a reality check of population denominator: India: 1.4 billion vs UK 0.068 billion. Hence, per capita GDP we at \$2,500 vs \$47,000. We have miles to go. Let's be at it! UDAY KOTAK | CEO, KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK

RANVEER'S FIRST STARTUP INVESTMENT

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh has made his first startup investment in the direct-toconsumer (D2C) brand SUGAR Cosmetics, the company announced Saturday, SUGAR Cosmetics started off as a D2C brand in 2015 and then ventured into offline trade in 2017



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Aviation will become the major means of transportation in the near future, and there is a need to make it within reach of the common masses JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA CIVIL AVIATION

MINISTER

We've reached a turning point in healthcare where the world of fragmented, fee-forservice 'sick care' is giving way to a new world of integrated, value-based, preventive care ABHINAV SHASHANK | COFOUNDER & CEO, INNOVACCER



SHORT **TAKES**

CBDT refunds over ₹1.14 lakh-crore

New Delhi: The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said Saturday that it has issued refunds of over ₹1.14 lakh crore to more than 1.97 crore taxpavers between April 1 to August 31. It also said that income tax refunds of ₹61.252 crore have been issued in 1.96.00.998 cases and corporate tax refunds of ₹53.158 crore have been issued in 1.46.871 cases, "CBDT issues refunds of over ₹1.14 lakh crore to more than 1.97 crore taxpayers between April 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022, Income tax refunds of ₹61.252 crore have been issued in 1,96,00,998 cases and corporate tax refunds of ₹53.158 crore have been issued in 1.46.871 cases.³ the CBDT said.

India set to become **3rd largest economy** by '29: SBI Ecowrap

India's GDP growth in OIFY23 was 13.5 per cent. At this rate, India is likely to be the fastest growing economy in the current fiscal



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, Sept 3: India is expected to become world's third largest economy by 2029 due to the path taken by the country since 2014, SBI Ecowrap report said. The share of India's GDP is now at 3.5 per cent, as against 2.6 per cent in 2014 and is likely to cross 4 per cent in 2027, the current share of Germany

in global GDP. India has undergone a large structural shift since 2014 and is now the 5th largest economy. On September 2 India surpassed the UK

to become the fifth-biggest economy as it grapples with a devastating cost-of-living shock "The path taken by India since 2014 reveals India is likely to get the tag of 3rd largest economy in 2029, a movement of 7 places upwards since 2014 when India was ranked 10th. India should surpass Germany

at the current rate of growth," the report said. "In coming days India is likely to be the beneficiary as China slows

scale of interest rate hikes delivered

by central banks across developed

and emerging markets slowed in

August as policy makers reassessed

the trajectory for inflation and en-

But it was rate setters in emerg-

in 2027 and most likely Japan by 2029

GRIM Trade deficit more than doubled in Aug

Trade deficit widened to \$125.22 billion in April-August this fiscal as against \$53.78 billion in the same period last year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 3: India's exports contracted by 1.15 per cent to \$33 billion and trade deficit more than doubled to \$28.68 billion in August, a preliminary data released by the commerce ministry said Saturday.

Trade deficit in August 2021 stood at \$11.71 billion. Imports rose by 37 per cent to \$61.68 billion in August this year.

Commerce secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, however, said that the country's overall exports are expected to cross \$450



TRADE DEFICIT IN AUGUST 2021 STOOD In goods exports, we will AT \$11.71 BILLION be crossing \$450 billion this fiscal IMPORTS ROSE BY 37% TO \$61.68 **BILLION WHILE EXPORTS REMAIN FLAT** BVR SUBRAHMANYAM COMMERCE SECRETARY

billion during the current fiscal. "In goods exports, we will be crossing \$450 billion this fiscal," Subrahmanyam said.

During April-August 2022-23, exports registered a growth of 17.12 per cent to \$192.59 billion. Imports during the five-month

NEW DIGITAL RULES RBI gives lenders till Nov to comply

NDIA TO SURPASS GERMANY IN 2027 AND MOST LIKELY JAPAN BY 2029 AT THE CURRENT RATE OF GROWTH

▲ DECADE AGO, INDIA RANKED 11TH AMONG THE LARGEST ECONOMIES

NDIA'S GDP GROWTH RATE FOR FY23 CURRENTLY RANGE FROM 6.7 PER CENT TO 7.7 PER CENT

down in terms of new investment intentions," the report added. India's GDP growth in Q1FY23

was 13.5 per cent. At this rate, India is likely to be the fastest growing economy in the current fiscal. Interestingly, even as estimates of India's GDP growth rate for FY23 currently range from 6.7 per cent

to 7.7 per cent, the report said. "In a world that is ravaged by uncertainties, we believe 6 to 6.5 per cent growth is the new normal. Nevertheless, we make a passionate urge to update the IIP basket that is composed of a 2012 set of products and is hopelessly outdated," the report noted.

THE CENTRAL BANK HAS MANDATED THAT ALL DIGITAL LOANS WILL HAVE TO BE CREDITED DIRECTLY TO BORROWER ACCOUNTS RATHER **THAN THROUGH A THIRD PARTY**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Sept 3: The Reserve Bank has given time till November 30 to banks and NBFCs to put in place a mechanism to ensure that existing digital loans are in compliance with the modified norms aimed at protecting the interest of customers.

Last month, the central bank tightened norms for 'digital lending' to prevent charging of exorbitant interest rates by certain entities and also check unethical loan recovery practices.

In a circular, the RBI said outsourcing arrangements entered by Regulated Entities (REs) with a Lending Service Provider (LSP)/ Digital Lending App (DLA) do not diminish the Res' obligations and they shall continue to conform to the extant guidelines on mout-



sourcing. It further said the instructions are applicable to the 'existing customers availing fresh loans' and to 'new customers get ting onboarded'

Under the new norms, all loan disbursals and repayments are required to be executed only between the bank accounts of borrower and the regulated entities

(like banks and NBFCs) without any pass-through/ pool account of the Lending Service Providers (LSPs).

Also, "any fees, charges, etc, payable to LSPs in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by RE and not by the borrower", the Reserve Bank had said August 10.

period of this fiscal grew by 45.64 per cent to \$317.81 billion. Trade deficit widened to \$125.22 billion in April-August

this fiscal as against \$53.78 billion in the same period last year. Oil imports in August jumped by 86.44 per cent to \$17.6 billion.

However, gold imports dipped by 47.54 per cent to \$3.51 billion, the data showed.

During the first quarter of FY23 (April to June), India's trade deficit more than doubled to \$70.25 billion from \$31.42 billion in the corresponding period last year. In Q1FY23, the exports stood at \$116.77 billion up by \$95.54 billion in Q1FY22, while the imports jumped to \$187.02 billion against \$126.96 billion in Q1 last year, as per the Ministry of Commerce & Industry data released last month.

Plaints to Google surge 13% in July

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 3: Google received a record 37,173 user complaints in July this year in India (up more that 13.6 per cent from June), in compliance with the new IT Rules. 2021, while the company removed 6,89,457 pieces of bad content in the country in the same period.

Most of the complaints it received from Indian users were related to copyright violations (35,341), while other categories included trademark, court order, graphic sexual content, circumvention, and others.

The tech giant received 37,173 complaints from individual users via designated mechanisms in the country in the same period, related to third-party content that is believed to violate local laws or personal rights on various Google platforms.

The month of July witnessed a steep rise in both the number of complaints and the content removal action by Google in India.

Global central banks ease off hiking cycle in Aug

the world, while inflation is still running

A recession is now almost certain in many parts of



BOI 1st PSB to go live on new-



rose 62% in August

NTPC's coal output

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New Delhi: NTPC produced 7.36 metric million tonne of coal in August, as per data available August 31, thus registering a healthy growth of 62 per cent compared to 4.55 metric million tonne produced during the corresponding period of last vear, an official statement said. At the same time, NTPC dispatched 7.52 metric million tonne of coal from its captive mines as August 31, compared to 5.47 metric million tonne of coal dispatched during the same period last year, registering a growth of 37 per cent.

Nikon enters metal printing race

Tokyo: Leading camera manufacturer Nikon has announced it is acquiring German 3D printer company SLM Solutions for \$620 million (622 million euros). With this transaction, Nikon aims to become a leading global player in metal additive manufacturing (AM), offering innovative manufacturing solutions, said Toshikazu Umatate, President of Nikon Corporation.

Breach in Samsung hits US customers

San Francisco: Samsung Friday said it suffered a data breach that may have exposed some customers' personal information in the US. The South Korean giant said that it has taken actions to secure the affected systems, and have engaged a leading outside cybersecurity firm and are coordinating with law enforcement. Samsung said the data breach did not impact social security numbers or credit and debit card numbers, but in some cases, may have affected personal details

high and a winter with looming energy shortages - especially in Europe - is fast approaching

REUTERS

ergy prices.

benchmarks in July.

traded currencies

Expect more big rate hikes in September London, Sept 3: The pace and

from the major central banks, even if many of them are closing in on the end of their respective tightening cycles

JAMES KNIGHTLEY CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST, ING

Global central banks collectively lifted interest rates by 675 basis 475 bps worth of hikes, roughly points (bps) in August - about half half of the tightening compared to of the amount they ramped up the previous month, Reuters calculations showed Of the total, 200 basis points was

Yet altogether, major emerging delivered by policymakers overmarket economies have delivered seeing four of the 10 most heavily 5.740 bps in rate increases since the start of the year compared to 1,300 bps from developed peers. Among the major central banks,

ing markets who really took the foot off the pedal. They delivered Australia, Norway, New Zealand and Britain opted to lift rates in August

In emerging markets, Asian central banks - which had been laggards in the cycle - upped rates, with Indonesia, India, South Korea. Thailand and the Philippines all lifting benchmarks

China cemented its outlier status by trimming its rates while Turkey shocked markets by cutting rates 100 bps to 13% despite inflation topping 80%.

Price pressures - especially from food and energy prices surging in the wake of Russia's invasion of

Ukraine - are not the only worry for policymakers. Post-pandemic euphoria has quickly given way to growth fears.

Rate hike momentum is expected to pick up again this month with the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England all expected to raise borrowing costs again.

Indeed, as the growth outlook turns, many developed central banks are expected to frontload rates with market bets on a more aggressive 75 bps ECB September rate hike ramped up this week.

New Delhi, Sept 3: Bank of India (BOI) has become the first public sector bank to go live on Income Tax Department's new direct tax collection system 'TIN 2.0'. With this technological integration of BOI on TIN 2.0 platform, taxpavers will now get a single platform for their tax payment as well as e-filing of tax returns.

Also, tax payers can now make the direct tax payment at any branch of Bank of India across the country as more than 5000+ BOI's branches are now accepting direct tax collection through over the counter (OTC) mode. The process is simple and fast, making it easier for the taxpayers to make the payments at their convinience in just a few clicks.

On this occasion, Bank of India's General Manager, Government Business, DS Shekhawat said that the bank is actively looking for av-

enues in digital sphere to ensure seamless services to its customers. "Since the digital ecosystem is growing rapidly across the country, we believe that the taxpayers will welcome and appreciate our sin-

cere effort to bring forward a hassle free tax payment mode for their superior convinience. We are greatly thankful for all the support provided by Additional Director, Income Tax Department, Vivek Upadhayay in our endeavour. We are deeply thankful to our respected MD, Atanu Das and our respected ED M Karthikeyan for their guidance and support without which the task would have never been executed in such a smooth manner."

TURBULENT TIMES

Why Russia drives European and British gas prices

Moscow says Western sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine are hindering equipment repairs, while Europe says this a pretext to reduce flows and use gas as a political weapon, an argument Russia rejects

REUTERS

London, Sept 3: Russia Friday scrapped a Saturday deadline to resume flows via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Europe, saying it had discovered a fault during maintenance, deepening Europe's difficulties in securing fuel for winter.

The Nord Stream 1 pipeline which transports gas from Russia to Germany was undergoing maintenance from Aug 31 - Sept 2, cutting flows to zero and raising concerns about a prolonged halt to supply and further European gas price spikes.

Russia had already cut flows through Nord Stream to 20% of capacity.

Below are some of the factors explaining the impact of Russian supplies on Europe's gas markets, including those that do not rely on Russian gas directly.

HOW MUCH GAS DOES RUSSIA **SUPPLY?**

Europe has historically relied on Russia for around 40% of its natural gas, most delivered through pipelines including Yamal, which crosses Belarus and Poland to Germany, Nord Stream 1, which



runs directly to Germany, and pipelines through Ukraine.

A network of interconnecting pipelines links Europe's internal gas markets. Not all countries get gas directly from Russia, but if countries such as Germany, Europe's top buyer of Russian gas, receive less, they must fill the gap from elsewhere, for instance from Norway,

which has a knock-on effect on available gas for other countries.

As a result, changes in Russian supplies can cause as much gas price volatility in Britain as in the rest of Europe, even though Britain typically gets less than 4% of its gas from Russia, Lower Russian supply means less could be available from its largest supplier Norway.

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

Russian gas flows to Europe have already fallen in the first seven months of 2022, with flows through the three main pipeline routes down around 40% compared with the same period in 2021.

Flows through Yamal, which historically transported gas from Russia to Europe have been flowing eastwards, to Poland from Germany since the start of the year.

Flows through Nord Stream and via Ukraine, which were already down on last year, began falling in March after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This year, Moscow has cut gas flows to Bulgaria, Finland, Poland, Danish supplier Orsted, Dutch firm Gasterra and Shell for its German contracts, after they all rejected a Kremlin demand to switch to payments in roubles.

Several companies such as

Germany's Uniper and RWE and Italy's Eni made payments under Russia's new scheme and continued to receive gas

But many companies, including Uniper and RWE have since seen their supply curbed with France's Tuesday becoming the latest company to be told by Gazprom it will receive less gas.

France accused Moscow Tuesday of using energy supply as "a weapon of war". Energy Transition Minister Agnes Pannier-Runacher told France Inter radio the country must prepare for the worst case scenario of a complete halt of supplies of gas from Russia.

The cuts in gas flows through Nord Stream have driven up European and British gas prices, with prices rising to record highslast week ahead of the Aug 31-Sept 2 maintenance.











Williams and Venus, who earned

seven major singles trophies of her

own, get credit for inspiring Coco

Gauff and Naomi Osaka and count-

less of others to play tennis, yes,

but also for pushing plenty of oth-

ers to change their views about

what can be done and what can't.

She won a Grand Slam title while

pregnant, went through scary health

complications after giving birth to

her daughter, Olympia, in 2017, and

would return to the tour and reach

four more major finals She has a ven-

ture capital firm that raised more

Williams wore what she wanted

on a tennis court. She reacted how

she wanted, during and away from

her matches. She said what she

wanted, sometimes addressing so-

cial issues, sometimes not, but there

always was a sense that she was

There were those who criticized

her, of course. Those who wondered

whether she was doing things the

right way. Just as there were those

who thought it was a mistake for her

father, Richard, to keep his young

daughters away from the junior ten-

Tennis most definitely will not

be the same without Williams.

Not even close. That's OK, though.

It's time, as Williams famously

wrote, for her to be "evolving'

away from her days as a player. It's

time for her to devote extra en-

ergy to being a mom and a busi-

nesswomen and whatever else life

As Williams observed after hitting

VAR saves Liverpool the blushes

one last shot: "I have such a bright

than USD 100 million.

the one who decided.

nis circuit.

brings her way.

future ahead of me.

11 AMERICAN TENNIS GREAT ENDS HER JOURNEY AS PLAYER AFTER LOSING TO AJLA TOMLJANOVIC AT US OPEN

Adios Serena!

It's been the most incredible ride and journey l've ever been on in my life. I'm so grateful to every single person that's ever said, 'Go, Serena!' in their life. It's been a long time. I've been playing tennis my whole life. It is a little soon, but I'm also happy because, I mean, this is what I wanted, what I want

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brought something, and bring something, to tennis. The different looks. The fist pumps. The just crazy intensity... Passion, I think, is a really good word. Just continuing through ups and downs. I could go on and on. But I just honestly am so grateful that I had this moment – and that I'm Serena

> **SERENA** WILLIAMS

RECONSIDERING

RETIREMENT CALL: I don't think so, but you never know. Clearly, I'm still capable ... (But) I'm ready to be a mom, explore a different version of Serena. Technically, in the world, I'm still super young, so I want to have a little bit of a life while I'm still walking

SHOWING GRATITUDE: | wouldn't be Serena if there

wasn't Venus (Williams). So thank you, Venus. She's the only reason that Serena Williams ever existed

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New York. Sept 3: After all of the many tributes to Serena Williams were done, the celebratory words and the video montages, the standing ovations and the shouts of her name, it seemed appropriate that she herself would provide the defining look at her legacy.

So the last question at the news conference after her last match of the US Open—and, it seems clear, of her career — offered Williams the chance to say how she'd most like to be remembered.

"I feel like I really brought something, and bring something, to tennis. The different looks. The fist pumps. The just crazy intensity... Passion, I think, is a really good word. Just continuing through ups and downs," she responded Friday night. "I could go on and on. But I just honestly am so grateful that I had this moment — and that I'm Serena.'

That captures so much about her so well. And to think: Williams, who turns 41 this month, did not even mention anything about being an elite athlete or any of the statistics that help define what she did with a racket in her hand.

The 23 championships at the Grand Slam tournaments that have come to define success in her sport. Another 50 singles titles elsewhere. The 14 majors in doubles with her sister, Venus. The 319 weeks at No.1. The four Olympic gold medals.

So, sure, it's impossible to assess Williams without considering her place in the pantheon of superstars, as worthy as anyone — woman or man, this generation or any other, this sport or any other-of the honorific "Greatest of All Time" (one clever spectator at Williams' 7-5, 6-7(4-7). 6-1 loss to Aila Tomljanovic held up

a poster with, simply, a drawing of a goat). "She is an all-time great. Obviously, that's an understatement," said Martina Navratilova, an 18-

time major winner who certainly is part of that whole conversation. But Williams is also about a lot more than that. No Black woman had won a Slam

title since Althea Gibson in the 1950s until Williams came along and collected her first at the 1999 US Open at age 17.

Over the more than two decades since.



World applauds the 'GOAT'

RAFAEL NADAL: Thanks Serena for everything you've done for our sport!!! Amazing champion

SACHIN TENDULKAR: Age is not what the body tells you, but what your mind tells the body. Teenagers can solve world's biggest problems, adults can pick up something new & excel. Sport inspires society to push limits & achieve the impossible. Congratulations on an inspiring career, Serena

ROGER FEDERER: I wanted to congratulate you for a most incredible career. You know what you have achieved. I know what you have done and you know what it is, it's just beyond incredible. It's probably with mixed feelings



TIGER WOODS: You're literally the greatest on and off the court. Thank you for inspiring all of us to pursue our dreams. I love you little sis!!!!!!

MICHELLE OBAMA: Congrats on an amazing career, Serena. How lucky were we to be able to watch a young girl from Compton grow up to become one of the greatest athletes of all time. I'm proud of you, my friend – and I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform with your talents

AJLA TOMLJANOVIC: I think she embodies that no dream is too big and it doesn't matter where you come from, or the circumstances. You can do anything if you believe in yourself and you love what you do and have an incredible support system and family around you

MAGIC JOHNSON: We just witnessed the last US Open for the greatest of all time, Serena Williams!! Serena has meant so much to sports, the game of tennis, the world, every little girl, and even more to every little Black girl across the globe

MICHAEL PHELPS: It's truly been fun to watch Serena not only change the sport of tennis, but more importantly, how she's helped empower the next generation. Her tennis accomplishments speak for themselves, but one of the things I admire about her is she simply doesn't quit. On or off the court

SIMONE BILES: Thank you Serena for transcending sports for black athletes, female athletes and every athlete. Such a pleasure to watch, thanks for being an inspiration

CAREER STATS Prize money: USD 94,806,080

WIN/LOSS: 858/156 (Grand Slam: 367/56) **OVERALL TITLES:** 73 **GRAND SLAM TITLES: 23** AUSTRALIAN OPEN: 7 (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2017); Runner-up: 1 (2016)

FRENCH OPEN: 3 (2002, 2013, 2015); Runner-up: 1 (2016)

WIMBLEDON: 7 (2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016); Runner-up: 4 (2004, 2008, 2018, 2019)

US OPEN: 6 (1999, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014); Runner-up: 4 (2001, 2011, 2018, 2019)

WTA FINALS: 5 (2001, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014); Runner-up: 2 finales (2002, 2004)

FED CUP: 1 (1999)

OLYMPIC GAMES: Gold medal singles (2012), 3 women's doubles with sister Venus (2000, 2008, 2012)

Serena drew curtains to her career with 23 Grand Slam titles, second in the list of players (men & women) with most GS titles after legendary Margaret Court (24). However, Serena tops the list of players (men & women) with most GS titles in the 'Open Era'

S erena won her first Grand Slam title at the 1999 US Open at age 17 and captured her final major title at the 2017 Australian Open

S he twice completed a "Serena Slam" by winning all four major titles in a row. She did it in 2002-2003 starting with the 2002 French Open and again in 2014-15 starting with the 2014 US Open

S he climbed to the top of the WTA world rankings eight times during her career for a total of 319 weeks and is third in the all-time list of longest time as World No.1. With Steffi Graf, Serena also holds the record for most consecutive weeks as No.1 with 186 weeks

S erena became the oldest World No.1 when she climbed to the top of the rankings May 8, 2017

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Max takes pole ahead of Leclerc for Dutch GP

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Zandvoort (Netherlands), Sept 3: Max Verstappen produced a brilliant final lap to take pole position for Sunday's Dutch Grand Prix just ahead of Charles Leclerc. The Red Bull driver edged Leclerc's Ferrari by just .021 seconds Saturday to huge roars from Verstappen's Orange Army of fans.

But the session was interrupted earlier when a flare was thrown onto the track. Governing body FIA said the culprit was removed from the stands by security. The widespread use of flares from Verstappen's fans has been a concern at some races, particularly at the Red Bull Ring in Austria in July and at last weekend's Belgian GP — both packed with Verstappen supporters.

Carlos Sainz Jr. qualified in third for Ferrari ahead of Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, with Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez qualifying in fifth.

Leclerc had the leading time and went even faster on his final run to pressure Verstappen. But a brilliant middle sector helped the Dutchman clinch his fourth pole of the season. Moments after Verstappen crossed the line, Perez spun off the track to bring a yellow flag for the closing seconds. Verstappen was quickest in the



first qualifying run, known as Q1, just ahead of Hamilton.

Four-time F1 champion Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin) and Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) were among the five drivers eliminated. Vettel looked good for Q2 but went wide into gravel near the end of his final run.

The red flag came out at the start of Q2 after the flare was thrown and the session was halted for several minutes. But Alex Albon, the only driver on track at that point, also complained about "tons of pigeons" around the circuit located next to the beach. Sainz topped Q2 from the competitive Mercedes of George Russell, but two-time F1 champion Fernando Alonso fluffed his last run and went out

Verstappen won here last year, in front of Dutch King Willem-Alexander and his legions of orange-clad fans at the seaside track outside Amsterdam. Leclerc led Saturday's third and final practice by just 0.066 seconds from Russell and 0.161 ahead of Verstappen.

If he wins Sunday, it would be a fourth straight for Verstappen and 10th of the season — his tally from last year — and push him closer to a second straight world title. He leads Perez by 93 points and Leclerc by 98 with the Italian GP coming

up next at Monza and only six

races after that.



NARROW MISS: Liverpool players look closely as shot from an Everton player (in blue-white) miss the post by a whisker

Liverpool, Sept 3: A lengthy VAR review came to the rescue of Liverpool as the Reds shared spoils with Everton in a goalless Merseyside derby, Saturday.

REUTERS

Both sides hit the woodwork in the first half at Goodison Park, with Tom Davies denied by the upright for Everton, before Darwin Nunez and Luiz Diaz both saw efforts come out off the frame of the goal for the visitors.

The game opened up after the break, with Jordan Pickford forced into several fine stops in the home goal, while Neal Maupay should have scored from close range on his Everton debut after signing from Brighton & Hove Albion in midweek.

Then came the moment Everton fans had been waiting for after Conor Coady tapped home at the far post, but with pandemonium ensuing at Goodison the goal was ruled out for offside after a lengthy

VAR review.

Both sides pressed for a winner, with Everton substitute Dwight McNeil's deflected shot almost catching Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson out and Mohamed Salah firing against the post in stoppage time, but the rivals had to settle for a point each.

The stalemate means Liverpool remain in fifth, six points behind leaders Arsenal ahead of their trip to Manchester United Sunday, while Everton stay 14th, winless from their six matches.

Coming into the match after earning back-to-back home victories, Liverpool headed to Goodison, where they had not tasted defeat in the Premier League in 12 years, confident of further derby glory. But even with big-money close season signing Nunez back up front, Liverpool struggled to get going.

When they did create an opening, Liverpool found England goalkeeper Pickford in inspired form, with his save to tip Nunez's effort

onto the crossbar the pick of his first half stops.

Liverpool boss Juergen Klopp threw on a fourth attacker in Roberto Firmino for the second half, with Pickford forced into three saves in quick succession to deny the Brazilian.

The game opened up from there on in. Maupay should have broken the deadlock from close range, firing too close to Alisson, before the striker played a big part in what he thought was the opening goal in the 69th minute.

Coady thought he had timed his arrival at the back post to perfection for his first Everton goal, only to be judged offside in a tight call, much to the away fans' delight.

Just as they did in their dramatic midweek win over Newcastle United, Liverpool thought they had snatched it at the death, but Salah's first-time effort cannoned out off the upright once more, with the brilliant Pickford getting the faintest of touches to it.

Jadeja ruled out of ICC T20 World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 3: In a major setback to Team India, senior allrounder Ravindra Jadeja is all set to miss the T20 World Cup in Australia as he will undergo a major knee surgery which is expected to keep him out of action for an indefinite period of time.

Jadeja, who played the first two games of the Asia Cup against Pakistan and Hong Kong, gives the team the requisite balance with his all-round abilities and the 33year-old veteran's absence will be a big blow to Rohit Sharma's side.

"Jadeja's right knee injury is pretty serious. He is supposed to undergo a major knee surgery and will be out of action for indefinite period of time. At this point, if one goes by the assessment of the NCA's medical team, one can't put a timeline on his imminent international comeback," a senior BCCI official

Pak pacer Dahani out of India game

DUBAI: Pakistan pacer Shahnawaz Dahani has been ruled out of Sunday's marquee Super Fours clash against archrivals India in the Asia Cup here

due to a suspected side strain. According to ESPN Cricinfo, the speedster will be monitored for the next 48-72 hours by the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) medical team. Dahani took one wicket in the two matches that he has played in the tournament, at an economy rate of six. Pakistan have two pacers Mohammad Hasnain and Hasan Ali - and a spinner in Usman Qadir on the bench as potential replacements for Dahani.



told this agency on the condition of anonymity.

It couldn't be immediately confirmed if it's a case of Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL), recovery from which can take a good six months. But it can be said with some certainty that Jadeja will be out of action for at least three months.

It is understood that Jadeja's knee issue has been there for a long time, and a close look at last one year would suggest that he is converting himself more into a batting all-rounder across formats, with his left-arm spin turning into a secondary skill from the primary one.

It is believed that the pounding \rightarrow that his right knee takes while landing of his front foot while bowling has had its impact. It will take a considerable amount of time and a thorough rehabilitation programme before he can make a -(comeback to international cricket.

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