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FOUR PERISH IN UP HOTEL FIRE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow (UP), Sept 5: Four people, including two women, died and at least 10 were injured after a fire broke out in a four-floor hotel in the city's commercial centre Hazratganj Monday morning, police said.

Rescue teams were inspecting the premises of the Levana Suites on Madan Mohan Malviya Marg in Hazratganj to check if someone had been trapped, officials said.

Initially, 10 people were rushed to Shyama Prasad Mukherjee civil hospital. Of these, two were declared dead and seven are undergoing treatment. One of the injured was released, they said.

Officials said two more people were later rushed to the civil hospital, and were declared dead, taking the toll to four.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited the injured in the hospital and enquired about their health.

MET PREDICTS HEAVY RAIN

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: The Met office Monday predicted heavy rain in the state over the next few days as a new low pressure is likely to form weeks after three such weather systems resulted in devastating floods in the state.

A cyclonic circulation is likely to form over east-central Bay of Bengal around September 7. Under its influence, a low pressure is set to take shape over west-central Bay of Bengal during the subsequent 48 hours, it said.

The Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre issued a yellow warning of heavy rain in some places across Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada and Nabarangpur districts Tuesday.

There can be torrential rain in parts of the state from Wednesday.

Another low pressure may form between September 9 and 15, a Met official said.

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Liz Truss new British PM

After weeks of an often bad-tempered and divisive leadership contest, Truss, currently the foreign secretary, defeated former chancellor Rishi Sunak in a vote of Conservative Party members, winning by 81,326 votes to 60,399

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 5: UK foreign secretary Liz Truss Monday won the Conservative Party leadership contest, beating Rishi Sunak to go on to replace outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson – loyalty to whom seems to have gone against the Indian-origin former chancellor in a result that was closer than predicted.

The 47-year-old senior Cabinet minister was widely expected to become Britain's third female Prime Minister after over 1,70,000 online and postal votes cast by Tory members, ending Sunak's historic run as the first member of Parliament of Indian heritage to compete for the top job at 10 Downing Street.

Truss polled 81,326 votes, compared to Sunak's 60,399 in an election with a high turnout of 82.6 per cent, with 654 rejected ballots from a total of 172,437 eligible Tory voters. It means Truss did win by a comfortable margin, but her victory was slimmer than in other recent Tory leadership contests at 57.4 per cent to Sunak's 42.6 per cent – reflecting a divide within the governing party.

Sunak, 42, soon took to Twitter to call for party unity: "Thank you to everyone who voted for me in this campaign. I've said throughout that the Conservatives are one family. It's right we now unite behind the new PM, Liz Truss,



Thank you to everyone who voted for me in this campaign. I've said throughout that the Conservatives are one family. It's right we now unite behind the new PM, Liz Truss, as she steers the country through difficult times

RISHI SUNAK | FORMER UK CHANCELLOR

Congratulations @trussliz for being chosen to be the next PM of the UK. Confident that under your leadership, the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership will be further strengthened. Wish you the very best for your new role and responsibilities (sic)

NARENDRA MODI | Indian Prime Minister

as she steers the country through difficult times," a former chancellor of the Exchequer said.

In her acceptance speech, Truss declared: "We will deliver, we will deliver, and we will deliver."

"I will deliver on the energy crisis, dealing with people's energy bills but also dealing with the long-term issues we have on energy supply," she said, with reference to the key issue dominating the leadership campaign which she dubbed one of the longest job interviews in history.

After thanking her fellow finalist Sunak, Truss also paid tribute to outgoing leader Johnson.

"Boris, you got Brexit done, you crushed [Opposition Labour ex-leader] Jeremy Corbyn, you rolled out the vaccine and you stood up to Vladimir Putin. You are admired from Kyiv to Carlisle," she said, to a rather muted response from her party colleagues gathered for the announcement.

Fake salt, detergent unit busted at Pahala

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: The Commissionerate Police Monday busted a fake salt and detergent manufacturing unit in Pahala area, on the outskirts of the City here.

Although police have arrested one worker of the unit identified as Soumya Ranjan Pati of Bhadrak, its owner Hrushikesh Nayak of Naharkanta area managed to give the cops a slip.

Following a tipoff, a team of the twin city Commissionerate Police carried out a raid at the unit located at Lane-15 of Sibashakti Nagar in Pahala area and seized around 60 quintal of substandard salt and 20 quintal of fake detergent power, it was learnt.

An official said adulterated salt and detergent were being prepared and sold under the name of different reputed brands.

Police have launched a

probe after registering a case (161/22) in this regard.

Sources said several units engaged in manufacturing of adulterated food items had been busted in Cuttack in the recent past.

A fake spice manufacturing unit was busted in Jagatpur area of Cuttack in January 22 this year.

The Commissionerate Police in September 2021 had destroyed several quintal of adulterated ghee worth ₹10 lakh in Cuttack.



Big welcome planned for Naveen today

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: With ruling BJD preparing a mega reception for Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the airport here over his lifetime achievement award by a Delhi-based NGO, the police Monday advised air passengers to reach the airport at least three hours before their flight's time.

Patnaik, who received the Capital Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award in New Delhi Sunday, is scheduled to return to the state Tuesday. He was conferred with the award by former chief justice of India NV Ramana.

"There will be a large gathering at Biju Patnaik Airport 06.09.22 to receive Hon'ble CM Odisha. The crowd will gather around 8am till 1pm. Air passengers travelling dur-

56% Indians facing call drop issues: Survey

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Around 56 per cent of respondents surveyed across India, covering 339 districts, shared that they are facing severe call drop and call connection problems, online platform LocalCircles said in a report Monday.

According to the survey, 82 per cent of people have been making data or wifi calls to overcome network issues.

"56 per cent citizens say they are facing severe Call Connect and Call Drop issues," the survey said.

In response to the question that approximately what per cent of their mobile phone calls have had a bad connection or call drop issues in the last 3 months, 37 per cent of respondents said that 20-50 per cent of their calls experienced the issue.

The question on call connection and drop received 8,364 replies. Out of the total, 91 per cent of



respondents said they face the problem, while 56 per cent said that problem was severe in their case.

The survey, which focussed on the quality of a call, received over 31,000 responses, comprising 42

SHORT TAKES

Lightning kills three

Baripada: Three persons were killed in separate lightning strike incidents in Mayurbhanj Monday. Malati Mohanta (52) of Bahadurpur and Parbati Singh (40) of Pandura under Baripada Sadar police limits died when lightning struck them while grazing goats. In another incident, Ranjita Singh (13) of Deopara under Baisinga police limits died when lightning struck her while playing on a village road. Police have registered three unnatural death cases in this connection.

Student hangs self

Bhubaneswar: A nursing student has died allegedly by suicide in a hostel room here due to inability to get good sleep, police said Monday. The body of the woman, who hailed from Bolangir district, was found hanging from the ceiling of her room in a private hostel at Jamukoli under Airfield police limits here. A suicide note was found at the spot, in which it was mentioned that the deceased took the extreme step as she was unable to get sound sleep for the last few days.

per cent of respondents from tier 1; 31 per cent from tier 2 and 27 per cent from tier 3, 4 and rural districts, the report said. However, the number of responses to each question was different.

The survey, which focussed on the quality of a call, received over 31,000 responses, comprising 42 per cent of respondents from tier 1; 31 per cent from tier 2 and 27 per cent from tier 3, 4 and rural districts

In response to a question on issues that citizens have faced the most while using mobile voice services in the last 3 months, 45 per cent of respondents referred to "call drops" and 42 per cent indicated "call connect failures".

According to the survey, 78 per cent of citizens have not experienced an automatic call drop within 30 seconds despite a bad connection.

On an aggregate basis, 82 per cent of citizens who have a data or wifi connection have been making data or wifi calls frequently as they face difficulty in getting or staying connected on a regular mobile network, the report said.

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PENELOPE CRUZ HEADLINES MOVIE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In Italian director Emanuele Crialese's new drama *L'Immensita*, which is set in 1970s Rome, Penelope Cruz plays a mother of three who, while contending with a violent Italian husband, winds up in a psychiatric institution.

TOM CRUISE PERFORMS DEATH-DEFYING STUNT

Tom Cruise is soaring to new highs for his next action adventure *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One*. A minute-long viral clip on social media shows Tom delivering a message while standing on an airborne biplane. He can be heard saying that he is shooting for the latest *M: I* film.



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ARIES
Today you will feel like displaying your power. If you find that people are awestruck when you pass by, take it that your labours are doing the trick. Otherwise, take it that you have to get things in better order. Ganesh says either ways you have more work to do.

TAURUS
This is not a day when you should be fooling around with your health. Do not take your health and fitness for granted, warns Ganesh. You will be feeling lazy and listless all day long. Chances are that you could fall ill on account of carelessness.

GEMINI
Interactions with member of the opposite sex may yield positive and pleasurable results today. Public servants will get the much-needed encouragement and moral support from bosses and family members. In academics, you will be able to solve whatever problem you set your mind to.

CANCER
Today, you are likely to remain open-minded while dealing with others. However, it doesn't mean that you will always be soft on others. Later in the day, your approach may be different and stubborn. In the evening, you will enjoy the company of family and friends.

LEO
Pack your bags, and don't forget the sunscreen and the shades. Look at the stars today – Ganesh foresees for you a strong prospect of going on a tour. If not an individual backpacking adventure, then an elaborate family holiday, but travel you shall. With Lady Luck smiling upon you all day long, getting work done to the satisfaction of all is not an issue.

VIRGO
Reflect on past glories and assemble the machinery for accomplishing more in the future. New relationships will mark the road to progress. You easy-going nature will help you get along famously with people.

LIBRA
Today might be a good day to invest in that body armour you saw on the telly last night. At least find one that will shield you from being at the receiving end of your seniors and the daily grind of life. If you happen to be a job aspirant, be prepared to slog it out for your success. Put off auction bids and sealed tenders for a luckier day.

SCORPIO
House renovation is in the offing. You may furnish it with portraits and artefacts. Today, you may also feel like playing the stock market game and stake your bets, says Ganesh. Have a great time at home by hosting friends over.

SAGITTARIUS
A paradigm shift in your temperament and your looks is on the cards today. Your personality will get better as you do some chic attire, jewellery and a rather loud perfume today. You're a magnet today, says Ganesh, and will charm your way through a crowd of admirers who will clamour for your attention.

CAPRICORN
Money will flow in from various quarters today, but it will also find its way out of your pockets. Keep a tab on your income and more on your expenses, says Ganesh. Situation at work may get a little trying, but you will overcome all problems by means of your innate and acquired skills, and past experience.

AQUARIUS
You are ambitious, and quite unapologetic about the way you pursue your goals! You will work hard and push your way through if you have to. Not just that, you will see to it that you have all the skills and competency required to make it big. Success is never served on a plate, and you know it, says Ganesh.

PISCES
For those in the creative, marketing or advertising fields, today will likely bring about an important milestone on their path to progress, says Ganesh. Your creativity and ingenuity will be at their peak.

When Janhvi played 'Rose' of Titanic

Mumbai: On the occasion of Teachers' Day Monday, actress Janhvi Kapoor has reminisced how she used to play 'teacher-teacher' and enact scenes from the Hollywood blockbuster *Titanic* with her younger sister Khushi.

On being asked how she Kapoor used to celebrate Teachers' day, the actress said: "As a child, I had a big white wall in my room, and whatever I used to learn in that week in school, I used to make Khushi sit and played 'teacher teacher' with her. The white wall used to be my white board."

Reminiscing her filmy childhood days, Janhvi added: "I used to play the role of 'Rose' and Khushi used to play the role of 'Jack' from *Titanic*."

We used to make the bed our boat and enact the iconic scene from *titanic* together.

"Moreover, I used to also play the role of Deepika Padukone, and Khushi used to play the role of Shah Rukh Khan. We used to enact the scene from *Om Shaanti Om* where Deepika waves at the audience."

On the acting front, Janhvi is currently shooting for *Bawaal*, which also stars Varun Dhawan. It is produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, under the banner of Nadiadwala Grandson. The film is directed by Nitesh Tiwari and will hit the screens April 7, 2023. AGENCIES



The term 'filmmaker' is a myth, says Kangana

Mumbai: Actress Kangana Ranaut, who is currently busy with her film *Emergency*, shared her thoughts about the craft of filmmaking and how the film has made her understand the nuances of storytelling. In her opinion, "a movie makes a maker" and it's not the other way round.

Taking to her Instagram, Kangana shared a picture of herself briefing someone off the camera about a particular close-up/mid close-up shot.

Captioning the picture, she wrote: "Filmmaking is a fine blend of prep, practice and spontaneity. That's why it can be the most difficult or the easiest thing to do, depends how efficiently you can be rigid and fluid both at the same time."

She went on to share that despite all the preparation, a story or a sequence may demand to ditch all things that were a part of the prep and start afresh with a different approach.

In her opinion, the terms film-maker is nothing but a myth as a story finds its true expression and the maker is merely a vehicle for the story.

"Film-maker is a myth, there is no such thing. If anything, a movie makes a maker because story has its own seed and soul which finds expression," said the *Gangster* actress. IANS

Instrumental Jugalbandi leaves music lovers in thrall



The five-day event, organised by Srjan, is dedicated to Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj

Bhubaneswar: The bond between Kathak maestro Pandit Birju Maharaj and Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra was fondly remembered at the 28th OMC Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra (GKCM) Award Festival that kicked off here at Rabindra Mandap, Monday.

The five-day event, organised by Srjan, was dedicated to the Kathak legend.

On the first evening, viewers were treated to the much-awaited music performance by famed flautist Pandit Ronu Majumdar, renowned percussionist Ustad Taufiq Qureshi, and emerging tabla artiste Ishaan Ghosh. Ace percussionist Ustad Taufiq Qureshi, son and disciple of Tabla maestro Ustad Allarakha, is known for his distinct technique of playing the

African instrument Djembe. The young and exceptionally talented Ishaan Ghosh delivered a memorable performance on tabla, with his unique articulations and complex rhythmic tapestries.

The cadence and harmony of their notes mesmerized the audience, as they presented *Synthesis: A Classical Medley*, beginning with Raga Jai Jaiwanti. This track was followed by a confluence of Ragas and Talas. The evening concluded on a high, with the evocative notes of the flute, and the rhythmic intricacies of the Djembe

28TH OMC GKCM AWARD FEST BEGINS

and Tabla, as the artistes delved into their musical repertoires, delighting the viewers.

The second evening of the festival on September 6th will commence with an Odissi Vocal recital by Sushree Sristi Swarupa Mishra, accompanied by Guru Dhaneswar Swain on the Mardala and Guru Ramesh Chandra Das on the Violin. Her performance will be followed by a Bharatanatyam group performance by renowned exponent Vidushi Geeta Chandran and her ensemble, the Natya Vriksha Dance Collective.

Srjan's Director Guru Ratikant Mohapatra delivered the welcome speech followed by Culture Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra, Secretary Madhu Sudan Padhi, Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi Secretary Prabhodh Rath, MGM Minerals Director Pankaj Lochan Mohanty, and Sri Sri University Vice Chancellor BR Sharma. PNN



Urvashi trolled for Rishabh's poor show



Mumbai: As India and Pakistan battled it out during the second match of the Super 4 of the Asia Cup 2022 Sunday, a different battle erupted on social media. Actress and model Urvashi Rautela made an appearance in the stands and netizens were quick to blame her for cricketer Rishabh Pant's poor performance in the field.

The duo has been linked in the past and has indulged in a cryptic war of words on social media too.

As Urvashi shared a video from the stands at a stadium in Dubai, netizens flooded her post with hate. One wrote, "Happiest person in the stadium after the wicket of Rishabh Pant." Calling out the actress for jinxing Pant's performance, another tweeted, "Panauti aayi thi Pant ko out karwane #Rishabhant #INDvsPAK #UrvashiRautela."

Rishabh and Urvashi became the talk of the town after the actress alleged that the cricketer waited hours on end at a hotel lobby and left her 16-17 missed calls as he was eager to meet her. In an interview with a news portal the actress revealed all these details while refusing to name RP. Shortly after this revelation, Rishabh had penned a cryptic Instagram story which read, "It's funny how people lie in interviews just for some meagre popularity and for hitting the headlines. Sad how some people are thirsty for fame and name. May God bless them." IANS

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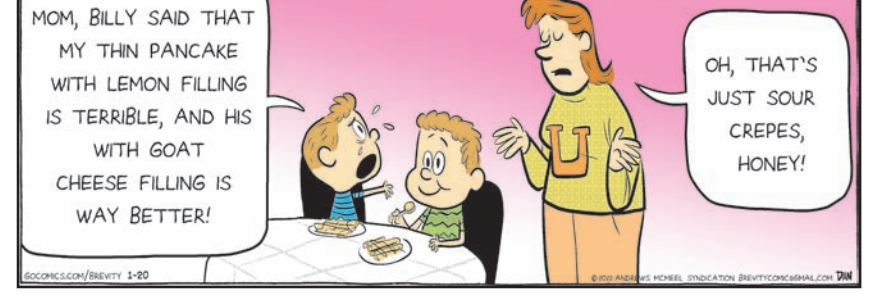
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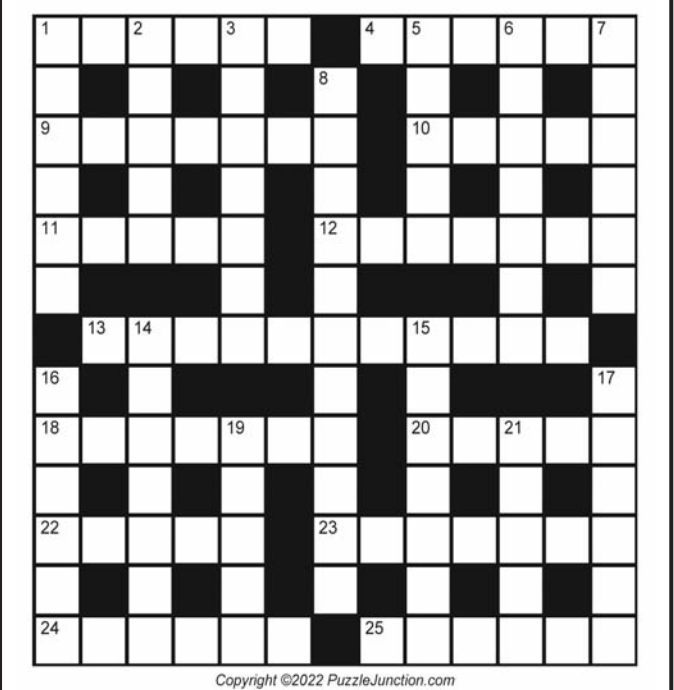
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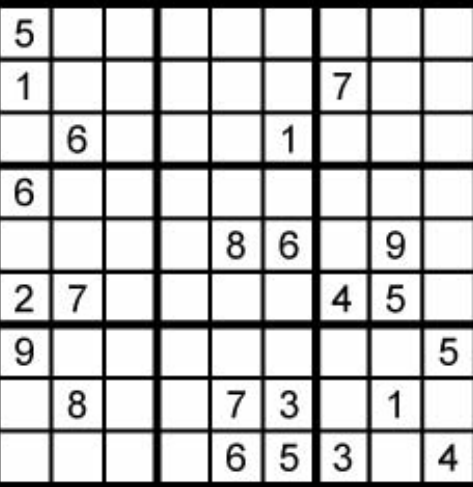
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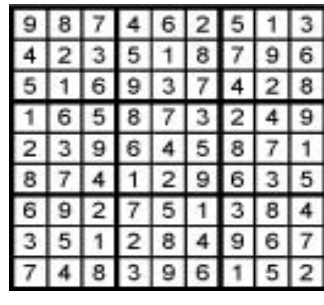
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SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

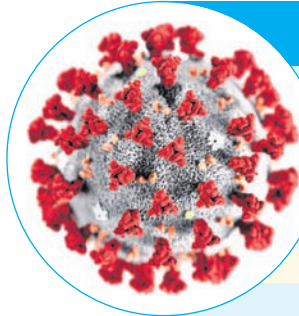
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World	59,63,13,072	57,04,31,952	64,57,440
India	4,42,77,194	4,36,38,844	5,27,098
Odisha	13,23,307	13,11,394	9,157

TRIBUTE TO GURUS

Barchana MLA Amar Prasad Satpathy lighting the lamp to inaugurate a programme on Teachers' Day organised by UTEA in Bhubaneswar, Monday



Red ant menace: Experts visit Pipli

POST NEWS NETWORK

Puri, Sept 5: A team of experts Monday reached Pipli in a bid to end the menace of red ants after reports of villagers abandoning their homes in Brahmanahi under Chandradeipur pachayat in Pipli block came to the fore.

A team from OUAT, local BDO and pest controllers reached the village Monday and took stock of the situation. The ants were killed in most of the places and efforts are on to contain their spread. The OUAT team has taken samples of ants for testing.

The red ant terror has magnified over the last 20 days and people were seen wrapping their legs with plastic before moving out. The poisonous insects have already started dwelling in the mud walls of some houses. The red ants are creeping into their houses from the embankments of a nearby canal and many of them have developed skin rashes and itching after coming



in contact with the insects.

Senior scientist of OUAT said that red ants have moved into this place due to flood situation in nearby areas. "We're locating the holes and entry points, and spraying pesticide to kill the queen ants which are the sources of eggs," said the scientist.

City schools celebrate Teachers' Day with pomp & show



ODM Public School

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: Teachers' Day was celebrated in several educational institutions of the Capital city Monday with great enthusiasm. Students and institutions paid tribute to the teachers for their guidance and help in making the future citizens of the country skilled and strong.

Loyola School

In the words of Albert Einstein, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." Loyola teachers could see this art of theirs bloom into a flower of creative expression as they celebrated September 5 in the memory of S Radhakrishnan.

The students expressed their love and respect for their teachers through a beautifully curated pro-

gramme to celebrate this much-awaited day. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by Fr. Rector Augustine Ezhakunnel SJ, Fr. Principal Victor f Misquith SJ, Sr. Esther Toppo, Vice Principal (Junior section), Nandita Pattanayak, Vice Principal (Senior section) and Fr. George Thana SJ, accompanied by a soulful prayer song.

This was followed by prayer seeking blessings on the teachers. The students welcomed the teachers with flowers and a beautiful song with the message that they would forever cherish the memories the teachers have given them. The students of Classes I to XII presented beautifully choreographed dance performances dedicated to their teachers. Nikhita of Class XII delivered a speech on the life and contribution of S Radhakrishnan who believed,



Loyola School

"No education can be regarded as complete if it neglects the heart and spirit." The programme ended with a vote of thanks by UKG teacher Arpita Singh who thanked the students on behalf of all the teachers for the wonderful programmes dedicated to them.

BJEM School

At the BJEM School, the day for the teachers was celebrated with great pomp and show. The students organised various cultural programmes in honour of the teachers. Attending the celebration as the chief guest, chairman



BJEM School

Raghunath Mishra said, "Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was a great teacher and we celebrate the day in his honour, and we must give respect to all the teachers because they build this nation by guiding the new generation. Principal Sandhya Jena, Vice Principal Pallabi Mohapatra and all the teachers were present.

who does hard labour to make his/her student understand each and every point of knowledge, whether it's of subject or knowledge of life," she said.

She further said, "Our tradition and religious texts have kept teachers one level above the parents as it is believed that parents give birth to a child but a teacher converts him into a human being." One can become not only a good teacher but also a successful teacher by following a few simple steps, she added.

ODM School

ODM celebrated Teachers Day by felicitating teachers on the occasion. Teacher-student relation is very important and this day makes us remember the teacher's role in student's life, said Satyabrata Minaketan, Chairman ODM Educational Group.



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Staff crunch grips Utkal

GYAN RANJAN MOHAPATRA, OP

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: Information fetched through a Right to Information (RTI) plea has exposed the deplorable condition of higher education infrastructure in the state thanks to the litigations over the contentious Orissa Universities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Replying to an RTI query by Sanjay Kumar Mohanty of Dhenkanal district, the public information officer (PIO) of Utkal University revealed severe staff crunch in the premier institution in the state. As per information, around 47 per cent posts are lying vacant out of 257 teaching staff posts sanctioned for various departments in the university. As many as 119 faculty posts in various departments like History, Physics, Commerce and Mathematics are vacant.

As many as 34 positions out of the 47 sanctioned posts of professor are lying vacant. Similarly, 40 associate and 45 assistant professor posts are vacant against the sanctioned posts of 76 and 134 in respective categories.

The seriousness of the situation can easily be gauged from the fact that all the faculty positions in the Library and Information Science department of the varsity have been lying vacant for long. Similarly, there are almost 90 per cent



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SABITA ACHARYA | VICE CHANCELLOR, UTKAL UNIVERSITY

vacancies in many key departments.

Only two assistant professors are working in the department of Commerce while the rest eight posts of professors and associate professors are lying vacant. Similarly, six out of seven posts in Mathematics department are lying vacant.

As many as 10 positions out of the 15 posts of faculty in the department of Psychology, four of seven posts in Zoology department, four of 12 positions in Geology department

are vacant.

This apart, the university has also been facing a severe shortage of staffers in non-teaching category. Almost all the positions of librarians, including the post of chief librarian, are lying vacant in the university.

All four assistant librarian posts in the Parija Library and 11 library attendants' posts are lying vacant. There is no student welfare officer in the institution too.

Nine out of 13 posts under Group A, 58 out of 113 in Group B, 276 out

of 415 Group C, and 331 out of 439 in Group D have been vacant in the university.

It has also come to the fore through the RTI that under Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the university has received ₹41.66666666 crore in 2019 and ₹33.33.33.334 in 2021.

"We are not authorised to conduct recruitment. The Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) will conduct the recruitment after the end of pending litigations in court," Vice Chancellor Sabita Acharya told **Orissa POST**.

BJP's state in-charge meets party leaders

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: BJP's Odisha in-charge Sunil Bansal on his maiden visit to the state here Monday held meeting with party office bearers and discussed the preparedness for 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

On his arrival at the Biju Patnaik International Airport here, Bansal was given a rousing welcome by party supporters. BJP state president Samir Mohanty, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Mohanty and other senior leaders received him at the airport.

Bansal, having the reputation of being a good organiser for his election management in Uttar Pradesh, was appointed the BJP's Odisha in-charge barely two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the state August 8.

He met the office bearers at the party headquarters and later left for Puri to seek the blessings of Lord Jagannath. He will meet party MPs and MLAs separately to discuss the roadmap for the 2024 general elections, party sources said.

Bansal's visit assumes significance since Odisha is one of the focused states of BJP central leadership.

While BJP national president JP Nadda is scheduled to visit the state towards end of September, party's national general secretary (Organisation) B L Santosh will also come to Odisha this month.

FUNDSTACK 2.0

Pursue entrepreneurship seriously, Deb tells youths

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: Terming Odisha as a favorite destination for investors, Industries Minister Pratap Keshari Deb Monday urged young minds of the state to come forward and take up entrepreneurship seriously.

Attending Startup Odisha's 'Fundstack 2.0' which is a startup-investor connect programme, Deb emphasised on institutionalising the culture of entrepreneurship in young minds and plugging gaps in the ecosystem.

He also solicited suggestions from the invited panel of investors which shall help Startup Odisha to further develop the ecosystem of the state.

Startup Odisha's executive chairman Omkar Rai said that Fundstack is not just a platform that facilitates investment for startups but also a forum for capacity building and investment readiness which enables the participating startups to raise funds from private investors who in turn lead the startups on the trajectory of growth and scaling businesses.

MSME principal secretary Ranjana Chopra talked about the progressive & investor friendly startup ecosystem in Odisha and remarked that through Fundstack

2.0 the state shall gear up the startup community to be ready for the Make in Odisha Conclave which plans to bring investors across the globe into Odisha.

The first edition of Fundstack was held virtually in 2021 wherein over 200 startups gained business insights from over 20 eminent Angel Investors. The second edition this year was a 2-day pitching & networking event to attract investments for startups.

This programme was planned as a precursor to the upcoming Make in Odisha 2022 which would be held from November 30 to December 4.

CEO of Startup Odisha, Md. Sadique Alam delivered the welcome address and the programme was followed by an interactive session between investors and senior government officials. The two-day event concluded with one-on-one meetings between the selected startups and the investors.

Official sources said Fundstack will create a platform that builds an engaging relationship between startups and investors where 20 startups selected through a rigorous process from shortlisted 100 startups have got the opportunity to impress investors by presenting their innovative ideas to 20 investors.

New app may accurately detect Covid in voices

Scientists have developed a new smartphone app that may accurately detect Covid-19 infection in people's voices by using artificial intelligence (AI).

The AI model used in the research is more accurate than rapid antigen tests or lateral flow tests and is cheap, quick and easy to use, the researchers said.

The method can be used in low-income countries where PCR tests are expensive and difficult to distribute, they said.

The finding was presented Monday at the European Respiratory Society International Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

According to the researchers, the AI model is accurate 89 per cent of the time, whereas the accuracy of lateral flow tests varies widely depending on the brand.

Also, lateral flow tests are considerably less accurate at detecting Covid-19 infection in people who show no symptoms, they said.

"These promising results suggest that simple voice recordings and fine-tuned AI algorithms can potentially achieve high precision in determining which patients have Covid-19 infection," said Wafaa Aljwabi, a researcher



at the Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

"Such tests can be provided at no cost and are simple to interpret. Moreover, they enable remote, virtual testing and have a turnaround time of less than a minute," Aljwabi said. The new test could be used, for example, at the entry points for large gatherings, enabling rapid screening of the population, the researchers said.

Covid-19 infection usually affects the upper respiratory track and vocal cords, leading to changes in a person's voice.

Aljwabi and her supervisors used data from the University of Cambridge's crowd-sourcing Covid-19 Sounds App that contains 893 audio samples from 4,352 healthy and non-healthy participants, 308 of whom had tested positive for Covid-19. The app is installed on the user's phone. The participants report some basic information about demographics, medical history and smoking status, and then are asked to record some respiratory sounds.

These include coughing three times, breathing deeply through their mouth three to five times, and reading a short sentence on the screen three times.

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Adopt auto-listing procedure for cases: SC tells Orissa HC

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 5: The Supreme Court has suggested the Orissa High Court to consider adopting the procedure of auto-listing of matters.

A two-judge bench of justices MR Shah and Krishna Murari requested the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court to look into the aspect of auto listing matters urgently and at earliest.

"The High Court may adopt the procedure of auto-listing of the matters so that after filing of a matter, the same is listed before the concerned court at the earliest and preferably within a period of 7-10 days automatically," the bench said.

The SC order came on a petition filed by Sourav Sekhar Behera who urged the apex court to pass direction for listing of his case under 'each weekly cause list' of High Court till the end of the case.



The apex court noted that the main grievance on the part of the petitioner is that the writ petition filed by him is pending in the Orissa HC and not being listed for hearing and the same is adjourned.

"It cannot be disputed that the matters which are filed are required to be heard at the earliest and the same are to be listed within a reasonable time after filing," the bench said.

The top court further directed the registry to send a copy of this pe-

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tion to the Registrar General of the Orissa HC, which will be placed before the Chief Justice of the High Court and requested the Chief Justice of the High Court to look into the aspect of the listing of the matters urgently and at the earliest.

The petitioner had also urged to provide the video teleconferencing for the hearing of the current matter for the respondent "State of Orissa" as per Covid pandemic guidelines decided by the government and provide listing twice per week basis for the current matter.

DEMAND FOR AID



Members of Odisha State Non Govt Lecturer and Employee Association (OSNLEA) staging a rally at PMG in Bhubaneswar demanding aid for employees, Monday

PUJARI 'FORCED TO DANCE' Govt notice to social worker

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Koraput/Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: A day after the SCB Medical College Hospital submitted its report on Padma Sri awardee Kamala Pujari being allegedly "forced to dance" by a social worker during her discharge from the health facility, the Koraput district administration on Monday issued notices to two persons for personal appearance.

The notices were issued to social worker Mamata Behera and the official attendant Rajeeb Hial to personally appear before Sub-Collector Jeypore at 10 am on Tuesday and register their response in connection to the row that erupted over Kamala Pujari (72) being "forced to dance" inside the ICU of SCB medical college and hospital at Cuttack.

The incident came to the fore after a video of Pujari being "forced to dance" allegedly by Behera went viral on August 29.

"Notices have been issued and their statement will be recorded. Necessary action will be taken once we get their response to the allegations," said Debabar Pradhan, sub-collector, Jeypore.

Earlier, a committee formed by SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack to probe the incident submitted its report. The panel headed by medicine department HOD Prof Jayant Panda observed that Kamala Pujari was kept in a special cabin in the hospital's ICU.

The woman who allegedly forced her to dance introduced herself as Kamala Pujari's friend to the hospital staff in the presence of Kamala Pujari and her attendants, the report said, adding that for this reason she was allowed to stay in the special cabin.

Stating that the hospital administration was unaware of the incident (forced dance) that took place inside the cabin, the panel report said: "It is not possible for us to keep a watch inside the cabin except for a patient's medical needs."

The committee headed by Prof Panda also had Administrative Officer Abinash Rout and Prof B K Behera as members.

The incident has created a state wide hue and cry with the Paraja tribe, to which Kamala belongs, and the Bhumia tribe strongly condemning the incident. They demanded action against the culprit otherwise the tribals may go for agitation.

The Koraput district unit of the Communist Party of India (CPI) on Monday also submitted a memorandum to the district administration demanding swift action on the matter.

"I was not feeling well and was forced to dance. I repeatedly denied, but she did not listen. I was sick and tired after the dance," Pujari had told media persons after her return to home at Patraput under Jeypore block in Koraput district.

City breaches 1k dengue cases

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: Showing no signs of decline, the dengue cases in the state capital Monday crossed the 1,000 mark with about 40-50 new cases being recorded on a daily basis, indicating poor monitoring by the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC).

As per sources, the BMC up until September 4 has recorded 1,196 cumulative cases with about 57 new cases being registered Monday. The total increase in the cases saw about 59 times jump in three months with only 20 cases being reported up until June.

"The situation has been largely

aggravated due to rains in the city. Since stagnant waters during monsoon act as perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, the cases have increased. We are increasing awareness campaigns and destroying larva breeding areas on a regular basis around the affected areas," said a senior BMC official.

It can be mentioned here that Odisha which had registered only 496 cases in 2020, had reported 3,758 in 2019; 5,198 in 2018; 4,158 in 2017. With about 1196 cases already registered and more cases expected to follow, the state Capital is likely to contribute most cases in the state. While most cases have been observed from Sailshree Vihar and

Niladri Vihar areas, other cases have also been reported from Dumduma, Damana and Chandrasekharpur.

"Like last year, this year too we are receiving dengue patients on a regular basis. On an average, five to 10 patients are coming to the hospital daily. Similarly, patients are being discharged as well. Now we have a total of 34 patients who are undergoing treatment at the hospital. As part of treatment, transfusion of platelets is being provided. But the availability of platelets depends on the collection of blood," said Capital Hospital superintendent Dillip Kumar Panda.

Iraqi patient gets successful treatment at SUM hospital



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 5: In a boost to medical tourism in Odisha, a 65-year-old Iraqi national suffering from central skull base osteomyelitis has been successfully treated at SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here recently.

After Abdul Khaleq Abed Imran Al Kanan had been diagnosed with the disease in Iraq, his family members were worried about his treatment which was not available in their country.

As treatment was delayed, Imran developed facial palsy plunging the family members into a traumatic situation. His son Saafa Abdul Khaleq Abed AL Kanan then decided to fly his father to India for treatment which required advanced skull base surgery at a major healthcare centre. After scanning the facilities

available in India, Safaa zeroed in on SUM Ultimate Medicare in Odisha. After arrival in Bhubaneswar, Imran was admitted into the hospital under Radhamadhab Sahu, Senior Consultant and Head of Department of ENT and Skull Base Surgery, who has emerged as a pioneer in this field.

"Few key investigations were quickly planned and an elective combined lateral and anterior skull base surgery was conducted in one sitting. Major issues like pain were relieved following the procedure while there was improvement in the facial palsy condition," Sahu said.

The happy patient did not have to cover his eye while sleeping, which was a morale booster for the family members, he said adding several patients from Iraq had got treated in the hospital earlier.

State logs 179 new Cov cases, 1 fatality

Bhubaneswar: The state's Covid-19 tally rose to 13,28,644 Monday as 179 more people, including 30 children, tested positive for the infection, a health bulletin said. The toll rose to 9,181 as a 57-year-old man succumbed to the disease in Bhadrak district. Fifty-three other patients have died due to comorbidities so far, it said.

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PRESERVING CRAFT



A puppet show jointly organised by Infosys Foundation and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, as part of the 116th outreach cultural programme, in Bhubaneswar, Monday

TEACHERS' DAY

46 teachers get national awards for innovation in teaching

Maths rangoli to teach shapes, algebraic tiling on floors, Elements of periodic table as roll numbers, introducing "bag less days" and "no punishment to students" are among innovative teaching-learning practices adopted by 46 teachers who have bagged National Teachers Award this year.

Khurshed Ahmad, a teacher of Composite School Sahawa, in UP Deoria district has been awarded for using simple innovations in pedagogy such as using the elements of periodic table as roll numbers of students to make it easy for them to remember.

"With the limited resources I made science models such as heart, human circulatory system etc., with recycled material and made students do experiments such as chromatography," Ahmad told PTI. Kandala Ramaiah, teacher of a Zila Parishad school in Telangana, introduced Maths rangoli to teach shapes, algebraic tiling on floors in school and wall painting with mathematics concepts.

In GMS Officers Hill in Nagaland, 80 per cent students are domestic helpers and hence head teacher

Mimi Yhoshii conducts classes for them after school hours to reduce drop-out rate.

"Turning bio non-degradable plastic waste into baskets, floor mats, old clothes into potholders, door mats and selling them to generate some income for the school are some of the ideas implemented," she said.

Maria Murena Miranda, Principal of government school in Goa, successfully renovated, upgraded and made her rural tribal school infrastructure child friendly with the help of the community.

"Due to her efforts, dropout rate has declined in her school. She has worked hard to support tribal students by undertaking home visits, remedial classes, encouraging girls by providing free note books and uniforms," her award citation read. Mohd Jabir, teacher of Government Middle School in Ladakh, introduced "no punishment to students".

"Jabir finds innovative ways to teach which are based on the principle of 'no punishment to students'. Acting smartly as per children's psychology, he used the technique

of 'clapping while learning' for teaching phonetics, grammar, vocabulary, among others," his award citation read. Neeraj Saxena, who is the only teacher in Government Primary School Salegarh, Madhya Pradesh, has motivated and mobilised women in the villages around to work as volunteers for schoolwork. Nongmaithem Gautam Singh, Teacher, Eastern Ideal High School in Manipur has bagged the award for his attempt to protect students from falling chalk powder by converting the blackboards to white boards using local material. "I put local resources such as

bamboo to their best use in making protractors and bulletin boards. I also donated and also trained other school teachers in doing so," Singh said. Kavita Sanghvi, principal of Chatrabhuj Narsee Memorial School in Mumbai, introduced life skills in the school curriculum where children are taught soap and shoe making.

"Bag less day initiative that she had implemented helped the students to try and experiment with different fields including arts and culture," her citation read. President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Awards to Teachers, 2022, Monday to 46 se-

lect awardees to honour their unique contribution to school education. The Ministry of Education (MoE) has been organising a function at Vigyan Bhawan Teachers' Day September 5 every year to confer the awards to best teachers of the country, selected through a rigorous transparent and online three-stage selection process.

Ravi Aruna, teacher at Asnra Zillaprihad High School in Andhra Pradesh, developed an innovative teaching model called "Group Clinical Supervision Model" for evaluation of professional development of in-service teachers. Saurabh Suman, who teaches at Lalit Narayan Laxmi Narayan Project Girls High School in Bihar, introduced many innovations in his schools such as smart card for social distancing, smart blind stick, automatic security road system, SMS alert flood control system, voice controlled electronic appliance and smart dustbin.

Among the awarded teachers, three each are from Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra and Telangana. Yudhveer, Virender Kumar and

Amrit Kumar (Himachal Pradesh); Harpreet Singh, Arun Kumar Garg and Vandana Shahi (Punjab); Shashikant Sambhajirao Kulthe, Somnath Waman Walke and Kavita Sanghvi (Maharashtra); Kandala Ramaiah, T N Sridhar and Sunitha Rao (Telangana), are the awardees from these four states.

Pradeep Negi and Kaustubh Chandra Joshi (Uttarakhand), Sunita and Durga Ram Muwal (Rajasthan), Neeraj Saxena and Om Prakash Patidar (Madhya Pradesh), Saurabh Suman and Nishi Kumari (Bihar), G Ponsankari and Umesh TP (Karnataka), Mala Jigdal Dorjee and Sidharth Yonzone (Sikkim) are among the selected teachers.

The other awardees include Anju Dahiya (Haryana), Rajni Sharma (Delhi), Seema Rani (Chandigarh), Maria Murena Miranda (Goa), Umesh Bharatbhai Vala (Gujarat), Mamta Ahar (Chhattisgarh), Iswar Chandra Nayak (Odisha), Buddhadev Dutta (West Bengal), Mimi Yhoshii (Nagaland), Nongmaithem Gautam Singh (Manipur), Ranjan Kumar Biswas (Andaman and Nicobar).

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New rly projects ignored

DESPITE SUFFICIENT EARNINGS IN REVENUE, ECoR SITTING TIGHT OVER JAJPUR ROAD-DHAMRA RAIL ROUTE



POST NEW NETWORK

Jajpur, Sept 5: The East Coast Railway (ECoR) has seen a three-fold rise in revenue than expenditure in the last five years, officials have said. However, despite availability of funds, the 95.95-km rail track connecting Jajpur Road with Dhamra in Bhadrak via Biraja temple in Jajpur district is yet to be constructed. Residents have been demanding the construction of this railway route for the last decade.

Moreover, steps are not being taken to accord 'Division' status to Jajpur Road station. This has sparked resentment among the local residents.

According to details available under Right to Information (RTI) Act by Satya Prakash Behuria, the ECoR earned '89,669 crore as revenue while it spent '27,943 crore during the fiscals 2017-18 to 2021-22. ECoR earned '16,836.53 crore in 2017-18, '17,671.16 crore in 2018-19, '17,722.65 crore in 2019-20, '17,471.11 crore in 2020-21 and '19,961.08 crore in 2021-22.

However, the Jajpur Road-Dhamra rail project which has a plan outlay of only '1,042.62 crore is yet to be implemented. According to the details, on being

directed by the Union government, ECoR conducted a survey for the route in 2012-13. Later, it submitted its report before the Railway Board in April, 2015. Initial assessment said that '955.393 crore will be spent on construction of the rail route.

However, non-implementation of the project led to a cost escalation which has now increased '1,042.62 crore, the Railway Board has recently stated. At the same time officials said that once the tracks are laid it will lead to a 31.15 per cent increase in revenue for the ECoR. Eight stations have been proposed on the route. Several agitations and movements have taken place during the last decade for construction of the route, but to no avail.

The route will pass through Jajpur and Bhadrak districts where there are two major shrines. Jajpur is famous for Shakti shrine of Maa Biraja temple while the famous Shaivite shrine of Baba Akhandalamani is in Bhadrak district. If the route is developed, tourist inflow will certainly increase in the two districts, sources said. Also there will be an increase in mining and manufactured

freight, they added. Local residents expressed disappointment as the project did not find a mention in the last Union Budget. The Centre has been rejecting the demand for a special rail division status to Jajpur-Keonjhar Road station despite the state government promising to provide necessary land for the establishment of the division.

On the other hand, the Union Commerce and Transport department has proposed construction of an 80-km long rail route project between Paradip and Dhamra. The project, if implemented will reduce the distance between Paradip to Bhadrak via Cuttack by 38 km.

ECoR is earning approximately '18,000 crore as revenue per year. However, it is unfortunate that the Centre is neglecting a railway project which is of only '1,042.62 crore, RTI activist Satya Prakash Behuria said.

Dushmamt Kumar Rout, convener, railways division committee alleged that Indian Railways is neglecting the Jajpur Road station despite it having the credentials to be named a 'Division'. He said that agitations will continue till the demands are fulfilled.



Girls of Hatamundapatna Sahi of Kantilo in Nayagarh district danced in common attire during the immersion procession of Khudurukuni idols, Monday

16-member medical team arrives in Mohana

POST NEWS NETWORK

Paralakhemundi/R Udayagiri, Sept 5: Dengue has acquired endemic proportions in Mohana block of Gajapati district with seven persons dying within a month and over 60 persons getting afflicted of the disease.

The affected persons have been undergoing treatment in various hospitals of Berhampur, Bhubaneswar and Vishakhapatnam. With the disease spinning out of control, a 16-member medical team

DENGUE SCARE



from Hi-tech Medical College and Hospital in Bhubaneswar rushed to the area, Monday. The team after its arrival started the examination of blood samples of suspected

dengue patients at Mohana CHC. As many as 138 persons from ward no-7, 8 and 9 underwent the test in the first phase, Monday, medical officer of CHC Dr Namita Panda said. Among them 31 persons tested positive for the disease, she added.

Special wards have been opened inside the CHC and an ambulance has been kept ready in the panchayat to ferry affected persons to the hospital in case of any emergency.

Meanwhile, tehsildar Kishore Dash, BDO Tapaswini Hansdah, child development project officer

Lalita Mallick, Zilla Parishad chairperson Tirupati Rao, block chairperson Ranjib Sabar, ZP member of Mohana and Chandragiri zone Sunil Kumar Bisoi and Chandrakanta Mallick interacted with the residents about the disease and the treatment availed by them.

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Woman hacked to death over suspected witchcraft

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, Sept 5: A woman was hacked to death by one of her neighbours over suspected practice of witchcraft and sorcery at Koilapada area of this town, Monday.

The victim was identified as Chandrama Bibhar, 50, of the area and the accused neighbour as Rajesh Kuleshika, police said. Town police detained him and an axe used in the crime has also been seized, they added.

Police said that the accused Rajesh was suspecting Chandrama of practising witchcraft and sorcery and applying it on the residents for a long time. This had often led to unrest between both the families in regular intervals. A fight ensued between both the families over the issue a few days ago, sources said.

Enraged, Rajesh barged into the house of Chandrama and hacked her to death with an axe Monday afternoon. She sustained grievous injuries on her neck due to the attack and died on the spot.

After murdering Chandrama, Rajesh came out of her house and tried to frighten the villagers who ran to the spot on hearing her screams. He told the villagers that



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he killed Chandrama as she was making people sick through her practice of witchcraft and sorcery.

On being informed, Rayagada SP Vivekanand Sharma and Town SDPO Debajyoti Das rushed to the spot and took stock of the situation by conducting a probe. Police sent the body for post-mortem and launched an investigation.

Police said that the exact reason behind the murder could be ascertained after the completion of police probe. On the other hand, the victim's son Abinash has alleged that his mother was murdered due to suspected witchcraft and sorcery practice. Rajesh killed her when she was alone at home while family members were outside busy in their work, he added.

When contacted, a senior police official said that a probe was started into the incident after detaining the accused.

Bhitarkanika gets mangrove nurseries

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rajnagar, Sept 5: The Forest department here in Kendrapara district has launched efforts for protection and expansion of mangrove forest cover in the Bhitarkanika National Park on Bay of Bengal coast.

Several prawn gheries have mushroomed on the fringes of Bhitarkanika. These prawn gheries discharge toxic chemical effluents which flow into the rivers and streams inside Bhitarkanika and posed severe existential threat to the mangrove forests.

Mangroves are amphibian shrubs or trees that grow in coastal saline or brackish water in harsh coastal conditions. Mangroves support sustainable coastal and marine ecosystems and act as a protective shield against tsunamis and extreme weather events like high tides, cyclonic storms as well as coastal erosion. Mangrove cover protects both land mass and coastline against cyclonic storms which occurs often in the state.

To ward of the threat, the Rajnagar forest division has established a mangrove meta nursery at Charigharia inside Suneirupee reserve forest near Baunsagadi river adjoining the national park. 67 varieties of mangrove saplings will be grown here and later transplanted inside the national park.

This is the first time nurseries have been established in a wetland like Bhitarkanika in the country which is famous for its mangrove forests. No other wetland in the country has such a dedicated nursery for mangroves.



The nursery was recently inaugurated by Jagnyadatt Pati, the divisional forest officer (DFO) of the Rajnagar forest division in the presence of ACF Poonam Hira Hansda, environmental researcher Prasanna Kumar Nayak, Rajnagar forest ranger Chittaranjan Behura and other forest officials.

It has also established another nursery in Dangamal inside the national park to aid in growth of 67 species of mangrove saplings. The saplings grown in these forests will be used to increase the spread of mangrove cover inside the national park.

In the first phase, 35,000 saplings of 22 species like Rai, Sinduka, Garani, Banarua, Hental, Sundari, Karanja, Haveli, Keruan, Sisumara, Paniamba, Kharisena, Bani, Guan, Paliachua, Data and Singada are being prepared in the Charigharia nursery. The saline water from Baunsagadi river is being drawn through sluice lines to this nursery to help in

preparation of the saplings. Moreover, the forest department has also undertaken various programmes to increase the spread of mangrove cover in the wetland.

A report on forest survey of India-2021 prepared by Union Ministry of Environment and Climate Change claims that mangrove cover has increased the most in Odisha during last two years in comparison to other states. The mangrove cover in Odisha has increased by 8.34 sq km while the increase in mangrove cover in the whole country is only 17 sq km during last two years. The mangrove cover in Bhitarkanika alone is 7.76 sq km out of the total increase of 8.34 sq km of mangrove cover in the state.

The state government and Centre are laying stress on increasing mangrove cover on the coastlines. India has 73 varieties of mangrove species out of the total 92 varieties found in the world. The Bhitarkanika wetland has all the 73 varieties of mangroves.

Man dies of electrocution during idol immersion

Jajpur: A 30-year-old man died of electric shock and three others were critically injured after a DJ set used in a procession for Ganesh idol immersion came in contact with a high-voltage electric wire, police said Monday. The incident took place in Phuladi village in Dharmasala police limits. Four people standing near the DJ set were critically injured and were taken to Dharmasala CHC, where one of them, identified as Subhankar Ojha, died.

AWARENESS RALLY



Students of Udala High School in Mayurbhanj participated in an awareness rally on energy conservation and environmental protection on the occasion of Teachers' Day, Monday

This retired Ganjam teacher continues to teach voluntarily

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Berhampur, Sept 5: Bauri Gouda had retired from service five years ago. But the 65-year-old is still continuing his teaching profession by going to school every day.

Gouda is voluntarily taking four-five classes daily for the students of Class VIII to X in the government-run Khandadeuli High School in Ganjam district.

There's no retirement for a teacher, said Gouda, who was felicitated at the school on the occasion of Teachers' Day Monday.

A former student, he joined as a teacher in the same school in 1990. Gouda said he didn't feel like hanging up his boots after formal retirement as an assistant teacher in 2017. Gouda continued to go to the school from the next day of retirement.

"We allowed him to continue to teach as the school is grappling with the shortage of teachers," said Ram Chandra Jena, president, school management committee.



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Besides teaching students, Gouda is also taking up several other activities of the students, said Shankar Narayan Bez, headmaster of the school. Gouda also undertook a plantation programme on the school premises and charge of the hostel, where around 150 students are housed, Bez said. "As a student of the school, I loved the school and wanted it's all round development," Gouda said.

Some other alumni of the school, who have done their education degrees and are waiting for the job, are also allowed to teach in the school with a nominal remuneration, Jena said.

Gouda, however, continued his teaching without any demand, he added. "I feel proud as a teacher and try to continue to uphold the same spirit till my death," Gouda said.

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Approx. Cost of the Work (₹) : 3556.21 Lakhs, EMD (₹) : 19,28,100/-
Completion Period of the Work : 15 (Fifteen) Months.
Tender Closing Date & Time : At 1200 Hrs. of 26.09.2022.

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e-Procurement Notice No. SE-CHWD-03/2022-23
No.A-481: Bid document consisting of work, estimated cost, cost of tender paper, EMD, time of completion, class of contractor, the set of terms and condition of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in e-procurement portal <http://tenderodisha.gov.in>

- Type of the Work : Building, Fencing & Step Work
- No. of works : 03
- Class of contractor : 'B' to 'C' Class
- Bid Identification No. : e-CHWD- 17/2022-23 to e-CHWD-19/2022-23
- Estimated cost : Rs. 9.46 lakhs to Rs. 24.00 lakhs
- Period of completion : 3 (Three) to 6 (Six) Calendar Months
- Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal : 07.09.2022 to 19.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM
- Last date / time for receipt of bids in the portal : 19.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM
- Date of opening of bid : 20.09.2022 at 11.30 AM in the e-procurement cell, Office of the Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, RBVN Basin, Berhampur, Dist-Ganjam.
- Name of the office inviting bid : Superintending Engineer, Chheligada Head Works Division Mahendragada, Dist-Gajapati

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Chheligada Head Works Division Mahendragada (Gajapati)

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FOCUS ECONOMY

FIFTH LARGEST



The assessment for the fifth largest economy is that this is a slowing phase, as growth drivers need to pick up along with investment sentiment

way of analysing the current data is to look at momentum, i.e., how is GDP accelerating from quarter to quarter? Here too the data does not look promising. As per a Barclays report, the quarter-on-quarter growth from January-March to April-June was a contraction of 3.3, i.e. negative growth. Of course, some of this could be due to seasonal effects. But the Jan-March quarter had seen a sequential expansion over the previous quarter which has festive spending like Diwali and Christmas. As if by confirmation, the International Monetary Fund and other analysts like Crisil have revised their growth forecasts downward for India, which will of course remain the fastest growing large economy in the world. This is in sharp contrast to the recession in both America and Europe, and slowdown in China. India's fate is affected by what is happening globally. The Reserve Bank of India too is concerned that India is entering a phase of high inflation coupled with weakening economy. Their forecast is for a 4% growth in the last quarter of this fiscal year. And the rate tightening monetary policy is a further growth dampener, but unavoidable in light of inflation. The stock markets too are reflecting the sentiment and bracing themselves for some correction.

So, the assessment for the fifth largest economy is that this is a slowing phase, as growth drivers need to pick up along with investment sentiment. There are some hopeful signs such as consistently high GST collection (four months above 1.4 lakh crore), and double-digit growth in the industrial production index for May and June. Even bank credit growth as per the data this August is the highest in 11 years and keeping pace ahead of bank deposits. That includes housing and retail loans too. There is thus, as always, a case for cautious optimism in the medium term.

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two Asian giants will dominate the twenty first century's economic picture. This has been well known, and there is a demographic inevitability to it. No wonder the world's investors are looking at these two large consumer economies (never mind the emerging tech cold war between the West and China).

Hence whether India is ranked fifth or third, and how soon will it attain the magical \$5 trillion size is not very interesting, because it will certainly get there. For the past forty years (except for the pandemic years) the average growth rate of India's economy in real terms is 7%, and there has never been a year of contraction (i.e. negative GDP growth) since 1980. Such is the strength of India's growth process.

The pertinent question to ask is how is this economy doing? This means looking at the short term, and examining prospects for output expansion, job creation, inflation control, and fiscal and trade deficit sustainability. When asked about the economy, we can consult data numbers that are trotted out, some daily like the stock market updates, some monthly like the imports and exports or industrial production

index, some quarterly, like the GDP and some annually. Last week the National Statistics Office reported that India's GDP during the April to June quarter was ₹36.85 lakh crore. This is the real GDP, stripping out the effect of inflation. This number is 13.5% higher than the real GDP for April to June quarter of last year. This high growth rate seemed to call for celebratory chest thumping. However, we need to see this data in its proper perspective. Last year we suffered from a devastating second wave of COVID, which had spread to rural areas, and caused great hardship and large-scale deaths. There were lockdowns and constraints, so business was down. Hence on that low base, 13.5% looks good and was in fact expected to be above 15% by professional forecasters.

If you want to remove the effect of the last two pandemic affected years, you need to compare the GDP data of April to June during 2019. That was ₹35.67 lakh crore, which means that in three years quarterly GDP has inched up only by 3.3% i.e., less than 1.1% per year. This is worrisome. Much of this slender growth has been fuelled by fiscal expansion, which was of course necessary. Another

Measured in dollar terms, the size of the Indian economy surpassed that of the United Kingdom, as per data from the last quarter of 2021. The calculation uses the current exchange rates between the rupee and British pound respectively, and the US dollar. The GDP data is as per the International Monetary Fund. This makes India now the fifth largest economy in the world, behind the United States, China, Japan and Germany. As per the same data, India's GDP is \$3.2 trillion, now behind \$4.2 trillion of Germany. If it grows at 7% per annum, and the German economy stands still, then India will overtake Germany in four years. At 5.5% growth it will take five years. There is a catch however, even if you assume that the German economy will be at zero growth. That catch is exchange rates. If the rupee dollar rate depreciates faster than the euro dollar exchange rate (since Germany's currency is the euro), then it becomes harder to overtake Germany quickly. The gains of the GDP growth gap are partly undone by a depreciating currency. If India's currency gets stronger vis-à-vis the dollar, then of course its economy measured in dollars will grow faster. However, a strong currency may not be in India's favour, since that may hurt our exports.

If the international comparisons are too sensitive to exchange rates, the World Bank has devised another method, called purchasing power parity. It adjusts exchange rates to reflect the "true" purchasing power of the respective currencies. Thus 80 rupees to the dollar, makes the rupee look too weak. Actually, one dollar in India gets you much more than one dollar in America. After applying this correction factor, India's GDP becomes the third largest in the world, and has been so for at least for five years. And China's economy in PPP terms is already bigger than America. And due to their fast growth rates, and huge population sizes, the



Ajit Ranade

THE RATE TIGHTENING MONETARY POLICY IS A FURTHER GROWTH DAMPENER, BUT UNAVOIDABLE IN LIGHT OF INFLATION

UN On Uyghurs

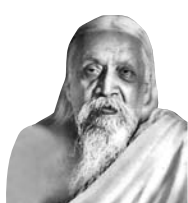
The inescapable conclusion one may reach after the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights (UNHCHR) released its much awaited report on the plight of the Uyghur Moslem minority in China's Xinjiang province is that it is better late than never. Interestingly, the High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet could muster courage to make the report public only minutes before her four-year-long term ended. It seems like the UNHCHR was, for so long, dithering in releasing its findings as if it was scared of incurring China's wrath. There is tell-tale evidence that China tried to exert pressure on the UN body to not publish the report. North Korea, Venezuela and Cuba are also reported to have lobbied with the UN for withholding the report. The fact that the UNHCHR could finally let the world know about its findings, which are a severe indictment of China's authoritarian regime committing "crime against humanity" in Xinjiang, is a welcome development. The report is replete with details on alleged persecution of the minority population in China.

The damning report says China has committed "serious human rights violations" against Uyghur Moslems that could amount to crimes against humanity. The thrust of the report is that the Commissioner's office found credible evidence of torture and other human rights abuses. The forms of torture included beating people after strapping them by their hands and feet to a "tiger chair" and raping women and putting them in extended solitary confinement. Many others appeared to have been "waterboarded". According to the report, individuals were "being subjected to interrogation with water being poured in their faces". The UN did not call this genocide, as the US government and others have termed it. But it was highly critical of the Chinese government's anti-extremism doctrine, which served as a pretext to unleash horrifying atrocities on the minority population. It said the laws and regulations have been deliberately made vague so that the lines between legitimate concerns and suspected criminality get blurred. For example, the High Commissioner found China equated having a beard or a social media account with extremism.

The so-called vocational education and training centres into which the Uyghurs were herded off to are in effect large-scale arbitrary detention centres. The report has rubbished Beijing's claims that these facilities were schools or training centres where participants were free to join and leave. The UN body got consistent accounts that indicate a lack of free and informed consent to being placed in the centres. It is impossible for the detainees to leave such heavily guarded centres of their own free will.

Two-thirds of the former detainees interviewed by the UNHCHR reported being subjected to treatment that would amount to torture or other forms of ill-treatment. Detainees were also forced to take medication or injections without explanation of what it was. It noted persistent claims of sexual abuse and violence in the facilities. In keeping with doctrines followed by advocates of majoritarian politics in many other countries in Asia, the Chinese government, according to the report, made a "clear link between frequency in child births and religious extremism". In other words, the repressive regime of Beijing considered a higher number of childbirths in the Uyghur community as an attempt to increase their population so that more members could take to extremism. The result was "violations of reproductive rights through coercive enforcement of family planning policies", including allegations of forced abortions, contraception and sterilisations. It noted Xinjiang's rate of sterilisation was 243 procedures for every 100,000 inhabitants, compared with a national average of 32.

China has for obvious reasons slammed the report as a western conspiracy to defame the current regime. But Uyghurs living in the US and other countries have welcomed it. The report sets the stage for proper investigation by member countries of the UNHCHR into the allegations of persecution in Xinjiang. It is now up to the proponents of human rights to take China head-on as the evidence compiled by the UN body is found to be credible enough.



God in his perfection embraces everything; we also must become all-embracing

SRI AUROBINDO

SPECTRUM GEOPOLITICS

Is this the end of stability?

The world is reeling from an extraordinary confluence of crises, including Russia's war of aggression in Europe, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, sweeping trade and supply-chain disruptions, inflation, food insecurity, and all the morbid symptoms of climate change. Though the world order built after World War II was far from perfect, it at least provided stability and ample opportunities for international cooperation. But now, it seems to be falling apart.

Russia, a nuclear great power; has attacked its neighbour for no good reason, indiscriminately murdering those whom it still calls its "brothers" and "sisters." For six months now, the Kremlin has waged a bloody campaign of conquest that is more befitting of the 1940s than the 2020s.

And Eastern Europe is not alone. The spectre of war – and a conflict between the twenty-first century's two superpowers – also looms over the Taiwan Strait. China is escalating its military threat against Taiwan, and thereby increasing the risk of a direct armed confrontation with the United States.

Nor can we forget Iran, which has been pursuing its nuclear pro-

gramme in earnest since former US President Donald Trump withdrew the US from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in 2018. A nuclear-armed Iran would introduce a new permanent risk of war in a region that is already supercharged with geopolitical tensions and volatility.

Together, Eastern Europe, the Taiwan Strait, and the Middle East form a triad of extraordinarily dangerous crises that are unraveling the post-Cold War global order and its core principles of non-violence, international cooperation, and economic globalization. The primary beneficiaries of that order – East Asia and Western advanced economies such as Germany – are already suffering the effects of this thoroughgoing destruction.

When the collapse of the Soviet Union ended the Cold War and its zero-sum confrontation between rival geopolitical blocs, the West was able to capitalise on its victory because it seemed to have an attractive alternative model to offer. Yet beyond the EU, North America, and East Asia, this formula never really worked as promised. The biggest economic success stories were found in places like China

and Singapore, which adopted some market reforms without the democracy. And when the 2008 financial crisis erupted in the US and quickly spread to the rest of the world, many came to doubt the superiority of the Western model.

The question now is whether the new great-power rivalries will evolve into a broader systemic confrontation between democracy and authoritarianism. Is Cold War II upon us?

There is plenty of evidence to suggest that it is. But the situation today is also much more difficult and complicated than in the late 1940s, when Cold War I began.

The first Cold War ultimately was decided by the nuclear-arms race and the superiority of the Western economic system. This one will be decided by the ability to build a more equitable global order and to resolve the climate crisis. To win, Western democracies will have to offer something that truly benefits everyone. While military armaments will remain important as deterrents against potential adversaries, the key decisions will be taken in other domains.

The important thing to bear in mind about the climate crisis is that it is not typical of human soci-

eties' historical progression. Whereas most crises occur within the existing system and eventually yield to a return to normality, we are now facing a crisis of the system itself. Like it or not, a new reality is announcing itself and demonstrating that there will be no return to the status quo ante. Rising temperatures, dry riverbeds, parched landscapes, falling crop yields, acute energy shortages, and disruptions to industrial production are something else. We have known for a long time that these problems were coming; but we did nothing, because a truly effective response would require a break from the past and a systemic overhaul of our politics, economies, and societies.

Most states have been unwilling to undertake such a project. But one must ask: When the consequences of the climate crisis become even more painfully obvious, will we still have time to mend our ways? Or will the climate already have passed irreversible tipping points, ushering in a new Heat Age that makes life worse for almost everyone?

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Joschka Fischer

THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER THE NEW GREAT-POWER RIVALRIES WILL EVOLVE INTO A BROADER SYSTEMIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND AUTHORITARIANISM

WISDOM CORNER

He who jumps into the void owes no explanation to those who stand and watch
JEAN-LUC GODARD

I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process
VINCENT VAN GOGH

Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom
ARISTOTLE

WORDSWORTH

Alexipharmic

It means "having the quality or nature of an antidote to poison." The word was introduced into English in the seventeenth century in the now obsolete form alexipharmac, a noun meaning "an antidote against poison". This comes directly from a Greek word which is a compound of alexein, "to ward off", and pharmakon, "poison". This word alexipharmac was so often used attributively that users came to think it was an adjective, and so decided it ought to be spelled with the -ic ending instead. The Greek prefix alexi- is rare in English, turning up only in words such as alexipyretic, "helping against fever"; alexiteric, "having the power to ward off contagion"; and alexin, an obsolete word for what is now called a complement, a system of proteins in the blood, particularly one which guards against infection. Pharmakon could mean a drug as well as a poison (a disturbing equation of ideas to the modern mind), and is much more familiar as the origin of our words in pharmaco- such as pharmacology.

Yuhangyuan

When China successfully launched its first manned space flight in October 2003, there were some differences of opinion in English-language reports about what to call the pilot, Colonel Yang Liwei. Ever since the start of space travel we've had two words for a space traveller, cosmonaut from the old USSR and the more common US term astronaut. A third began to appear about 1999 in reference to the Chinese space programme: taikonaut, a cross-bred offspring of the Chinese term tai kong, space, with the -naut ending of the other terms (which derives from Greek nauates, a sailor). Taikonaut seems to have been invented by amateur space enthusiasts and taken up by journalists. However, the usual Chinese term is yuhangyuan, which has been used for many years to refer to participants in the American and Russian space programmes. This has been borrowed by English-language newspapers in the last couple of months or so in reports of the Chinese project. It's a transliteration of Chinese words that literally mean "universe travel worker", an individual paid to go into space. Knowing that somehow takes the mystery out of it. Since astronaut is available, why English-language writers are bothering with the Chinese word isn't clear (especially when the China Daily and the South China Morning Post both use astronaut in their English-language reports). Perhaps it's just the restless journalistic quest for novelty. If so, yuhangyuan is likely soon to vanish from English again.

Builders of nation

Sir, Teachers' Day is celebrated in India on 5th September to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. If teaching is one of the most respectful and valuable professions in the world, teachers are the most significant pillars of it. It is the teacher who influences the immature minds of the youth. The future of the nation is fashioned by the teacher through the process of education. "The world of tomorrow will be born from the schools of today", said a wise man. In this way, teachers are the true builders of a nation. History is full of examples which clearly show that decisions of vital importance to the nation were taken on the direction of teachers. Teacher is the one who inspires, guides, enlightens, motivates and makes the world a better place. Teacher is the one who dispels the darkness of ignorance. A teacher takes the hand, opens the mind and touches the heart. A teacher helps a student to climb the ladder of success. Said the Chinese philosopher Confucius: "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Untimely exit

Sir, Industry leader and former chairman of Tata Sons, Cyrus Mistry, died in a car accident when he was on his way back to Mumbai from the Parsi pilgrim town of Udvada. He was 54. Mistry, who was the sixth chairman of Tata Sons, was ousted from the position in October 2016 in a boardroom coup. He had taken over as the chairman in December 2012 after Ratan Tata announced his retirement. Cyrus Mistry's passing is a shocking tragedy and an irreparable loss for the nation as well as the community. As a miniscule and close-knit community, we all feel deeply about the loss of Cyrus, as he is one of our contemporary greats. The untimely demise of Mistry is shocking. He was a promising business leader who believed in India's economic prowess. His passing away is a big loss to the world of commerce and industry. Condolences to his family and friends. His early exit is a great loss to the financial community in the commercial capital. May his soul rest in peace.

CK Subramaniam, NAVI MUMBAI

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day quote

If we cannot speak good about anyone, let us at least not indulge in making foul remarks. We need to become each other's strength rather than pull each other down

SACHIN PILOT
FORMER RAJASTHAN DEPUTY CM

In all colleges and universities in Punjab, the University Grants Commission (UGC) 7th pay commission will be implemented from October 1, 2022

BHAGWANT MANN | PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

The government of Andhra Pradesh has been giving top priority to education and has brought several reforms in the sector and spent Rs 53,000 crore during the last three years

YS JAGAN MOHAN REDDY
ANDHRA PRADESH CM

SHORT TAKES

Large cache of arms seized

Kolkata: The Special Task Force (STF) of West Bengal Police Monday seized a huge cache of arms and ammunition from the industrial township of Asansol in West Burdwan district of West Bengal. The seized items included two 9 MM carbines along with three magazines, three 9 MM pistols, two 7 MM pistols, five single-shot pistols, and several rounds of cartridges and bullets.

Four electrocuted to death in Assam

Hailakandi (Assam): Three members of a family, including a four-year-old child, and a neighbour were electrocuted to death in Assam's Hailakandi district, a senior official said Monday. The incident took place at Bilaiapur Sunday night when the child touched a live wire and the rest tried to save him, he said.

Three farmers commit suicide

Nagpur: Three marginal farmers killed themselves in Maharashtra's Nagpur district in separate incidents due to crop failure and indebtedness in a span of two days, police said Monday. The incidents were reported from Jalalkhedra, Aroli, and Kelwad police station areas. On Sunday, Vitthalrao Umkar (62) was found hanging from a ceiling fan at his house in Ambada village under the Jalalkhedra police station, around 50 km from Nagpur.

RSS' Delhi office gets armed CISF cover

New Delhi: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) office in the national capital has been provided armed CISF cover by the Central government, official sources said Monday. The main 'Keshav Kunj' office located at Jhandewalan in central Delhi and its camp office located nearby at 'Udasin Ashram' have been brought under the cover of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) beginning September 1, they said.

Naxalite held

Medininagar (Jharkhand): A self-styled commander of banned Naxal outfit Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) has been arrested in Jharkhand's Palamu district, police said Monday. Police nabbed Nirmal Bhuiyan when he came to Block Programme Officer Meena Devi's residence in Gongad village in Panki Police Station area Sunday night to extort money.



Everyone in the country knows that the Narendra Modi government has done nothing in the last 8 years apart from creating communal tension

TEJASHWI YADAV
BIHAR DEPUTY CM

POLL PROMISE

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababoo Naidu Monday predicted that a non-BJP government will definitely come to power at the Centre in the next elections and assured farmers that it will provide free electricity to farmers across the country. Rao called for sending the BJP home in 2024. He urged people to back the slogan for "BJP-Mukt Bharat" and elect a democratic and secular government



Soren govt wins confidence vote

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ranchi, Sept 5: The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand Monday won the confidence vote in the Assembly by a comfortable margin, helping the politically-savvy tribal leader consolidate his hold over the state despite fears that his MLAs would be poached to bring down the JMM-led regime.

Speaking during the special session, Soren said the need for the trust vote was felt as the BJP was "attempting to destabilise democratically elected governments" in non-BJP-ruled states, including Jharkhand.

"Uncertainty had been prevailing in the state since August 25 after the media reported that the ECI has sent its recommendation to governor (over BJP's petition seeking Soren's disqualification as MLA in an office-of-profit case). But the governor is still silent."

"An UPA delegation met him urging him to clear the air. He assured them that there will be clarity in two-three days. Thereafter, he went to Delhi through the backdoor," the CM claimed.

Soren, who still faces the threat of disqualification on the basis of the purported EC advisory to the Governor, had ring-fenced his MLAs by flying them down to neighbouring Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh. The worried leader, however, decided to face up to his challenges as the uncertainty over the crisis prolonged, by coming



up with the vote of confidence proposal and flying in his legislators Sunday night.

Prof Alok Gupta, Associate Professor; Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Central University, Jharkhand, said, "The move by Soren's government has sent a clear message to the people ... that the parties which have formed the government are together and any endeavour towards bringing down the government by manipulating the numbers is not in the fitness of things."

Analysts felt that though passage of the motion would help him consolidate politically, especially as he could now embark on a public outreach programme building Monday's victory. The failure of the governor to put him on the

mat in the office-of-profit case, too, is seen as concession that the political fall-out of removing a popularly elected tribal Chief Minister could be negative for the BJP.

The Jharkhand leader alleged that the saffron party was trying to create a "civil war-like situation in country by fuelling riots to win elections". His government faced 'bandh' and protests Monday over the alleged rape and murder of two girls in Dumka in the sensitive Santhal Parganas region.

"The manner in which obstacles are being presented before our government is not a secret. Three of our MLAs are in Bengal. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tried to purchase Jharkhand MLAs," said Soren. Three Congress MLAs were arrested in neigh-

Delhi L-G sends legal notice to AAP leaders

The notice directs all members of the party to desist from spreading and circulating 'false, defamatory and unsubstantiated statements'

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New Delhi, Sept 5: Delhi's Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena Monday sent a legal notice to AAP leaders, accusing them of levelling "false and derogatory" allegations against him, days after they claimed he was involved in a Rs 1,400-crore "scam" during his tenure as the KVIC chairman.

The notice, served to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and its leaders Atishi, Durgesh Pathak, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Sanjay Singh and Jasmine Shah, among others, alleged they have unleashed a "vilification campaign" due to vendetta as Saxena's actions have exposed the "corruption" of key AAP leaders. It asked them to issue a press release "directing all members of the party and all persons associated with it, whether directly or indirectly, to cease and desist from spreading and circulating false, defamatory, malicious and un-



substantiated statements".

The legal notice also asked the AAP leaders to comply with the requisitions within 48 hours of its receipt. AAP sources hit out at the LG for sending legal notice to its leaders, saying he should stop threatening people. "If he has done no wrong, why is he so scared of CBI raid and investigation? Why does he not offer himself for an independent enquiry? He should stop threatening people," a source in the party said. The LG cannot silence "our voice against corruption", the AAP source said.

The notice alleged that the "perversity and malice" in the actions of the party in "unleashing a vilification campaign" against Saxena, is "a carefully planned move by AAP, tainted with the objective of digressing the attention of the people in view of the recent law enforcement actions having been taken against its senior leader(s)".

Rajpath, Central Vista lawns to be renamed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: The Centre has decided to rename Rajpath and Central Vista lawns stretching from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate here as 'Kartavya Path', official sources said Monday.

On September 8 evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the entire stretch, which has been renovated under his government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project. The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has convened a special meeting September 7 and the proposal will be placed before it. "The entire road and area from the Netaji statue at India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhavan will be known as Kartavyapath," sources said.

Rajpath was known as Kingsway during British Rule. In his Independence Day speech this year, the prime minister stressed the abolition of symbols that reflect the colonial mindset. Going by the ethos of the Modi government to make nomenclatures more people-centric, the name of the road on which the Prime Minister's residence is located was changed from Race Course Road to Lok Kalyan Marg in 2015, they added. In 2015, Aurangzeb Road was renamed A P J Abdul Kalam Road.

The Prime Minister has stressed on the importance of everyone fulfilling their duties in the 25 years leading to 2047 when India will be celebrating 100 years of Independence

Both these factors can be seen behind the name 'Kartavya Path', sources said, adding "this is also a message to the ruling class that the era of rulers and subjects is over"

In 2017, Dalhousie Road was renamed Dara Shikoh Road. Also, Teen Murti Teen Murti Chowk was changed to Teen Murti Haifa Chowk in 2018. The redevelopment project of the Central Vista — the nation's power corridor — also envisages a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, a new residence of the prime minister, a Prime Minister's office, and a new vice-president's enclave.

The revamped Central Vista Avenue along the Rajpath will have state-wise food stalls, red granite walkways with greenery all around, vending zones, parking lots and round-the-clock security. But people would miss only one thing — food will not be allowed on the lawns from India Gate to Man Singh Road. The stretch will open for the public after 20 months.



Devotees immerse an idol of Lord Ganesh during 'Gauri Ganpati Visarjan' in Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Nitish Kumar meets Rahul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar Monday met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi here. The two leaders are learnt to have discussed the current political situation in the country and ways to ensure Opposition unity.

Kumar also met Janata Dal (Secular) chief HD Kumaraswamy at the latter's residence. The meeting between Gandhi and Kumar at the former Congress chief's residence lasted almost an hour; Kumar was accompanied by Bihar Water Resources Minister and Janata



Dal (United) leader Sanjay Kumar Jha. This is the first meeting between Gandhi and Kumar since the latter walked out of the NDA in Bihar and formed a 'Mahagathbandhan' government with RJD, Congress and outside support of the Left. Kumar arrived in the national capital Monday. He

is likely to meet several opposition leaders including NCP's Sharad Pawar, AAP's Arvind Kejriwal, CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala Tuesday.

Kumar is making attempts to bring all opposition parties together as a united force against the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The JD(U) leader is being talked about in political circles as a key face to take on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

WBSSC SCAM: 3RD 'MIDDLEMAN' ARRESTED BY ED



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Sept 5: The Enforcement Directorate (ED), probing the multi-crore West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) recruitment irregularities scam, Monday afternoon arrested another middleman, identified as Subrata Malakar.

This is the third middleman arrested in the scam but the first by the ED. Two middlemen, namely Pradeep Singh and Prasanna Roy, were arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Roy is the relative of former West Bengal Education Minister and Trinamool Congress Secretary General, Partha Chatterjee, who is currently under judicial custody for his alleged involvement in the scam.

Malakar was known in his locality as a practicing chartered accountant. At around 8 a.m. Monday, a team of ED sleuths reached his residence at Sodepur in North 24 Parganas district. However, he was not present at his residence and hence the ED officials asked his wife to contact him and ask him to rush back immediately.

India to develop reusable rockets for the world: ISRO

The new reusable rocket for global market will significantly cut costs for launching satellites

AGENCIES

Bengaluru, Sept 5: India has plans to design and build a new reusable rocket for the global market that would significantly cut the cost of launching satellites, a top government official said Monday.

"All of us want launches to be much cheaper than what we do today," Secretary in the Department

of Space and Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) S Somanath said.

Addressing the seventh 'Bengaluru Space Expo 2022' and later talking to reporters, he noted that at present it takes about \$10,000 to \$15,000 to put a one-kg payload into orbit. "We have to bring it down to \$ 5,000 or even \$ 1,000 per kg. Only way to do that is to make the rocket reusable. Today in India we don't have reusable technology yet in launch vehicles (rockets)," Somanath said.

"So, the idea is the next rocket that we are going to build after GSLV Mk III should be a reusable rocket," he added at the inaugural session of the international conference and exhibition. ISRO, Somanath said, has been working on various technologies, includ-



REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

ing the one demonstrated with Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD), last week. "We will have to have a retro-propulsion to land it (rocket back on earth)". Combining these technologies, ISRO would like to design and build a new rocket

which will be reusable, in partnership with industry, startups and its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

"This is the idea and we are working on that idea. That idea cannot be ISRO's alone. It has to be an in-

dustry's idea. So, we will have to work with them in designing a new rocket, not only designing it, engineering it, manufacturing it and launching it as a commercial product and operating it in a commercial manner," he said.

"So, it's a big shift from what we do today," he pointed out. "I would like to see this (proposal) taking shape in the next few months." "We would like to see such a rocket, a rocket which will be competitive-enough, a rocket that will be cost-conscious, production-friendly which will be built in India but operated globally for the services of the space sector. This should happen in the next few years so that we can retire all those operating launch vehicles (in India) at appropriate time," he said.

TN rolls out Delhi model school plan Bangalore hit by flooding

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chennai, Sept 5: The Tamil Nadu government Monday launched the Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, which is broadly based on schools in Delhi with upgraded infrastructure and improved learning opportunities.

Launching the scheme here in the presence of his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said states should learn from each other on good practices transcending party politics and called for Centre-states cooperation to give fillip to the school education sector.

If state and central governments came together, Kejriwal said that within 5 years, all government schools in the country could provide best education to students. The Delhi CM inaugurated the scheme in an event held at the state-run Bharathi Women's College here. Though everyone wanted the country to become developed, he wondered if it was possible if 66 per cent children get "rotten education" in state-run schools.

As many as 26 Schools of Excellence and 15 Model Schools are covered under the TN government scheme, apparently in the initial phase. Thagaisal Palligal and Mathiri Palligal are the official Tamil names for the SoE and Model



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal present a debit card to a student during the launch of Pudhumai Penn scheme in Chennai

PTI PHOTO

Schools. Stalin launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammayar memorial 'Pudhumai Penn' (Modern Woman) Scheme, under which a monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000 would be provided to girl students pursuing higher education, who studied in government schools from classes 6-12.

The Tamil Nadu chief minister distributed bank debit cards to student beneficiaries, marking the launch of the financial assistance scheme. In his address, Kejriwal said it is very important that state governments learn good work being done from each other. He said the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme would prove to be path breaking and revolutionary in the

country, he noted. Barring a few regions that witness initiatives to provide good education in state sector like in Delhi, Tamil Nadu and other states, the condition of most other government schools across the country is "really pathetic," he said. Unless and until good education is made available on a par with private institutions, the dream of becoming a developed country would always remain distant, he said.

It is the right of every child to get free of cost and quality education and it should be the duty of every government to make it available. "This should have happened in 1947 itself." During the past 75 years of independence, the requisite emphasis has not been provided for education.

Referring to initiatives to improve and upgrade quality of education in government schools in Delhi and Tamil Nadu, he batted for all state and central governments to join hands to provide excellent educational opportunities in state-run schools across the country.

If state and central governments came together, he said within 5 years all government schools in the country could provide best education to students. Kejriwal said he was disheartened to learn some state government schools are closed down while in others, fee was being hiked.

REUTERS

Bangalore, Sept 5: Large parts of India's tech Bengaluru were under water on Monday after torrential rains uprooted trees, caused crippling traffic and forced offices to issue work-from-home orders to employees, raising fears of further disruptions through the week.

The Bangalore Urban district Sunday received 28.1 mm rainfall, 368% more than the average, according to data compiled by the state-run India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The city has received 141% more rainfall than average since the start of monsoon season on June 1. Bengaluru, home to various global companies as well as home-grown startups, has established itself as an important business centre in the country's southern region.

"Bengaluru and south interior Karnataka are likely to get heavy rainfall until Friday. From Saturday, rainfall activity will go down," said a senior weather official with IMD based in Pune.

On Monday, sources said that Morgan Stanley (MS.N) and Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N) had asked their employees to work from home. IT major Wipro Ltd (WIPR.NS) and Walmart's Flipkart said they had asked employees to work from home.

"After two years of work from home, companies are coming back



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and infrastructure has completely collapsed," said Krishna Kumar, General Manager at the Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA). The group represents firms

whose offices are located on the Outer Ring Road, which acts as a major connector in the city. "Authorities need to focus on scaling up the infrastructure," Kumar said.

Monday's flooding forced citizens to empty basements and parking lots, spend more time on the roads in traffic and face power outages in places. "Right now, we are all living in fear," said Deepa Babu, a psychologist who counsels adolescent kids and lives in Rainbow Drive, an enclave near the city's major tech hubs. "Yesterday the boundary wall next to our house just collapsed," she added.

CHROMIUM WASTE DUMPING

Panel soon in Tamil Nadu for monitoring pollution hazards

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 5: The Tamil Nadu government will soon constitute a committee headed by the Additional chief secretary to take immediate action on the pollution hazards due to chromium waste in Ranipet area.

The decision follows a directive of the Southern bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). A division bench of the NGT comprising Justice K. Ramakrishnan and Member Expert, Dr. Satyagopal

Korlapeti has called upon the state government to constitute a committee headed by additional chief secretary of department of environment, climate change and forest as chairman.

The NGT also directed the committee to remedy the damage caused by the Chromium contamination at Ranipet. The green body has also directed the state government to provide ample funds for an immediate action plan.

The compensation for those af-

ected by pollution in the area is to be received from the industries that have contributed to the contamination on the basis of the Polluter Pay Principle. Periodic reports are to be filed and a health committee is to be formed by the Central Pollution Control board within 6 months and it should monitor the people in the area. It is to be noted that the Central Pollution Control Board filed a report in 2020 after inspecting 349 industries and of which 47 were found to be water polluting.

The committee also found out that Oxalic acid was identified in most of the areas around SIPCOT industrial area and in all water bodies. The presence of Hexavalent Chromium was also identified from an area of around 2km and was found to be the onsite dumping of waste from industrial units. After closely monitoring the issue, the NGT ordered the state government to immediately take measures to bring out a solution to the teething problem.



Schoolchildren celebrate Teachers' Day in Bangalore

PTI PHOTO

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: TN POLICE STEP UP PROBE

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 5: Tamil Nadu's special police team has started a detailed investigation into the arrest of 13 Sri Lankan Tamils arrested from Kollam, Kerala on Monday morning. Special police teams including sleuths from the elite 'Q' branch of the Tamil Nadu police are in Kollam to interrogate those who are under the custody of the Kerala police.

A senior officer with the Tamil Nadu police said that the investigation is centered around two agents

who were involved in bringing these people from Sri Lanka to India. The central intelligence agencies have given tip-offs about some people who have landed in Chennai and other airports of Tamil Nadu being missing even after their visit visa period had expired.

While only 13 people are under the custody of Kerala police for trying to illegally move to Australia, Tamil Nadu police suspect that there may be more people in hiding as illegal human trafficking by the sea route is not possible with 13 people. It may be noted that a fishing

boat comprising of 243 people including children and pregnant women had illegally left the shores of India from Maliyankara boat jetty near Munambam in Kochi on January 12, 2018. There was no information about the boat or its oc-

cupants including the kingpins of the racket who had also left in the boat. The intelligence bureau had then

given inputs that the 243 had left for Australia but whether they have reached the shores of that country or whether they perished in the sea is still a mystery.

The central agencies and the Tamil Nadu 'Q' branch police do not want a repeat of such a situation and have already swung into action to prevent any illegal trafficking from the shores of Kollam

cupants including the kingpins of the racket who had also left in the boat. The intelligence bureau had then

Campaign to save Bangalore's last grassland gathers ground

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Sept 5: A campaign demanding that Bangalore's Hesaraghatta area, which has the last remaining large grassland expanse, be declared a conservation reserve, has gathered steam with nature lovers, wildlife activists, and NGOs pitching in to save it from becoming a concrete jungle.

The State Wildlife Board was expected to take a call on the fate of the Hesaraghatta grasslands Monday. However, sources said that the meeting, to have been chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, has been deferred and no further communication has been made to environmentalists in this regard. Sources said that the meeting is likely to take place soon.

The nature lovers fear that the land is likely to be turned into a concrete jungle if a development project is approved in the coming days. The call has been given to join the movement to let the leaders

know that they can protect the Hesaraghatta grasslands. The petition in this regard by Jhatkaa.org is supported by 66,813 nature lovers and the public.

Talking to IANS, environment activist Yallappa Reddy said that he had written several open letters to the Chief Minister over the issue. The bureaucrats have not let CM Bommai open those letters, they are finding their ways to dustbin, he alleged.

About 3,000 acres of the grasslands have been given to the central horticulture farms, and hundreds of acres have been given to cattle and piggery breeding centres by the state government. These stretches of lands have been put to good use.

Apart from this, the remaining stretch has been subjected to all kinds of mutilation, destruction and mining has been the biggest culprit. As a result of these activities, Hesaraghatta Lake, which was supplying clean water, has dried, Yallappa Reddy says.

Month-long operation to capture leopard ends

The education department has directed the 22 schools in the city to reopen and function normally from Monday following the forest department declaring the end of operations.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Belagavi (Karnataka), Sept 5: A prowling leopard in this north Karnataka district managed to retreat into a nearby forest area giving a slip to more than 300 personnel who were trying to trap it for a month.

The education department has directed the 22 schools in the city to reopen and function normally

from Monday following the forest department declaring the end of operations. According to sources, the operation was trolled as the leopard managed to stay put in the 250-acre Golf Club even as more than 300 personnel from the forest, police department, sharpshooters, two elephants, anaesthetic experts, wildlife experts and local hunter tribes worked day and night yielding no results.

On several occasions, the big cat had managed to escape with netizens, prompting hilarious comments from netizens on social media, who called him an "honourable citizen" waiting to return to forests after the Ganesh festival.

Now, the authorities have declared that the big cat has managed to sneak into the Mundoli forest area. However, the trap



cameras, CCTVs installed at various places in the Golf Club and cages will be kept for a few more days. The two elephants - Arjun and Ale - brought from Sakrebailu Elephant Camp in Shivamogga will be sent back.

Authorities have explained that they could not find traces of leopard for a week. A total of 23 trap

cameras and 8 towers were put up to watch the leopard's movements. Crackers were burst and the whole premises combed to confirm that the big cat has managed to escape.

Chief Conservator of Forests Manjunath Chouhan has stated that the leopard has sneaked back into the nearby forest. Authorities

have also confirmed with locals who have seen the it moving towards Mandoli forest area. The authorities had used a honey trap method to catch it. More than 350 personnel carried out combing operations with JCB, elephants, sharpshooters, anaesthetic experts every day for almost a month.

Since the prowling leopard continuously gave a slip to authorities, the 22 schools and colleges around in the areas switched over to the online mode of teaching. Nearly 20,000 students were affected by the leopard menace. The authorities had laid traps with dogs inside in a few places. Later, they were forced to change the places of 8 small cages, one big cage and CCTV cameras as the leopard changed its place of movement.



of the day quote

Our teachers have played a very important role in formulating the policy. It is up to our teachers to prepare our youth, who will decide what India would look like in 'Amrit Kaal' by 2047

The Delhi government will do more than what has been prescribed by the Centre's air quality panel to curb air pollution in the capital in winter

The recent upheaval in Bihar, which stripped the BJP of power in a trice, was a state-specific phenomenon and unlikely to have nationwide ramifications

SHORT TAKES

Bihar: 10 missing in boat accident

Patna: At least 10 persons were missing after two boats collided in the middle of Ganga River in Patna's Shahpur locality, officials said Monday. The incident happened late Sunday night and rescue operation was still continuing.

BJP leader shot dead in Rajasthan

Jaipur: BJP leader Kripal Singh Jaghina was shot dead by miscreants in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district. According to police officials, the incident took place late Sunday night when the BJP leader was returning home in his car.

Cyrus Mistry's funeral today

Mumbai: The funeral of Cyrus P Mistry, a scion of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and former Chairman of Tata Group, shall be held here Tuesday morning, his family said here.

Lingayat seer commits suicide

Belagavi (Karnataka): Allegedly pained at his name being dragged into an audio linked to sex scandal of Chitradurga Murugha mutt seer, Guru Madivalleshwara Mutt Pontiff Basava Siddalinga Swamiji committed suicide in his room by hanging himself in Belagavi district of Karnataka, police sources said Monday.

Gunfight breaks out in Shopian

Srinagar: An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian Monday, police said. "Encounter has started at Baskuchan area of Shopian. Police and security forces are on the job," police said.



Not all people are the same, just like fingers on the hands of a person. Our moral characters differ from person to person and the society has both good and bad people

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DELHIITES IN FAVOUR OF EV TRANSITION FOR DELIVERY

A new consumer survey shows strong support from Delhi consumers for the proposed aggregator scheme of the city government which requires a time-bound transition to electric vehicles by last-mile delivery and e-commerce companies



Centre's pressure behind CBI officer's suicide, says Sisodia

MANISH SISODIA HITS OUT AT MODI, SAYING HE ONLY THINKS OF DESTABILISING GOVERNMENTS IN NON-BJP STATES BY POACHING MLAS



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia claimed Monday that a CBI officer committed suicide as he was pressured to frame him in a false excise case, but the federal agency dismissed the allegation.

In a statement, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said its officer, Jitendra Kumar, was in "no way connected" with the probe related to the excise police case. It also made it clear that no clean chit has been given to any of the accused in the matter.

However, Sisodia maintained that Kumar was the law officer dealing with the case and demanded an "independent judicial inquiry" into his death.

The deputy chief minister also hits out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that he only thinks of destabilising non-BJP governments by poaching MLAs.

The BJP meanwhile released a "sting operation" video purportedly showing the father of a liquor scam accused claiming to have paid "commissions" to acquire liquor licences in Delhi and demanded the sacking of Sisodia.

"The modus operandi as revealed in the video is that 80 per cent of the profit will go to (Chief Minister Arvind) Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and their friends. First, you give us

our 80-per cent commission and then sell the 20 per cent however you can, we do not care. This has been the policy of Kejriwal," Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Sambit Patra told reporters here.

At a press conference with Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta and Lok Sabha member Manoj Tiwari, Patra released the "sting operation" video featuring Kulvinder Marwah, the father of Sunny Marwah, the accused number 13 in the liquor scam case.

"It is an open-and-shut case because Marwahji himself is admitting all these in this video," he said. The BJP leader said more such videos will come out in the future and appealed to all liquor contractors to come forward and expose the "corruption" without fear.

The CBI had raided Sisodia's residence here last month after it registered an FIR to probe alleged irregularities in the formulation and execution of the Delhi Excise Policy brought out in November last year.

At a press conference on Monday, Sisodia said, "A CBI officer was pressured to frame me in a false excise case. He could not take the mental pressure and died by suicide two days ago. This is really unfortunate, I am deeply hurt."

"I want to ask the prime minister why officers are being pressured so much that they are forced to take such extreme steps? Arrest me if you want but do not destroy the families of your officers," he added. He also asked Modi if "Operation Lotus" is the only way that the Centre has

The CBI refuted Sisodia's claims on Kumar's death as "mischievous and misleading", saying his statements were "an attempt to divert attention from the ongoing investigation in the Delhi Excise Policy case".



Artistes perform Pulukali as part of the Onam celebrations in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

PTI PHOTO

Hasina arrives in India on 4-day visit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived here Monday on a four-day visit to hold talks with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi following which the two sides are likely to ink pacts in key areas, including defence, trade and river water sharing.

Hasina, who last visited the country in 2019, was received at the airport by Union Minister Darshana Jardosh and will hold talks with Modi Tuesday in the national capital. During her stay, she will also call on President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar.

On the first day of her state visit, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on the Bangladesh Prime Minister. "Delighted to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh this evening.

The warmth and frequency of our leadership level contacts is a



Bangladesh is now India's biggest trade partner in South Asia and the bilateral trade has grown from \$9 bln to \$18 bln in the last five years

It has also become the fourth largest export destination for India with the exports registering a growth of over 66 per cent from \$9.69bln in 2020-21 to \$16.15bln in 2021-22

testimony to our close neighborhood partnership," Jaishankar tweeted. Hours after her arrival, Hasina visited Dargah Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi.

Tweeting about her arrival, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina is warmly welcomed by

MoS Railways and Textiles @DarshanaJardosh on her arrival in New Delhi for a State Visit. The visit will further strengthen the multifaceted relationship between the two countries."

On Thursday, Hasina is scheduled to travel to Ajmer in Rajasthan to visit the Dargah of the revered Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti.

Hasina's delegation comprised several ministers Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi, Railways Minister Md Nurul Islam Sujan and Liberation War Minister AKM Mozammel Haq.

Last month, India and Bangladesh finalised the text of the agreement on interim sharing of the water of the Koshiyara river. The MoU is set to be inked Tuesday. The text of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was finalised at the 38th ministerial-level meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) that took place in Delhi August 25.

7 killed as 2 cars plunge into stream in J&K's Doda



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhaderwah/Jammu, Sept 5: Seven people were killed after two cars veered off a mountain road and plunged into a stream in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district Monday, police said. One more person was injured in the two accidents that occurred on the Doda-Bhaderwah road within a span of six hours, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Doda, Abdul Qayoom said, adding that the victims included two married couples.

Around 6.30 am, a car plunged into the Neeru stream, near Galgandhar, after rolling down about 400 feet, resulting in the death of four people on the spot and critical injuries to another who died later, the officer said.

The deceased were identified as Naseeb Singh (62), his wife Satya Devi (58), son Vikram Singh (22), Lekh Raj (63) and his wife Satisha Devi (60), all residents of Shiva village, who were on their way to Bhaderwah as part of a marriage procession, he said.

Earlier, another private car fell into the stream from a height of about 300 feet at Mughal Market, 2 km from the site of the second accident. The accident occurred around 12.30 am.

The latest deaths in road accidents came just a week after eight residents of Bonda village were killed when their taxi plunged into a 300-foot gorge in the Chatroo area of adjoining Kishtwar district.

PAKISTAN ARMY ACCEPTS BODY OF TRAINED LeT TERRORIST

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, Sept 5: For the first time in more than two decades, Pakistan Monday accepted the body of a trained agent and guide of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group who had infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir to attack an army post.

The body of Tabarak Hussain (32) was handed over two days after he died of cardiac arrest at a military hospital in Rajouri district, officials said. He was operated at the hospital where army soldiers even donated blood to him to keep him alive, they said. Hussain, a resident of Sabzkot village of Kotli in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), underwent a surgery for bullet injuries which he had suffered while



trying to infiltrate into this side from across the border last month.

"Body of Hussain was handed over to Pakistan by the Indian Army in the presence of police and civil officers at Chakan Da Bagh crossing point on the LoC in Poonch district," an army official said, adding this is probably the first instance in more than two decades of Pakistan accepting the body of a terrorist.

Hussain, a trained LeT guide and Pakistani Army agent, attempted to

Pakistan has always declined to accept the bodies of their nationals involved in terror acts in Jammu and Kashmir, an army official said

infiltrate into this side in Nowshera sector of Rajouri on August 21 when he was shot at and critically injured by the Indian troops.

He was later shifted to military hospital Rajouri where he underwent a surgery during which the soldiers donated three units of blood to save his life. However, he suffered a fatal cardiac arrest September 3.

Ahead of Guj polls: Rahul plays Sardar Patel card to woo voters

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Ahmedabad, Sept 5: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Tuesday played Sardar Patel card to woo the voters ahead of the Assembly polls.

Taking on the BJP, he raised a pointed question that if the BJP seriously believed in Sardar Patel's ideology, it would never have introduced and passed the anti-farmers' Agriculture laws.

Addressing the party workers during the 'Parivartan Sankalp Sabha' here, Gandhi said: "Throughout his life Sardar Patel fought for farmers, labourers, common man, but the BJP government is acting exactly opposite to his ideology. How can they be called Sardar Patel's followers? They have built the tallest statue of the Sardar but failed to understand his belief,



philosophy and ideology"

"Have you ever heard that Sardar Patel had taken permission from the British for protest or agitation? The BJP claims it believes in Sardar, but in its regime people have to take permission for agitation and protest, which Sardar would never have tolerated. Had he been alive today, he would have asked you to dethrone the BJP that imposes such restrictions.

COME POLLS, THE GENIE TURNS ON ITS MASTER

The Bhupendra Patel-led BJP government in Gujarat is sweating rivers as a rash of fist fights are raised seeking their proverbial pound of flesh.

Be it the cops on one end and the farmer organisations at the other with a host of their own employees' set-ups besides other professional groups liberally scattered in between, the government is at the receiving end of a torrent of demands. Most come with a timeline and a threat to take to the streets. The hurried constitution of a five-minister panel to diffuse the situation and ensure that stirs do not go out of hand has so far failed to deliver the desired results.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have sought to wipe clean the Covid time failures of his own party government by sending the entire cabinet packing along with the Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, last year, but to little

avail. Same as nothing grows under a banyan tree, with Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah perennially towering over the politically light weight replacement, Bhupendra Patel helming a new cabinet and with a new chief secretary, Pankaj Kumar and a former cop for a state BJP party president, CR Patil, the government seemed hemmed-in from day one with little maneuvering space at its disposal.

With the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Admi Party (AAP) campaigning in Gujarat all guns blazing and the Congress opposition trying hard to hold on to its last election achievement (77 of the total 182 seats to the BJP's 99), government employees as well as sectoral spearheads have upped the ante in the state. The police in Gujarat has been agitating since last year for grade-pay revision. On August 10, Kejriwal promised the best pay scales for

the police if AAP comes to power in the state. Four days later the government announced a Rs 550 crore package of allowances for the cops. However, things are back to square one with the government insisting that the cops give an undertaking that no fresh demands will be raised. The cops have taken to social media to protest.

Despite the ministerial panel, the RSS founded Bharatiya Kisan Sangh has been agitating in the state capital of Gandhinagar since August 25 in support of its demand that includes, among others, issues concerning agricultural power to farmers. Criticising the government's delay in negotiating with the farmers who are on dharna for over a week, BKS warned that if the government persisted that it will be forced to give a call for a boycott of ministers in the villages of the state. AAP leader, Kejriwal who was in

Dwarka September 2 made five big poll promises for farmers which included 12 hour power supply, procurement at Minimum Support prices (MSP), Narmada water to every farmer in command area of the project as well



as farm loan waiver.

Meanwhile, the state government employees' federations are also flexing their muscles. Though the Gujarat government announced a hike in compensation given to kin of martyred soldiers from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1 crore as well as increase in cash prizes to gallantry medal winners, the ex-service-

men's body made it clear that their agitation would continue until all their 14 demands were met. Kejriwal said that the ex-servicemen and their kin should be compensated on the lines of AAP in Delhi and promised them if they come to power, the same will be done.

The Par-Tapi-Narmada river link project announced by the centre had to be put on hold in the face of strong opposition from the Congress as well as the tribals of the region. The project envisaged transfer of river water from surplus region of Western Ghats to the deficit regions of Saurashtra and Kutch. Tribals want the scheme scrapped.

The best example of how the priorities of the BJP government in Gujarat are solely guided by electoral considerations and not popular welfare is best depicted by the continuing cattle menace in the towns and cities of Gujarat.

In 2017, the High Court had demanded immediate action to rid the roads of cattle. The state BJP president, CR Patil assured the needful. The State Assembly April 1, this year passed a Bill seeking to regulate stray cattle menace in urban areas of the eight municipal corporations and 162 towns. Cattle rearers threatened a 'boycott BJP' call in the ensuing elections. On April 8, the implementation of the Bill was put on hold. However, in Surat, Patil intervened to get the drive for demolition of illegal cattle shelters stalled following a representation by the rearers' community, though he is aware that the drive has been ordered by the Court. The crowning irony is that former BJP deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel himself suffered fractures and had to be hospitalised when he was ambushed by cows on the road while participating in the Tiranga yatra recently!

international



Moscow will take serious retaliatory measures if the EU formally introduces visa restrictions on Russian citizens
DMITRY PESKOV | KREMLIN SPOKESMAN

HONOURED

President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari Monday conferred the Honorary Rank of General of the Nepal Army on Gen. Manoj Pande, chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army



of the day quote

We face many challenges together, from climate change to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. I look forward to a constructive relationship, in full respect of our agreements
URSULA VON DER LEYEN | EU COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Congratulations on your new role, @trussliz! I am looking forward to our cooperation in these challenging times. The UK and Germany will continue to work closely together - as partners and friends
OLAF SCHOLZ | GERMAN CHANCELLOR

I spoke to Liz Truss several times over the last few months, when she was head of foreign affairs, and I can already say that I am very, very pleased, because this will be at least a continuation, perhaps even a strengthening, in accordance with her announcements, of this British policy, which until now has been a de facto policy identical to our Polish policy of supporting Ukraine in its fight for independence, freedom, sovereignty and for our European values
MATEUSZ MORAWIECKI | POLISH PRIME MINISTER

I wouldn't like to say that things can change for the worse, because it's hard to imagine anything worse. But unfortunately, this cannot be ruled out, given that the contenders for the post of British prime minister competed with each other in anti-Russian rhetoric, in threats to take further steps against our country, and so on. Therefore, I don't think that we can hope for anything positive
DMITRY PESKOV | KREMLIN SPOKESMAN

I know she has the right plan to tackle the cost of living crisis, unite our party and continue the great work of uniting and levelling up our country. Now is the time for all Conservatives to get behind her 100 per cent
BORIS JOHNSON | OUTGOING UK PM

Liz Truss committed to 'sweet spot' of India ties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 5: Newly-elected Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister in waiting Liz Truss is among the senior British politicians known for championing deeper India-UK strategic and economic ties, describing them as a "sweet spot" of global trade dynamics.

After all, it was Truss as International Trade Secretary who signed off on the India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP) for the Boris Johnson led government in May last year, which marked the starting point of the ongoing free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations.

The 47-year-old senior Cabinet minister made visits to India and held virtual talks with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, during which she described the country as a "big, major opportunity". "I see the UK and India in a sweet spot of the trade dynamics that are building up," said Truss soon after signing the ETP. "We are looking at a comprehensive trade agreement that covers everything, from financial services to legal services to digital and data, as well as goods and agriculture. We think there is strong possibility for us to get an early agreement, where we lower tariffs on both sides and start to see more goods flowing between our two countries," she said.



On her promotion as Foreign Secretary, Truss handed over the baton at the Department for International Trade (DIT) to Anne Marie-Trevelyan, who is widely expected to continue in her role as International Trade Secretary and take forward the UK-India FTA talks. More recently on the campaign trail in her contest with former chancellor Rishi Sunak to be elected Tory leader, Truss reaffirmed that she remains "very, very committed" to strengthen bilateral ties at a hustings event of the party's Conservative Friends of India (CFIN) diaspora group.

She also committed herself to getting the India-UK FTA done, preferably by Diwali - the deadline set by predecessor Boris Johnson - but "definitely by the end of the year". She has repeatedly flagged enhanced defence and security cooperation with the Indo-Pacific region in order to meet her "net-

work of liberty" goals as a counter-balance to the aggression of Russia and China.

In a key foreign policy speech earlier this year, she declared: "Russia and China are working together more and more, as they strive to set the standards in technologies like artificial intelligence, assert their dominance over the Western Pacific through joint military exercises and in space through closer ties." China and Russia have spotted an ideological vacuum and they're rushing to fill it. They are emboldened in a way we haven't seen since the Cold War. As freedom-loving democracies we must rise up to face down these threats. As well as NATO we are working with partners like Australia, India, Japan, Indonesia and Israel to build a global network of liberty," according to Truss.



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PM-elect Truss plans shake-up of Cabinet



Liz Truss reacts with her husband Hugh O'Leary, at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre after it was announced that she is the new Conservative party leader and will become the next British Prime Minister in London, Britain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 5: Britain's Prime Minister-elect Liz Truss will spend

Monday putting finishing touches to her new Cabinet after being elected Conservative Party leader and is expected to unleash a com-

plete shake up of outgoing leader Boris Johnson's top team. Former chancellor Rishi Sunak, who lost the vote 57-43 per cent, said he was "proud" of the campaign he ran and indicated once again that he did not plan to serve in a Truss-led Cabinet if offered a job.

Truss will take formal charge as the UK's third female Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street Tuesday late afternoon after an audience with the Queen in Scotland. Following an inaugural speech to set the tone for her government, the announcements of the

key ministerial portfolios are expected to start pouring in by Tuesday evening.

Attorney General Suella Braverman is likely to be the only Indian-origin MP in the Liz Truss Cabinet, as the Goan-origin former leadership contender is expected to be promoted to replace Priti Patel as Home Secretary.

The 42-year-old Cabinet minister had thrown her weight behind 47-year-old Truss after being knocked out in the second round of ballots of fellow Tory MPs in mid-July and called on her supporters to follow suit.

Incumbent ministers, such as Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries, are expected to retain their jobs



A banner featuring Boris Johnson is held up as Liz Truss' motorcade arrives at the Conservative Party headquarters, after she was announced as Britain's next Prime Minister in London, Britain

Major challenges

British foreign minister Liz Truss was elected leader of the governing Conservative Party and the country's new Prime Minister Monday. She faces the task of navigating the economy through the worst cost of living crisis in decades. Some of the main problems facing her are as follows

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

By far the biggest challenge will be how to help people cope with the highest inflation in four decades, surging energy prices and warnings of a prolonged recession. An annual average household energy bill of 1,277 pounds last year will leap to 3,549 pounds from October and prices are expected to go higher next year. Truss said last month that she favoured tax cuts over 'handouts' to help people with the cost-of-living crisis

STRIKES

The new Prime Minister will be confronted by the anger of union leaders. Workers ranging from rail workers, lawyers, healthcare and university staff are striking or planning to as inflation fuels demands for higher pay. To combat this unrest, Truss has said she would bring in 'tough and decisive action' to limit strike action by unions

ASYLUM SEEKERS

Britain's government has for years struggled to reduce the number of migrants crossing to Britain in small boats. Government officials have said that up to 60,000 people could arrive by small boat this year, double last year's record. To deter the flow of migrants, the government in April announced plans to send people arriving on its shores to Rwanda where they will have their asylum applications processed

UKRAINE

Russian President Vladimir Putin is counting on a winter of economic pain to weaken the resolve against his war in Ukraine. Britain has been one of Ukraine's biggest suppliers of military equipment, sending almost 7,000 anti-tank weapons, hundreds of missiles and armoured fighting vehicles. It is also training Ukrainian soldiers. Truss has promised to continue Britain's military and economic support to Ukraine

Suicide attack at Russia embassy kills 2 diplomats

REUTERS

Kabul, Sept 5: Two Russian embassy staff in Kabul were among six people killed when a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the entrance of the embassy, in a blast that injured at least 10 others, the Russian Foreign Ministry and Afghan officials said Monday.

Police said the attacker was shot dead by armed guards as he approached the gate, in one of the first such attacks since the Taliban took power last year.

"The suicide attacker before reaching the target, was recognised and shot by Russian embassy (Taliban) guards... there is no information about casualties yet," Mawlawi Sabir, the head of the police district where the attack took place, told Reuters.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that an unknown militant set off an explosive device near the entrance to the consular section of the embassy around at 10:50 a.m. Kabul time.

"As a result of the attack, two employees of the diplomatic mission were killed, and there are also vic-



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Russia is one of the few countries to have maintained an embassy in Kabul after the Taliban took over the country more than a year ago

tims among Afghan citizens," the ministry said.

The four others killed were Afghan civilians, Khalid Zadrani, a Kabul police spokesman said.

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bassy in Kabul after the Taliban took over the country more than a year ago.

Although Moscow does not officially recognise the Taliban's government, they have been in talks with officials over an agreement to supply gasoline and other commodities. The United Nations' mission in Afghanistan condemned the blast.

"In light of recent events, UNAMA stresses the need for the de facto authorities to take steps to ensure the safety and security of the people as well as diplomatic missions," the UN wrote on Twitter, in reference to the Taliban government.

Earthquake kills over 46 in China

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing/Chengdu, Sept 5: At least 46 people were killed and several others injured Monday when a powerful earthquake of 6.8-magnitude jolted Luding County in China's southwest Sichuan province, whose population is already reeling under a rising number of COVID-19 cases and an unprecedented drought.

The epicentre of the quake, which occurred at 12:25 pm local time, was monitored at 29.59 degrees north latitude and 102.08 degrees east longitude at a depth of 16-km, China Earthquake Networks Centre was quoted as saying by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

The epicentre is 39-km away from the county seat of Luding and there are several villages within the 5-km range around the epicentre. Official media reports quoted local officials as saying that at least 46 people were killed and over 50 others injured. Casualties were expected to go up as rescue teams fanned out into the affected areas.

Among the dead, 29 were from Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture which administers Luding County, and the other 17 were from Ya'an City. Most people of the over 21-million strong population of Chengdu spent most part of the day outside their homes as aftershocks continued to shake the area.

Manhunt as knife rampage kills 10 in Canada

REUTERS

Weldon, Saskatchewan, Sept 5: Two men suspected of killing 10 people in a stabbing rampage that devastated an indigenous community in Canada were still at large Monday as police tried to determine a motive for attacks that shocked a nation where mass violence is rare.

Police launched a manhunt for Damien Sanderson, 31, and Myles Sanderson, 30, after they allegedly stabbed people in 13 different areas across an indigenous community and its surrounding province on Sunday. At least 15 others were wounded.

The attacks in Saskatchewan province were among the deadliest in Canada's modern history. A statement by indigenous leaders indicated they may have been drug-related. Police said some of the victims appeared to have been targeted, while others were apparently random.

Police have provided photos of the two men, who they say are armed and dangerous. They were traveling in a black Nissan Rogue and spotted in the city of Regina, about 320 km (200 miles) south of the attacks in the James Smith Cree Nation and the village of Weldon, police said.

The suspects were likely in Regina, the city's police chief, Evan Bray, said in a Twitter video late on Sunday. But authorities have warned



DAMIEN SANDERSON

MYLES SANDERSON

it was not clear where they might be headed or if they had changed vehicles.

Indigenous people account for less than 5% of Canada's population of about 38 million and suffer from higher levels of poverty and unemployment than other Canadians and also have a shorter life expectancy.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his government had been in direct communication with the James Smith Cree Nation leadership, adding, "we are ready to assist in any

way we can." James Smith Cree Nation is an indigenous community with a population of about 3,400 people largely engaged in farming, hunting and fishing. Weldon is a village of some 200 people.

The nation's elected elders declared a state of emergency. Police bulletins urged people to report any suspicious persons and to take precautions including sheltering in place, while warning against picking up hitchhikers or approaching suspicious people. REUTERS PHOTOS

The attacks in Saskatchewan province were among the deadliest in Canada's modern history

business

of the day quote

Cumulatively, till now we've invested close to ₹50 crore in this business and going forward we are ready to put in up to ₹200 crore in less than next 12 months

KETAN MEHTA | FOUNDER & CEO, HOP ELECTRIC MOBILITY

Notwithstanding difficulties, the company continued to keep up with the times and remains optimistic about its capabilities to stay as one of the most relevant players in the content delivery space in India

ANIL KUMAR DUA | CEO, DISH TV

As the landscape for streaming grows, customer demands call for multiple choices and Dixon's product offerings are poised to answer such needs

ATUL B LALL | VC & MD, DIXON TECHNOLOGIES

SHORT TAKES

SC notice to CCI, Future & CAIT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday issued notice on a plea by Amazon challenging the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) order which upheld the decision to keep share subscription agreement (SSA) between Amazon and Future Coupons Pvt Ltd (FCPL) in abeyance. A notice was issued to Future Group and the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the matter was scheduled for detailed hearing September 19. SC also issued notice to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), which opposed Amazon's deal with the Future group and asked parties to file short notes within a week.

Turkey's inflation passes 80% in Aug

Ankara: Turkey's annual inflation passed 80% in August, according to official data Monday, further hitting consumers facing high energy, food and housing costs. The Turkish Statistical Institute said consumer prices rose by 80.21% from a year earlier, up 0.6 percentage points from the previous month. Independent experts say inflation is much higher than official statistics. The central bank unexpectedly cut interest rates to 13% in August despite rising prices, a plunging lira and an unbalanced current account.

BoM holds loan outreach prog

New Delhi: Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has organised a credit outreach programme under which it has sanctioned loans worth about ₹1,000 crore. Loan sanction letters were distributed to the beneficiaries by Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra Saturday at Pune, BoM said in a statement. The secretary also visited self help group stalls at the event and interacted with the members, it said. He urged the bank to devise various banking products and services keeping the needs of customers at the centre, and considering customer satisfaction as top priority.

Blue Jet eyes upto ₹2,100-cr via IPO

New Delhi: Pharmaceutical ingredients maker Blue Jet Healthcare has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise as much as ₹2,100 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO is completely an offer-for-sale (OFS) through which the company's promoters -- Akshay Bansarilal Arora and Shiven Akshay Arora -- will sell up to 21,683,178 equity shares, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).



In the constantly changing business scenario, the merchants of our country need to transform, digitise and modernise their business models
SMRITI IRANI | UNION MINISTER

RAILWAYS SET FREIGHT-FEAT

Indian Railways Monday claimed to have recorded the best ever August Monthly freight loading of 119.32 MT in the month. The incremental loading in the month of August has been 8.69 MT and witnessed a growth of 7.86 per cent over the previous best August figures achieved in 2021, the Railways said



OPEC+ cuts oil supplies to the world as prices fall

Oil prices have gyrated in recent months: Recession fears have pushed them down, while worries of a loss of Russian oil because of sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine pushed them up

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frankfurt, Sept 5: OPEC and allied oil-producing countries, including Russia, cut their supplies to the global economy by 100,000 barrels per day, underlining their unhappiness with crude prices that have sagged because of recession fears.

The decision Monday by energy ministers means the cut for October rolls back the mostly symbolic in-

crease of the same amount in September. The move follows a statement last month from Saudi Arabia's energy minister that the group could reduce output at any time.

Oil producers such as Saudi Arabia have resisted calls from US President Joe Biden to pump more oil to lower gasoline prices and the burden on consumers.

But worries about slumping future demand have helped send



prices down from June peaks of over \$120 per barrel, cutting into the windfall for the government budgets of OPEC+ countries but proving a blessing for drivers in the US as pump prices have eased.

Other factors are lurking that could influence the price of oil. For

Oil prices up over 3%

Oil prices rose more than 3% Monday, extending gains as OPEC+ producers agreed a small oil production cut to bolster prices. Brent crude futures for November delivery rose \$3.43 to \$96.45 a barrel, a 3.7% gain. US West Texas Intermediate crude was up \$2.94, or 3.4%, at \$89.87 after a 0.3% gain in the previous session.

one, the Group of Seven major democracies plan to impose a price cap on imports of Russian oil and what effect that might

have on the market

The energy ministers said in a statement that the September increase was only for that month, and that the group could meet again at any time to address market developments.

Recently, recession fears have taken the upper hand. Economists in Europe are penciling in a recession at the end of this year due to skyrocketing inflation fed by energy costs, while China's severe restrictions aimed at halting the spread of the coronavirus have sapped growth in that major world economy.

IMPROVED BIZ ACTIVITY

Services sector sees sharp upturn in Aug

FOR THE THIRTEENTH STRAIGHT MONTH, THE SERVICES SECTOR WITNESSED AN EXPANSION IN OUTPUT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: India's services sector activity witnessed a sharp upturn in August on the back of stronger gains in new business, ongoing improvements in demand conditions and job creation, a monthly survey said Monday.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose from July's four-month low of 55.5 to 57.2 in August, amid a quicker upturn in business activity and the sharpest rise in employment for over 14 years.

For the thirteenth straight month, the services sector witnessed an expansion in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

Forecasts regarding the year-ahead outlook for output were revised higher, with optimism at its greatest degree since May 2018.

"Services companies expect output growth over the coming 12 months, with sentiment rising to its highest level in over four years. Optimism was centred on forecasts of ongoing improvements in demand and planned marketing," the survey said.

On the employment front, the



The pick-up in growth stemmed from a rebound in new business gains as firms continued to benefit from the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and ongoing marketing efforts

POLLYANNA DE LIMA | ECONOMICS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, S&P GLOBAL MARKET INTELLIGENCE

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Sharpest rise in employment for over 14 years

Business optimism at its greatest degree since May 2018

Composite PMI Output Index -- which measures combined services and manufacturing output -- rose from 56.6 to 58.2, indicating a sharp pace of expansion.

New work intakes increased at quicker rates in the manufacturing and service sectors, leading to the fastest upturn at the composite level for nine months.

Indian private sector jobs expanded to the greatest extent in over 14 years midway through the second fiscal quarter. The upturn was driven by a substantial acceleration in growth across the service economy, while manufacturers registered a broad stabilisation of payroll numbers.

IEX TOTAL TRADE VOLUME DIPS 18%

HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY VOLUME OF 104 MU WAS ACHIEVED AUGUST 16, 2022

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: The total trade volume of Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) registered an 18 per cent annual decline in August to 7,805 MU (million units).

The total trade volume in August 2021 was at 9,538 MU, an IEX statement said. However, on a month-on-month basis, IEX registered a 9 per cent growth in August. In July 2021, the total

power trade volume was 7,151 MU.

The total trade volume of 7,805 MU in August, 2022, comprised 6,517 MU in the conventional power market, 437 MU in the Green Power Market, and 851 MU (8.51 lakh Certificates) in the REC Market.

The average clearing price in the Day-Ahead market increased 2 per cent YoY, from Rs 5.06 per unit in August '21 to Rs 5.17 in August '22. The supply-side constraints con-

tinued due to high prices of imported coal, fuel shortage and increased auction prices, it said. The Day-Ahead Market volume at 3,529 MU, registered a flat growth on a month-on-month basis.

Although imported coal prices remained high, increased hydro and renewable energy generation resulted in the market clearing price lowering by 5 per cent on a month-on-month basis at Rs 5.17 per unit.

Sensex, Nifty rise nearly 1 per cent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Sept 5: Equity benchmark Sensex rallied nearly 1 per cent to re-visit the 59,000-mark Monday, propelled by sharp gains in metal, banking and capital goods stocks amid a weak trend in global equities.

In a largely range-bound trade, the BSE benchmark rose 442.65 points or 0.75 per cent to settle at 59,245.98. During the day, it jumped 504.92 points or 0.85 per cent to 59,308.25.

The NSE Nifty advanced 126.35 points or 0.72 per cent to 17,665.80.

Intense buying in index majors Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma and ITC and an appreciating rupee also bolstered the sentiment, traders said.

Sun Pharma was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 1.81 per cent, followed by ITC, NTPC, RIL, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Steel, HCL Technologies and ICICI Bank.

In contrast, HUL, Asian Paints, PowerGrid, Wipro, UltraTech Cement and Nestle were the laggards, slipping up to 1.51 per cent.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.89 per cent and the midcap index gained 0.46 per cent.

Among the BSE sectoral indices, metal jumped 2.04 per cent, capital goods (1.07 per cent), telecom (0.93 per cent), basic materials (0.91 per cent),



Rupee appreciated 8 paise to close at 79.79 against the US dollar

bank (0.89 per cent), realty (0.73 per cent), and finance (0.71 per cent).

Meanwhile, the rupee appreciated 8 paise to close at 79.79 (provisional) against the US dollar Monday

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended lower; while Shanghai settled in the green. Equities in Europe were trading lower during the mid-session deals. The US markets had ended lower Friday.

"Benchmark indices outperformed their Asian peers and also shrugged off the weak European market sentiment as investors bet on metals, banking and capital goods stocks. Cautious optimism prevailed as there are enough indications that markets may remain volatile in coming sessions on global slowdown fears," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Govt may stick to FY23 borrowing plan

Surging inflation due to rising global commodity prices has forced the government to take a series of measures that have led to an additional cost of an estimated \$26 billion this year

REUTERS

New Delhi, Sept 5: India will stick to its annual market borrowing plan when the government announces its October-March fiscal calendar by the end of this month, three officials told Reuters, despite taking a series of budget measures to control inflation.

By the end of September, the government will borrow Rs 8.45 trillion rupees (\$105.82 billion), out of the record planned borrowing of Rs 14.31 trillion rupees (\$179.20 billion) for the 2022/23 year starting on April 1.

"Unlikely we will increase borrowing this year. We should be able to absorb the revenue spend-



ing we did so far within the budgeted limits," said a senior government official, who did not want to be named because the decision has not yet been made public.

The government cut taxes on retail fuel and import of certain es-

RIL's 4th investment cycle of \$50 billion to double earnings

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Reliance Industries' fourth investment cycle of an estimated \$50 billion spending over the next three years could help the firm double its earnings, a report said.

The firm's "fourth investment cycle this century has significant differences to past cycles, underappreciated energy tailwinds and the potential to double profits by 2027," Morgan Stanley said in a report.

The spending is planned on chemicals, 5G, retail and new energy over the next three years.

Reliance's first investment cycle was focused on petrochemical project commissioning in the late 1990s and early 2000.

The second investment four years later was targeting oil refining and oil and gas field development while the third was focused on telecom.

"Past investment cycles have led to \$60-70 billion in shareholder value creation as it has taken aggressive steps to reshape its earnings profile for the next decade," it said.

"While every investment cycle had projects that worked and also those that had to be eventually impaired or written off, we believe Reliance is better placed for the next investment cycle that will incorporate a \$50 billion outlay for the next three years and up to \$75 billion by 2027."

A third of this investment is seen going into each of the energy and new energy businesses, with telecom and retail accounting for the remainder.

However retail, telecom and new energy will likely be more front-loaded in the next two years with about 25 per cent of total investments in each of the verticals over the next three years, the report said.

"After deleveraging in F22, Reliance increased its investments in the last quarter to \$16 billion per annum run rate - similar to the peak of the last investment cycle. This included bidding for \$11 billion in telecom spectrum, spending \$1.6 billion on new energy acquisitions and expanding its retail logistics capabilities," it said.

GAS PRICE SKYROCKETS

EU races to help industry as Russian gas halt rattles markets

Europe has accused Russia of weaponising energy supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions imposed on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. Russia says the West has launched an economic war and sanctions have hampered pipeline operations

REUTERS

London, Sept 5: Europe's gas prices surged, its share prices slid and the euro sank Monday after Russia stopped pumping gas via a major supply route, sending another economic shock wave through the European Union as it struggles to recover from the pandemic.

EU governments are racing through packages worth billions of dollars to prevent power companies being crushed by a liquidity crunch and to protect households from soaring bills, after Russia's state-controlled Gazprom said it would stop pumping gas via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline due to a fault.

A host of European power distributors have already collapsed

- European gas price up about 400% on a year ago
- EU states have triggered emergency gas plans
- Disruptions hinder EU efforts to fill up storage
- EU countries' energy ministers to meet Sept 9



and some major generators could be at risk, hit by caps that limit the prices rises they can pass to consumers or caught out by hedging bets, with gas prices now 400% more than a year ago.

"This has had the ingredients for a kind of a Lehman Brothers of

energy industry," Finnish Economic Affairs Minister Mika Linttila said Sunday, referring to the US bank that collapsed in 2008 and heralded the global financial crash.

Finland aims to offer 10 billion euros (\$10 billion) and Sweden 250 billion Swedish crowns (\$23 bil-

Supply is hard to come by, and it becomes harder and harder to replace every bit of gas that doesn't come from Russia

JACOB MANDEL | SENIOR ASSOCIATE FOR COMMODITIES, AURORA ENERGY RESEARCH

lion) in liquidity guarantees to their power companies. Germany, more reliant than most EU states on Russian gas, has offered a multi-billion-euro bailout to power utility Uniper.

"The government's programme is a last-resort financing option for companies that would otherwise be threatened with insolvency," Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin said.

Utilities often sell power in advance to secure a certain price but

must maintain a "minimum margin" deposit in case of default before they supply the power. The margin deposit required has raced higher with surging power prices, leaving companies struggling to find cash to cover the margin demanded.

The benchmark gas price rose as much as 35% Monday and was up more than 400% on the year, after Russia said Friday a leak in Nord Stream 1 equipment meant it would stay shut beyond last week's three-day maintenance halt.

Nord Stream 1, which runs under the Baltic Sea to Germany, historically supplied about a third of the gas Russia exported to Europe, although it was already running at just 20% of capacity before last week's maintenance outage.

Euro hits 20-yr low

Financial markets are being The euro sank below \$0.99 to a new 20-year low Monday after Russia's halt to gas supplies down its main pipeline to Europe heightened fears about a deepening energy crisis across the region. The euro slid to as low as \$0.9876 in early European trade, the lowest level since 2002, before recovering to \$0.9939, still 0.2% lower on the session. The euro has been increasingly correlated with natural gas prices in recent months, with the former falling when prices of the energy source rise.

Coco reaches quarters

Red Devils gun down Gunners in PL face-off

ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York, Sept 5: Coco Gauff raised a fist, then wagged her right index finger, responding to, and riling up even more, a loud-louder-loudest Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd that was standing and screaming.

Gauff's US Open opponent, Zhang Shuai, covered both ears with her hands to shield them from what she described later as a "Boom!" of sound.

Gauff and her fans were reacting excitedly to quite a point, one in which the 18-year-old Floridian raced to her right for a defensive forehand, then changed directions to sprint and slide into a backhand that drew a netted volley from Zhang. Just four points later, Gauff was a quarterfinalist at Flushing Meadows for the first time.

Gauff, the French Open runner-up in June, came back in each set to beat China's Zhang 7-5, 7-5 Sunday to become the youngest American to make it this far at the US Open since Melanie Oudin was 17 in 2009.

Nick Kyrgios is playing much better than he ever has at Flushing Meadows, too, building off the momentum of his run to the Wimbledon final in July, and he eliminated defending champion and No.1-ranked Daniil Medvedev 7-6(13-11), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 Sunday night.

The 23rd-seeded Kyrgios was up to some of his usual behavior — warned for cursing, yelling at his guest box, playing to the crowd — but he also outplayed Medvedev in a high-quality match.

He'll play No. 27 seed Karen Khachanov Tuesday, when the other's men's quarterfinal on the top half of the bracket is 2022 French Open runner-up Casper Ruud against 2021 Wimbledon runner-

up Matteo Berrettini.

Medvedev will relinquish the top spot in the rankings after the US Open, with Ruud joining Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz as players with a chance to replace him.

After trailing 5-4 in the opening set, then 5-3 in the second, which she was a point from losing,

Gauff was buoyed by spectators who cheered her every point and chanted "Let's go, Coco!" as the end neared. She improved to 4-0 in Ashe this year after having never previously won a match at the biggest arena in Grand Slam tennis.

They competed mostly from the baseline, and the longer the exchanges, the more success Gauff found: She claimed a 45-26 edge in points that lasted five or more strokes.

Garcia is coming off a hard-court title at Cincinnati and stretched her winning streak to 12 matches by defeating No.29 Alison Riske-Amritraj of the US 6-4, 6-1.

The other quarterfinal on that half of the women's field will be between Ajla

Tomljanovic, the player who beat Serena Williams in the third round, and No.5 Ons Jabeur, who was the runner-up at Wimbledon. Tomljanovic got past Liudmila Samsonova 7-6(10-8), 6-1 at Louis Armstrong Stadium in a matchup between unseeded players, while Jabeur defeated No.18 Veronika Kudermetova 7-6(7-1), 6-4.

Tomljanovic is a 29-year-old Australian who is now into her third Grand Slam quarterfinal after making it that far at Wimbledon the past two years. Wednesday, Tomljanovic beat Williams in three sets in what is expected to be the last match of the 23-time Grand Slam champion's career.

In Gauff-Zhang, the whirring of the Ashe retractable roof being pulled shut accompanied the start of the second set because of showers that started soon after, and it took a while for the artificial lights to reach full strength. The match proceeded, even though it was rather dark — and quite humid — indoors.

Everyone's known how talented Gauff is for a while now. After all, at 15, she became the youngest qualifier in Wimbledon history in 2019, beat Venus Williams in the first round of the main draw and made it all the way to the fourth.

There have been more steps along the way, more achievements — last month, she became the second-youngest doubles No.1 in WTA history.

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Manchester, Sept 5: Marcus Rashford's double and a debut goal for Antony secured Manchester United a fourth successive victory as a 3-1 win ended Arsenal's perfect start to the Premier League Sunday.

Deadline-day signing Antony was handed a start after only joining Thursday and took just 35 minutes to score his first goal, the USD 95 million arrival from Ajax coolly dispatching a left-footed effort.

By that time, Arsenal winger Gabriel Martinelli had had a goal ruled out after the VAR advised referee Paul Tierney to review Martin Odegaard's challenge on Christian Eriksen in the buildup.

Arsenal started the second half strongly and equalized through Bukayo Saka, only for United to strike back as Rashford was sent racing through to score by a brilliant through ball from Bruno Fernandes.

The 24-year-old Rashford grabbed his second after Eriksen teed him up in the 75th minute as United won four consecutive Premier League games for the first time since April 2021.

Odegaard dispossessed Eriksen before Saka put Martinelli through, with the in-form forward slotting past David de Gea. But Arsenal's celebrations were brought to a halt by the VAR, with the referee ultimately ruling the goal out after going to the pitchside monitor and deeming Odegaard to have fouled Eriksen.

Later, Eriksen played through the lines to Fernandes and the referee played advantage as the Portuguese passed onto Sancho before being fouled by Gabriel. The winger fed



MAKING A MARK: Antony (R) celebrates with the other Manchester United scorer Marcus Rashford after finding the net on his debut, Sunday

Rashford, whose delicate pass put Antony in to curl a left-footed strike past Ramsdale. The new boy made the most of the celebrations.

After change of ends, Gabriel Jesus found Odegaard with a cross from which he could not make a clean connection and Saka rifled across the face of goal as the visitors worked another opening. Tyrell Malacia's attempt to stop the latter ended in penalty appeals that were ignored.

It was no less than the league leaders deserved at that time but they were only level for six minutes. United picked up a loose pass and

launched a break, with Fernandes' excellent ball putting Rashford through to hit a drive that beat Ramsdale and rippled the back of the net in front of the Stretford End. The Arsenal goalkeeper batted away Fernandes' chip and, after Jesus went close at the other end, was picking the ball out of his net again in the 75th minute.

Fernandes superbly capitalized on the visitors' high line with a pass that put Eriksen free. The experienced midfielder squared the ball for Rashford to score his second. United moved up to fifth place, three points behind Arsenal.

India face SL in must-win game

PAK GAME: ARSHDEEP BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF CHETAN



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Sept 5: India would need to get the best out of their thin bowling resources and avoid too much experimentation when they clash with Sri Lanka in their must win Super 4 game in the Asia Cup here Tuesday.

In the absence of injured Ravindra Jadeja, Harshal Patel and Jasprit Bumrah, India do not have a lot of options to play within the bowling department.

India went in with five bowling options against Pakistan on Sunday and it did not work out in their favour as Bhuvneshwar Kumar had a rare off day.

After a match-winning effort in the opening game against Pakistan, Hardik Pandya proved expensive and so was Yuzvendra Chahal, who

has not at been his best in the tournament.

The five-bowler theory also makes Hardik's four overs more critical. Axar Patel, who is a like for like replacement for Jadeja, can be brought into the playing eleven to lend more balance.

Avesh Khan, who was unwell ahead of the Pakistan clash, can also come back as the third specialist pacer. While Rahul Dravid stressed that India would be looking to play their best eleven in the lead up to the World Cup, the Rohit Sharma-led side continues to experiment.

With the intense debate over Rishabh Pant versus Dinesh Karthik in the team, the management gave a go to Deepak Hooda at the expense of the Tamil Nadu wicketkeeper-batter, who hardly got to bat in the first two games.

The bowling resources may not be enough at the moment but India need to decide quickly on their middle-order.

The biggest positive out of the Pakistan game was the performance of the high-profile top-order. All three — Rohit, KL Rahul and Virat Kohli — showed a lot of aggression and gave India an electric start.

Kohli's critics can finally rest after his second successive half century in Asia Cup. He may not be back to his best but he gave enough signs Sunday that he is getting there. One can expect Kohli and two openers to go all guns blazing against Sri Lanka from ball one.

Having pulled off two close chases against Bangladesh and Afghanistan, Sri Lanka have turned their campaign around after a heavy defeat in their opening game.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Arshdeep Singh can do with a warm hug from Chetan Sharma. Not from the current chairman of national selection committee but the wiry, whipper Chetan Sharma, who instead of becoming the "toast" had become the virtual "roast" of the nation 36 summers back just like it happened with Punjab lad on fateful Sunday night.

Coincidentally, in case of Chetan, that match was also played in the UAE but not at the newly-constructed gigantic concrete structure that Dubai International Stadium is but the more informal Sharjah Cricket Stadium where VIP ticket holders could eavesdrop on the adjacent dressing room chatter or drop in a handwritten note with a landline number.

Chetan intended to bowl a yorker to Javed Miandad, who was the 'King of Sharjah' back then and it became a full-toss.

Back in those Doordarshan days, it used to be basic coverage and only now that IPL matches have been shown live from at Sharjah Stadium, we realise that it is a ridiculously small ground where sixes can be hit for fun. It was one bad ball for Chetan in that 1986 Austral-Asia Cup final, where he was simply unlucky to miss the length.

Cut to 2022, Asif Ali's heave turns into a skier and Arshdeep, who would otherwise catch it "11 out of 10 times" drops a sitter; much to the dismay of his teammates.

The two matches have been held 36 years apart but the boorish mindset of the masses to accept a simple human error had scarred Chetan



EXPRESSION SAYS IT ALL: Arshdeep Singh wears a gloomy look despite taking a wicket in the final over against Pakistan due to his drop-catch in the 18th over, Sunday

for life back then and one can only hope that Sunday's missed catch doesn't create a deep gash in the mind of an impressionable 23-year-old, who, if all goes well, is certain to be one of the best T20 death bowlers in world cricket in near future.

The Indian public back then didn't spare Chetan and despite being one of those rare Indian bowlers to have a five-for in a Lord's Test and recording the first ever hat-trick in ODI World Cup, people remember that single delivery.

Arshdeep termed 'Khalistani' Sunday night, which followed on social media after Arshdeep's missed catch couldn't be put in any mild terms. Deplorable, disgusting and shameful are the words

that come to mind while sifting through the social media accounts of so-called fans, who are calling Arshdeep names.

In fact, such was the vitriol, that some fans hacked and edited his wikipedia page, adding the objectionable term "Khalistani" by his name. The hacker changed Arshdeep's name to Major Arshdeep Singh Langra and then Major Arshdeep Singh Bajwa.

While the corrective measures were taken and the page was restored to its original form, the matter hasn't gone unnoticed as far as government of India is concerned.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill



Development, Electronics & Technology, took cognisance of the matter and tweeted: "No intermediary operating in India can permit this type of misinformation & deliberate efforts to incitement in userharm — violates our govt's expectation of Safe & Trusted Internet."

Obviously, there were a lot of sane voices too but in the world of billion tweets, facebook and instagram posts per second, it is difficult to always differentiate between the good, the bad and the ugly. The fans forgot that the same man, within minutes of dropping that catch, gathered his faculties and showed his temperament to get the same Asif leg before with a perfectly pitched blockhole delivery.

They forgot that he had only seven runs to defend and in the T20 Universe of 2022, that was just a cakewalk. They forgot that even Hardik Pandya, Yuzvendra Chahal and Bhuvneshwar Kumar had an off-day.

Mastercard new title sponsors of BCCI's home tournaments

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 5: Global payments and technology company Mastercard replaced India's mobile payment app company PayTM as BCCI's title sponsors for all international matches at home as well the domestic tournaments.

"Mastercard will be the title sponsor for all international matches (both women and men) held on home grounds, domestic cricket matches like Irani Trophy, Duleep Trophy, and Ranji Trophy organized by the BCCI as also all junior cricket (U-19 and U-23) matches held in India," a press release stated.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said: "Along with the international home series, the BCCI's domestic tournaments are crucial as they are a stepping stone towards making India a strong international side."

Former India captain MS Dhoni, who has been Mastercard's ambassador for over four years, added, "I am thrilled that Mastercard is sponsoring all the home cricket matches of the BCCI, and especially the domestic, junior and women's cricket. The Ranji and junior players of today will play for the country tomorrow and continue to embody the pride of 1.3 billion Indians."



HOME COMING: Champions of the Ultimate Kho Kho's inaugural edition Odisha Juggernauts team members are in jolly mood after their arrival at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar Monday

FIH Nations Cup: India women to open campaign vs Canada

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lausanne, Sept 5: The Indian women's hockey team will open its campaign against Canada in the FIH Nations Cup to be held in Valencia, Spain from December 11 to 17.

India are placed in Pool B alongside Canada, Japan and South Africa in the eight-nation tournament, a qualifier for next season's FIH Pro League. Pool A consists of Korea, Italy, hosts Spain, and Ireland.

After Canada, India will face Japan December 12 before rounding off their pool campaign against

South Africa December 14.

Top two teams from each pool will qualify for the semifinal which is scheduled to be held December 16. The final of the tournament is slated for December 17.

The Indian women's team finished a creditable third in its debut outing in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22 season.

The Indian women had a pretty successful 2021-22 season, finishing a historic fourth in Tokyo Olympics before winning a bronze medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games earlier this year.