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Another student commits suicide

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Another student of a private educational institution at Gangapada under Info Valley police limits here ended his life by hanging in his hostel room, a police official said Tuesday.

The deceased identified as Surya Prakash Palai, 16, of Parikuda area in Puri district was a Plus II first year student of Adyant Higher Secondary School, on the outskirts of the city, the official said.

Palai's classmates suspected something was amiss when he did not come downstairs to have his dinner Monday night. Later, they went to call him but Palai did not open the door despite knocks.

The hostel inmates broke open the door to find Palai hanging from the ceiling fan with a towel. They informed the college authorities, who rushed him to AIIMS where the doctors declared him 'brought dead'.

Informed, Info Valley police reached the spot around 11.30pm Monday. "We found a handwritten note from the room reportedly by the deceased. He only said goodbye to his family but didn't mention any reason for his suicide. His father who is a businessman Tuesday morning filed a report in this regard. The deceased's family has not alleged any foul play in the complaint," informed a police official.



ANTI-CORRUPTION STIR: Security personnel use water cannons to disperse BJP supporters during their Nabanna Abhijan (march to Secretariat) to protest against alleged corrupt practices of TMC government, in Howrah district, Tuesday (Report on P9)

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Mob raids Gajapati PS, thrashes cops

At least 10 officials of Adava PS in Gajapati suffered injuries after a mob of around 500 people attacked them alleging that the men in khaki had picked up a local on false charges

PNN & AGENCIES

Paralakhemundi/R Udayagiri, Sept 13: A mob of around 500 people Tuesday stormed into Adava police station (PS) in Gajapati district and assaulted officials there, hours after a local youth was arrested on charges of smuggling ganja.

Agitators, including women, alleged that police reached Jharanapur village under Adava PS in Gajapati district in connection with a raid on alleged ganja smugglers Monday. Unable to trace any such traders, the men in khaki picked up Biswanath Bhuyan, a

As the news spread, local sarpanch reached the PS with a large number of villagers and demanded that Bhuyan be released immediately.

Sources said that the protesters broke open the gate of the PS. thrashed personnel and ransacked

"All of them were armed. At least 10 police personnel were in-



Jharanapur villagers thrash an official of Adava police station

iured in the melee," the official, who was at the scene, said.

Panicked, some officials were seen running out of the PS for

Later, the angry locals gheraoed the police station and staged a demonstration demanding withdrawal of the case against Bhuyan.

On being informed, senior police

officials, Sub-Collector and other officials rushed to the spot and tried to placate the angry villagers but in vain.

Later, a peace committee was formed comprising the local public representatives and senior citizens which held a meeting in the evening and brokered peace between the police and

Cuttack couple among 8 dead in Hyd hotel fire

PNN & AGENCIES

Hyderabad/Cuttack, Sept 13: Eight people, including a couple were killed in a midnight fire that originated from an electric bike showroom located below, in Secunderabad area here, officials said Tuesday.

Seven others were injured and they were rushed to various hospitals, police said.

The Odia couple identified as Chandan Jethi and his wife Mitali Mohapatra of Kafla Bazar under Lalbagh police limits in Cuttack had been to Hyderabad to attend a train-

ing programme, it was learnt. The other deceased were identified as Virendra Kumar (50), Rajiv Malik (26) and Sandeep Malik, all from Delhi, Sitharaman (48) and Balaji (58), both from Chennai and Alladi Harish (33), a resident of Viiavawada, Most of the victims were asphyxiated, police said.

According to one of the occupants of the hotel, who later lodged a police complaint, he noticed smoke and fire coming out of the cellar. He, along with four others, escaped from the fifth floor to the next building and later called '100' for help. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and



Chandan and his wife Mitali

MoRTH orders probe

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has ordered a preliminary enquiry into the fire incident at an electric bike showroom in Secunderabad area of Hyderabad, a senior government official said. "Two experts are visiting (electric-bike showroom in Secunderabad) after the police submits preliminary finding," the official said.

Telangana Minister K T Ramarao condoled the loss of lives and announced ex-gratia on behalf of the

Centre and the State government. The fire and smoke from the showroom engulfed the hotel Ruby

Pride located above the showroom. ► Continued on P4

SHORT TAKES

Naveen to meet biz barons in Mumbai today



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday went on a three-day trip to Mumbai where he is scheduled to attend an investors' meet Wednesday, months ahead of the Make-in-Odisha Conclave.

Patnaik will hold discussions with major industrialists from different sectors and woo them to invest in Odisha, officials said.

Among the leading industrialists, the chief minister is scheduled to meet are Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla, Vedanta's Anil Agarwal and Mahindra Group's Anand Mahindra, they said.

The investors' meet will be held at Hotel Trident, while the one-onone meetings are scheduled to be held at The Oberoi, they added.

Patnaik is also scheduled to visit the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and attend the ceremony to ring the opening bell, officials said.

Earlier, similar meets were held in Dubai and New Delhi.

The state has already organised roadshows in Mumbai, inviting investments in IT, metal downstream, renewable energy, chemicals, plastics and advanced elec-

tronic manufacturing sectors. The third edition of the Make-in-Odisha Conclave, scheduled to be held from November 30 to December 4, aims to showcase the manufac-

turing prowess of the state and in-

vestment opportunities across sectors. The earlier two editions were held in 2016 and 2018. In 2016, the state received investment proposals of over USD 30 billion and in 2018, investment intents valued at over USD 50 billion were received.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra Tuesday evening met some of the investors in the western metropolis, ahead of the CM's programmes.

Mahapatra told them that they could easily take benefits of 'incomparable and enabling' policies, arrangements, unique subsidy supports, and hand-holding institutional support from inception to

commissioning of projects. The chief secretary also appraised the business groups about the wide range of opportunities available in various sectors for investments. Representatives of around 15 companies, including IMP Power, ThyssenKrupp India, Crisil Ltd, Rochem Separation System and NALCO, interacted with the chief secretary.

They also expressed their intents to invest in Odisha, said an official statement.

CLIMATE World heading in wrong direction: UN

AGENCIES

Geneva, Sept 13: With weather disasters costing \$200 million a day and irreversible climate catastrophe looming, the world is 'heading in the wrong direction,' the United Nations says in a new report that pulls together the latest science on climate change.

The World Meteorological Organisation, in the latest stark warning about global warming, said weather-related disasters have increased fivefold over the last 50 years and are killing 115 per day on average - and the fallout is poised to worsen.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres cited the floods in Pakistan, heat waves in Europe,



droughts in places such as China, the Horn of Africa, and the United States - and pointed the finger at fossil fuels.

"There is nothing natural about

the new scale of these disasters.

They are the price of humanity's

fossil fuel addiction," he said. "This

year's United in Science report

shows climate impacts heading

into uncharted territories of destruction.'

'Yet each year we double-down on this fossil fuel addiction, even as the symptoms get rapidly worse,' he added.

The report, drawn from data compiled by several UN agencies and partners, cited a 48% chance that global temperature rise compared to pre-industrial times will reach 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit) in the next five years. There's a 93% percent chance that one year in the next five will see record heat.

It comes amid fresh warnings from scientists last week that four climate "tipping points" will likely be triggered if that temperature threshold—set in the 2015 Paris cli-

mate accord — is passed.

Many governments are already trying to address the threat of more severe weather due to climate change, and data show that deaths from natural disasters are down in recent years. Yet the economic cost of climate-induced catastrophes is projected to rise sharply.

The UN report says such "losses and damages" can be limited by timely action to prevent further warming and adapt to the temperature increases that are now inevitable. Questions around compensation for the damage that poor nations suffer as a result of emissions produced by rich countries will play a major role at the upcoming UN climate talks in Egypt this fall.

Anti-cancer drugs

to get cheaper

NEW DELHI: Several anti-cancer drugs, antibiotics and vaccines will now become more affordable as they are among 34 new additions to the National List of Essential Medicines, with the government saying this will reduce "patients' out-of-pocket expenditure". Anti-infectives like Ivermectin, Mupirocin and Meropenem have also been added to the list, taking the total drugs under it to 384. Four major anti-cancer drugs -Bendamustine Hydrochloride, Irinotecan HCI Trihydrate, Lenalidomide and Leuprolide-- and psychotherapeutic medicines -Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Buprenorphine -- have been added

Central grants dip by 50% till August

BHUBANESWAR: The grants from the Centre declined by 50 per cent till August of the current financial year as only ₹401.24 crore has been released under central schemes during the last month. Sources said the state government has received ₹3,499.38 crore grants from the Centre since April to August 2022 against the receipt of ₹7,004.62 crore during the same period of FY 2021-22 and ₹11,732.58 during the corresponding period of FY 2020-21. It means Central grants have been reduced by 40.30 per cent till August 2021 and 50.04 per cent til August this year. However, the total Central transfer has witnessed a growth of 7.56 per



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BLACK FILMMAKERS HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED: BOYEGA

Actor John Boyega thinks black filmmakers have been chronically overlooked. The 30-year-old actor has been vocal about the issue of inequality over recent years and he's also been working on projects like Create Next with Converse, which offers funding to young black filmmakers.

SAMANTHA CALLS ON FILM STUDIOS FOR SUPPORT

Actress Samantha Morton, who spent nine years in foster care and children's homes during her younger years, has recently been frustrated in her attempts to get two of her film projects off the ground. She sought support from studios for her projects.



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If you're looking to get married, buy the ring today. But before you take the leap, weigh all the pros and cons carefully, says Ganesha, All in all, this may be a day filled with activities related to your relationship and by the time the day ends, you may be on cloud nine!

TAURUS

This is one of those dreadful days when you could be unduly touchy and short tempered, fears Ganesha. Don't go around getting into fights and guarrels with anyone who seems unfriendly or ill mannered. You will only end up in spoil ing some healthy relationships

GEMINI

You are desirous of perfection in everything that you do, and you practice this philosophy in every aspect of your life. You make sure that all of your energies are concentrated on taking forward your efforts in the right direction

CANCER

A hectic day, combined with domestic pressure will make you exhausted. You feel a heavy burden on mind and heart. Don't be too emotional, says Ganesha. Take care not to pass domestic burdens on to your career or business, and there by mar your capacity and efficiency.

LEO

You will pay more attention to the younger members in the family. You will guide the children in improving their daily schedule. An occasion to celebrate will present itself. You will be desirous of par ticipating in some competition or program, says Ganesha.

VIRGO Foreign contacts will in all

likelihood be a source of monetary profits. Ganesha says you will perform wonderfully in anything you might choose to undertake today. Even your ambition of setting up an offshore business enterprise will take root today.

Ganesha says that today

will be a lucky day for you. You may receive some financial gain. There will be some good news about your children's progress. This is the right time to invest in business. Fo financial investors and share brokers this period is beneficial, so make the most of it

from embarrassment. Like those old fables, these experiences have a lesson in them, says Ganesha.

SCORPIO

Keep your guards up and be

wary today, warns Ganesha A heat seeker meant for

SAGITTARIUS The rewards of hard labour will be sweet, so start off by unwinding with some fun today. Ganesha sees quality time

being spent with friends and fami-

someone else may hit you in mid-flight.

But all that watchfulness will save you

CAPRICORN

ly. All in all, a fun day.

Numerous projects and building work pressure can keep you busy, but get done with whatever you have on hand, for Ganesha says the day has a host of recreational activities lined up for you. This will also be the right time to reach out to more people, and devour whatever knowledge or information they have to offer. Moreover, you will experience com-plete personal freedom and will communicate freely with those around you.

AQUARIUS

You blessed with a very high level of patience and practicality, and you can easily untangle any problem. But, it gives an excuse to the people around you to wash their hands of any responsibility. It may put you in a tight spot at times leaving you frustrated. It is not a nice feeling, agrees Ganesha, but learn to turn it your advantage, he adds.

PISCES

A day of mixed fortunes awaits you, where taking risks could prove to be your undoing, or provide you with handsome returns, says Ganesha. This is because you could come out on top by treading cautiously, but uncalculated risks will probabl throw your calculations out of gear.

New Wave Cinema icon Jean Luc Godard no more

The French director's use of jump-cuts and actors' asides to the camera changed the filmmaking vocabulary

Los Angeles: Franco-Swiss director and New Wave standardbearer Jean-Luc Godard, who revolutionised world cinema with

his ground-breaking debut Breathless, and never stopped pushing the envelope of his creativity, has died at 91, reports Variety. The news was first

reported in the French newspaper Liberation. French President

Emmanuel Macron paid tribute to Godard on social media with a message describing the auteur as "The most iconoclastic of New Wave filmmakers, who had invented a resolutely modern, intensely free art." He added: "We are losing a national treasure, a look of genius.'

Godard presented his last film *The Image Book*, a kaleidoscopic bulletin spanning 200 years of history, in

competition at the Cannes Film Festival in 2018 and was celebrated with the Special Palme d'Or.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences awarded Godard an Honorary Oscar at a 2010 event. He once famously

stated that every film needs a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order. Incidentally, indie filmmaker Amartya

Bhattacharya's Odia film Adieu Godard, a tribute to the French legend starring Choudhury Bikash Das in the lead, has been running successfully in theatres for the last three weeks. The movie has won several prestigious awards at national and international film festivals.

The cast and crew of the movie mourned the demise of the

OSNA'S STATE LEVEL THEATRE FESTIVAL - DAY 2



Artistes of Karunda Kala Manch of Bhawanipatna Tuesday staged Odia play Asura Gadara Katha on the second evening of Ranga Sangam, a state level drama festival organised by Odisha Sangeeta Natak Akademi in collaboration with Culture Department. The play was written and directed by Pradip D Majhi. Dignitaries present on the occasion included OSNA Secretary Prabodh Rath, Odisha Natya Sangh President Haren Sahoo, theatre personalities Prasanna Mishra and Lalatendu Rath and special guest Ashesh Mall, a noted playwright from Assam.

Art Vision's Sangam Festival on Sept 15

Bhubaneswar: Art Vision, a premier dance institution of this City, has been organising Sangam Festival here since 2005. This year. its 18th edition will be held September 15 at Rabindra Mandap, said group's Director Ileana Citaristi. The event was conceived as a

confluence of two different dance styles including one by the hosts. in the honour of dance Gurus who have inspired performers for generations. The guest group of the evening this year will be a Bharat Natvam troupe from Bangalore. The artiste will perform under the direction of Anuradha Vikranth presenting a work on the Nava Rasa attributed to Goddess Durga.

Art Vision will present Duara Paka Nata (The story of the closed door) with reference to the verbal duet (bachanika) between Lord Jagannath and Goddess Lakshmi on the day of the Lord's return from Gundicha temple during the famous Rath Yatra festival. In the previous years, some of the themes of the festival were Saraha, Karuna, Maana Bhanjana, Akshara, Refugee, Meghadootam and Sutra-The thread

Sudeikis, Jung-jae, Zendaya win big

'Succession' and 'Ted Lasso' topped the Emmy Awards in a ceremony that touted the influence of TV

Los Angeles: The 74th annual Emmy Awards hosted by Kenan Thompson at the Microsoft Theater saw several repeat winners, along with quite a few surprising

During the ceremony, Ted Lasso won best comedy series for the second year in a row, The White Lotus took top limited series and Succession grabbed the highest honor of the night with outstanding drama series, reports Variety.

Earlier in the show, Netflix's Squid Game star Lee Jung-jae became the first Asian actor to ever win lead actor in a drama series, and the fourth Asian person ever to win an acting Emmy, while Euphoria star Zendava became the first Black woman to win lead actress in a drama series, and the voungest two-time winner of any Emmy in history.

Hacks star Jean Smart won outstanding actress in a comedy series for the HBO Max show, and *Ted*

The cast and crew of Ted Lasso, winners of the Emmy for outstanding comedy series, pose in the press room at the 74th Primetime Emmy Awards, Monday

again took top honour for actor in a comedy series Amanda Seyfried garnered lead actress in a limited series for her portrayal of Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes in The Dropout, and fan-

favourite The White Lotus actress Jennifer Coolidge won for supporting actress in a limited series. On the acting side the honours

were given to Michael Keaton for lead actor in a limited series for Dopesick and Murray Bartlett for the supporting honour in that cat-

Lasso star Jason Sudeikis once egory for The White

> Lotus. Matthew Macfadyen was honoured for his supporting role in Succession, for which he was previously nominated in 2020 but did not land the win.

Additionally, the Emmys bestowed the 2022 Governors Award on Geena Davis. IANS

Malavika: Stalking's been romanticised in movies

Chennai: Actress Malavika Mohanan had a tough time trying to ward off the attention of an incessant admirer recently. The experience was awkward and unpleasant for her. She said, "I have never really experienced something like this before. It's something we have grown up seeing in movies, albeit in a more romantic way, but this was far from that. This was pure stalking. Though the Beyond the Clouds ac-

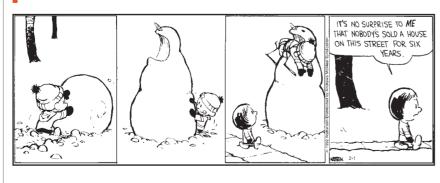
tress hasn't taken any legal action vet, she has informed her core team, which always travels with her, and has asked them to be vigilant. Addressing a bigger issue, she reflected, "Stalking has often been romanticised in films for years. This was my first experience with it. I have seen films where if aguy likes a girl, he stalks her and that is problematic. It's not romantic. Consent hasn't been given enough importance. It also comes down to feeling unsafe. a person is doing this, you don't know what he might do next! It's worse when you are alone. This is not admiration. it's just creepy behaviour." IANS



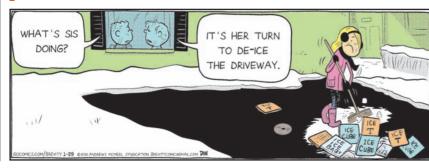
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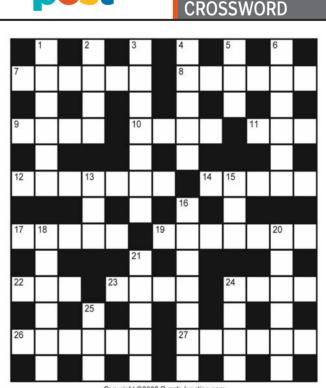
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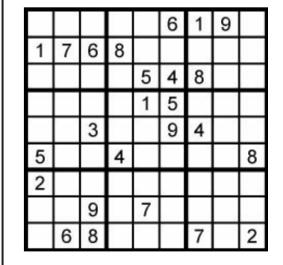
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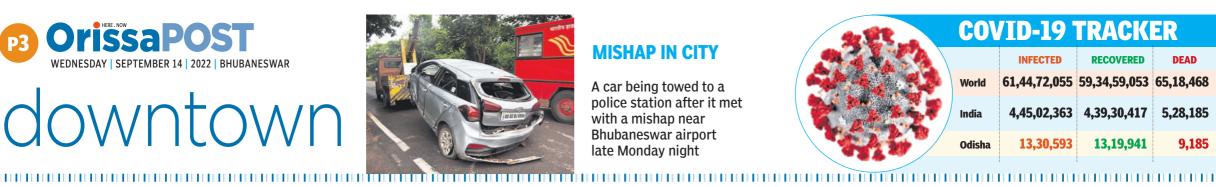
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A car being towed to a police station after it met with a mishap near Bhubaneswar airport late Monday night

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Central grants dip by 50% till August

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: The grants from the Centre declined by 50 per cent till August of the current financial year even as only ₹401.24 crore has been released under central schemes during the last month, said sources

According to sources, the state government has received ₹3,499.38 crore grants from the Centre from April to August 2022 against the receipt of ₹7,004.62 crore during the same period of 2021-22 financial year (FY) and ₹11,732.58 during the corresponding period of FY 2020-21. It means Central grants have been reduced by 40.30 per cent till August 2021 and 50.04 per cent till August this year.

However, the total Central transfer has witnessed a growth of 7.56 per cent as the share tax amount has increased substantially by 49.47 per cent till August

The state has received ₹14,388.78 crore share tax from the Union government till August 2022 against the receipt of ₹9,626.84 crore dur-

BOOK RELEASE

(From left) CSIR-IMMT senior principal scientist Dr Debi Prasad Das, contributor to the book and Dharitri's deputy news editor Jitendra Kumar Nayak,

assistant professor of AIIMS-Bhubaneswar Dr Pravas Ranjan Tripathy (one of the editors of the book), Orissa POST and Dharitri Editor Tathagata Satpathy,

retired professor and principal of Khallikote Autonomous College, Berhampur, Gouranga Charan Mohanty and Chief Executive of Orissa POST and Dharitri

e-Patrika for BLOs to Parl panel for cancer registry in rural areas

The committee

expressed

displeasure over the

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under PBCRs

the country. The committee has

also recommended setting up

PBCRs in rural areas of Uttar

Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra

Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana

to ensure coverage of population

by registry in these states. It noted

that these large states are not ad-

equately covered by the registry.

"Such requisite action is all the

Adyasha Satpathy releasing 'Atulya Nobel-2021' on the newspapers' office premises, Tuesday

POST NEWS NETWORK

areas of Odisha.

New Delhi, Sept 13: The

Parliamentary Standing Committee

on Health and Family Welfare has

recommended the National Centre

for Disease Informatics and

Research to set up Population Based

Cancer Registry (PBCR) in rural

The committee expressed dis-

pleasure over the fact that only 10

per cent of the country's population

is covered under PBCRs, though the

National Cancer Registry

Programme (NCRP) has been work-

ing since 1982 through population-

based cancer registry and hospital

based cancer registry. It noted that

there is an urgent need to have

more rural based PBCRs to get re-

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ing the same period of previous financial year. So, the total transfer (grants and share tax) from Centre stood at ₹17.888.16 crore till last month. On the other hand, state's own revenue collection from both tax and non-tax sources has in-

collection from both tax and non-tax sources has increased by 15.55% till August of the current fiscal vear 2022-23

of the current fiscal year 2022-23. Both the own tax and non-tax revenue has registered a good growth and almost equally contributed to the total collection during April to August of FY 2022-23.

creased by 15.55 per cent till August

at ₹36,454.89 crore during April-August while the state had collected ₹31,548.49 crore during the previous fiscal.

The state has collected ₹17,722.22 crore from its own tax sources while the collection from non-tax sources stood at ₹18.732.67 crore till August. Own tax revenue collection has witnessed a growth of 20.30 per cent.

Similarly, the non-tax revenue collection till August of the current financial year registered a growth of 11.39 per cent.

Under the non-tax revenue, mining royalty has contributed a lion's share. The collection from non-ferrous mining & metallurgical industries was ₹16,761.14 crore till August 2022, against the collection of ₹15,878.64 crore during the same period of last year.

Mining revenue has witnessed a marginal growth of 5.56 per cent till August this year. Mining royalty collection during the month of August stood at ₹2,780.55 crore.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



₹2.70cr I-T refund scam

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of state Crime Branch has arrested Neerai Singla, a chartered accountant (CA), for his alleged involvement in an income tax refund scam involving an amount of ₹2.70 crore, a police official said here

Neeraj, a 28-year-old chartered

runs this scam of I-T refund by submitting forge or fake documents of other companies and thereby causing crores of loss to government exchequer.

And, substantial amount out of the refund has been diverted to the personal account of the accused and also to the accounts of his firms, All India Transport Services, CKS Acoustics and GDS Associates.

Besides, some amounts have been diverted to the accounts of some other firms which are ultimately managed by this accused, the official said. The sleuths found total amount of ₹17.77 lakh has been misappropriated by this accused from the total fraud amount of ₹1.40 crore.

No GST, cess above property price

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INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Home buyers in state do not need to pay goods and services tax (GST), cess and any other charges above the fixed price to the builders, as per new norms

Following the direction of Orissa High Court, the state government has amended the Odisha Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017. As per the amended rules, the builder cannot charge any additional tax or charges above the fixed price. "The total price should include taxes paid or payable by the promoter by way of GST, cess and such other taxes which may be levied, in connection with the construction of the project payable by the promoter up to the date of handing over the possession of the (apartment/plot) to the allottee," read the notification issued by Housing and Urban Development

department. However, in case there is any change or modification in the taxes, the subsequent amount payable by the allottee to the promoter will be increased or reduced based on such

change or modification, it said. As per the amendments, the promoter will have to abide by the time schedule for completing the project as disclosed at the time of registration with the authority. Any imposition or increase of development charges after the expiry of the deadline of a project will

not be charged from the allottees. Besides, the allottees will also have the right to visit the site to assess the extent of development of the project and his/her apartment or plot. The promoters will have to assure the allottees that the project in its entirety is in accordance with the provisions of the laws, rules and reg-

ulations for the time being in force. Similarly, the promoters will have to hand over the common areas to the association of allottees after duly obtaining the occupancy certificate from the competent authority. The builders will also have to hand over the necessary documents and plans including common areas to the association of allottees or the competent authority within 30 days after obtaining the

mastermind arrested

After producing the accused

before the court of JMFC, Faridabad, the EOW brought him to Bhubaneswar on remand. He was Tuesday produced before the court here that also allowed EOW to take Neeraj on three-day remand from Wednesday.

accountant (intermediate), is one of the main conspirators and beneficiaries of this pan India TDS refund fraud, said the EOW offi-

The official said that Neeraj along with his other associates

During investigation, the EOW found that Neeraj in criminal conspiracy with others somehow managed to get an old challan of IAMO Solution Pvt. Ltd of 2020-21 financial year.

Later, he forged the TDS challan/return filed by IAMO Solution Pvt. Ltd. during the financial year 2020-21 for ₹2.70 crore, and the amount has been credited in the PAN of 32 tax payers.

Usually, the returns of the city-

based IAMO Solution Pvt. Ltd. are filed at Bhubaneswar. However, this particular return has been filed at New Delhi, from which the I-T department officials detected

the fraud.

Prime accused of income tax fraud

Neeraj Singla, a chartered accountant,

Neeraj along with his

associates runs this

scam of I-T refund by

submitting fake

documents of other

companies and thereby

causing huge losses

to the govt exchequer

arrested from Faridabad

The accused is part of an organised racket defrauding the government exchequer by making false claim for TDS refund by using the forged TDS challan. This is the first arrest in this case and effort is on to arrest other

more necessary to collect data & incidence and type of cancers across Sabha Chairman Tuesday. VC facility fails to reduce number of undertrials

direct periodic and timely communication with BLOs, who are critical and vital link to provide elec-

66 kids from state to participate in NLEPC

toral service to citizens.

be released today

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: In order

to recognise and appreciate the

continued efforts of booth level of-

ficers (BLOs) who are engaged in

electoral roll works and are criti-

cal in spreading voter awareness,

Chief Election Commissioner (EC)

Rajiv Kumar along with election

commissioner Anup Chandra

Pandey will launch BLO e-Patrika

Wednesday. The live webcast of

the launching event can be viewed

on YouTube using the link

BLOs have a critical responsibil-

ity of facilitating voter registration.

door-to-door survey for updating

electoral roll and assistance on the

polling day. This e-Patrika will re-

inforce the BLOs with the nuances

of voter awareness programmes and sensitise them with modern

day technologies and minimum SVEEP activities across the country. The BLO e-Patrika not only details the work done by BLOs but also brings forth their ground experi-

ence. The e-Patirka aims to ensure

https://youtu.be/vNI2qtQD5VA.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar: Sixty-six students along with 11 escorts and three team leaders from Odisha have left for New Delhi Tuesday to participate in 9th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC), a central government initiative aimed at fostering a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among children. The 9th NLEPC will be held from September 14 to 16, 2022. The students selected from across the state will showcase their innovations and demonstrate their inherent potential at the competition The competition being organised by

Ministry of Science and Technology

aims to motivate students in the age

group of 10-15 years and studying in

Classes VI to X.

New Delhi, Sept 13: While the number of prisons linked to courts by videoconference facilities went up from 808 in 2019 to 1,102 in 2021, a jump from 60 to 84 per cent, the use of such technology has done little to reduce the number of undertrial prisoners (UTPs) or the average duration of their incarceration, a study has found.

India Justice Report (IJR), which dissected the prison statistics published by the National Crime Records Bureau, said 13 states/Union territories (UTs) recorded 100 per cent coverage across their prisons, while four states/UTs had less than half of their jails equipped with the fa-

cility and Lakshadweep had none. In a press release, IJR shared the inmate population across all 1,319 prisons grew 13 per cent from 4,88,511 in December 2020 to 5,54,034 in December 2021, which increased the overall occupancy from 118 per cent to 130 per cent in spite of the deadly second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

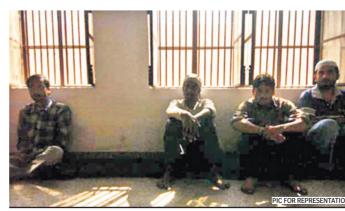
Ît said nearly 8 in 10 prisoners are awaiting trial.

"(Prisons Statistics India) PSI 2020 records 54,287 (14.6%) undertrials spent approximately 1-2 years' time in prison, while in 2021, 56,233 (13.16%) undertrials spent the same amount of time. In 2010, however, only 30,040 (12.5%) undertrials spent 1-2 years in jail," the IJR said referring to the prison data released by the NCRB.

Published by Tata Trusts, the India Justice Report is an annual publication that is based on available government data to rank states on their justice-delivery capacity.

The analysis showed, as of December 2021, 19 out of 36 states and UTs had overcrowding ranging from 185 per cent to 100.2 per cent, and UTPs comprised 77 per cent of the prison population - doubling

"Delhi's prisons house 91% UTPs,



i.e., 9 out of 10 prisoners await completion of their trial. Nationally, 24,033 undertrials have been inside for 3 to 5 years while 11,490 have been confined for over 5 years.

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ing on cancer treatment but also for

uniform distribution of cancer

ommendation in its report, "Cancer

Care Plan & Management:

Prevention, Diagnosis, Research

& Affordability of Cancer

Treatment", submitted to the Rajya

The committee made the rec-

care," it said

"Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra account for the lion's share of undertrials confined for over 5 years. In keeping with all preceding years, most inmates come from among the poor and illiterate. 25.2% are illiterate and there is a disproportionate number of Muslims, Dalits and Adivasis among the inmates, IJR found.

It highlighted that 1.47 crore people were arrested in 2021, an increase of 7.7 lakh from 2020 and the same was "particularly worrying" as 2021 was the second year when a slew of decongestion efforts were being implemented across the nation. "The shutting down of courts coupled with restrictions in mov-

13 STATES/UNION TERRITORIES (UTS) RECORDED 100% COVERAGE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING FACILITY ACROSS THEIR PRISONS, WHILE FOUR STATES/UTS HAD LESS THAN HALF OF THEIR JAILS **EQUIPPED WITH VC AND** LAKSHADWEEP HAD NONE

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TTAR PRADESH AND MAHARASHTRA ACCOUNT FOR THE LION'S SHARE OF UNDERTRIALS CONFINED FOR OVER 5 YEARS

ing inmates from prison to courts for physical appearances and the considerable loss of court time added to the lengthening of criminal trials, securing bail and ac-

cessing legal aid.. "Undoubtedly, videoconferencing reduces the cost and manpower expended on escorting a prisoner back and forth from court but their use appears to have done little to reduce the numbers of undertrials.

Nor is there evidence to show that the average time undertrial prisoners spend incarcerated has reduced," the IJR release stated.

Between 2019 and 2021, videoconference facilities between courts and prisons which are intended to bring prisoners face-to-face with the courts at minimum statutory intervals, increased from 60 per cent (808 jails) to 84 per cent (1102 jails), it added.

The analysis also claimed that there was an overall decline in medical staff, which includes doctors, lab technicians, pharmacists and compounders, and vacancies increased from 32.7 per cent in December 2020 to 40.5 per cent in December 2021. Nationally, average vacancy levels across all prison staff recorded a nominal decrease from 30.3 per cent in December 2020 to 28 per cent in December 2021 but yet, at the end 2021, half the states/UTs were functioning with 1/4th of their staff positions lying vacant, it said.

Intense rainfall due to monsoon surge: IMD

The eastern state has

cumulative average of

1,088.2 mm of rainfall

this monsoon season

days, the Regional Meteorological

Centre, Bhubaneswar, said in a

over southeast Madhya Pradesh

and adjoining north Vidarbha has

A well-marked low-pressure area

so far recorded a

till September 13



Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: Parts of Odisha Tuesday witnessed intense rainfall due to a monsoon surge even as the intensity of a depression has gradually declined across the state, a meteorological department official said.

The rain will continue till Wednesday morning, he said. Several places such as

Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, and Kendrapara may experience rainfall in the next two

BJP leaders to take up beach cleaning

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 13: Union Minister of State (I/C) Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh Tuesday informed that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and BJP MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi will lead a clean-up campaign at Odisha beaches on the occasion of the International Coastal Clean-up Day September 17.

Singh informed that while Pradhan will take the lead in the clean-up campaign at Puri beach, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, former Union Minister will be at Chandipur beach. The minister said that he will join the campaign at Juhu beach in Mumbai.

Cuttack couple ...

Continued from P1

"It appears there are 23 rooms on all the four floors in the hotel. The smoke spread through the staircase from the bottom to the top floor and engulfed all the floors. Some people sleeping on the first and second floors came to the corridor through the thick smoke and died of asphyxiation," Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand who visited the spot told reporters.

The exact reason for the would be known after the Fire Department's investigation, he said. "The cellar which usually should be used for parking -- obviously they are doing something else. That is a matter of inquiry," the official added. The police said there were 25 people staying in the hotel at the time of the incident.

"It is suspected that either an ebike or generator placed in the bike showroom exploded, leading to the fire," they said.

The police booked cases under Sections 304 Part-II (having knowledge that death may be caused by the act), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means) of IPC and Section B of the Explosives Act against the owners of the hotel and showroom.

Firefighters rescued seven guests trapped in the building. They were shifted to hospitals. TV visuals showed some people trying to jump out of the hotel windows in a bid to escape the fire. Modi said he was saddened by the loss of lives and announced Rs two lakh under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). "Saddened by the loss of lives due to a fire in Secunderabad. Telangana. Condolences to the be reaved families. May the injured recover soon. Rs 2 lakh from PMNRF would be paid to the next of kin of each deceased; Rs. 50,000 for the iniured." he tweeted. Telangana Minister for IT and Industries KT Rama Rao, expressing grief through a statement, said the State government would offer Rs 3 lakh as ex-gratia to the families of the deceased.

moved to central parts of East Madhya Pradesh, it said.

The system is likely to move northwestwards across Madhya Pradesh in the next 48 hours and is unlikely to bring heavy rain in Odisha, the Met office said.

Meanwhile, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that a fresh cyclonic circulation developing over the north Bay of Bengal might bring more spells of rain in Odisha around September 18.

The eastern state has so far recorded a cumulative average of 1,088.2 mm of rainfall this monsoon season till September 13, which is five per cent more than the normal average, the weather office said.

Five districts have received excess rainfall, while the remaining 25 got normal precipitation, it said.

In the last 24 hours by 5.30 am on September 13, Puri has received the highest rainfall of 54.6 mm, followed by 40 mm at Chattrapur in Ganjam district and 35.4 at Hemgiri in Sundergarh

Truck theft racket busted, nine held

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jajpur, Sept 13: Nine people, including a BJD youth leader, were arrested in Odisha's Jajpur district Tuesday as the state police busted an interstate racket that used to steal trucks, an officer said.

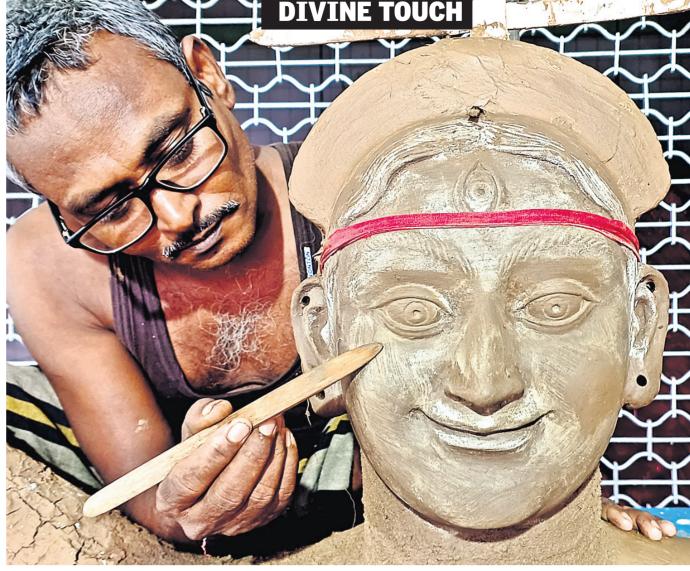
Interrogation revealed that the suspects have stolen eight trucks from various locations in Jajpur and disposed of them to scrap dealers in Kolkata and Bihar.

The local members of the racket used to target goods vehicles parked in isolated places. The gang members from Kolkata were coming to Jajpur to take stolen trucks, Jajpur Road Sub-divisional Police Officer The suspects have stolen 8 trucks from various locations in Jajpur and disposed of them to scrap dealers in Kolkata and Bihar

Pramod Mallick said.

Three of those arrested are from West Bengal and Bihar, while six others hail from Jajpur, he said.

One of those has been identified as the Jajpur district vice president of the Biju Yuva Janata Dal, the officer said. A stolen truck, many number plates of heavy vehicles, nine mobile phones and Rs 2.45 lakh in cash were seized from their possession.



An artisan making the idol of Maa Durga at Chandni Chowk Puja Mandap in Cuttack, Tuesday

THR unit inaugurated in Titilagarh

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: In line with the government's persistent efforts to ensure food and nutrition security. India has been implementing the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). The Take Home Rations (THR) programme, which is part of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) under ICDS,

offers fortified rations for use at home for children aged 6 to 36 months as well as pregnant and lactating women, with the goal of bridging the nutrition gap among them. SNP is provided in two ways: Take-Home Rations and cooked meals at Anganwadi

The model THR Unit, Titilagarh, Bolangir was inaugurated by Atanu sabyasachi Nayak, Minister,

Food Supply & Consumer Welfare, Cooperation, Tukuni Sahu, Minister, Water Resources and Commerce &Transport, and Basanti Hembram, Minister, Women and Child Development to empower communities (especially women) by increasing awareness on the importance of food security and nutritious diet.

As a pilot initiative, World Food Programmes (WFP) has formu-

lated and tested two improved THR products, namely Chhatua -Sweet and Chhatua-Savoury and has set up the first-of-its-kind automated THR Unit in Titilagarh (Model THR Unit), Bolangir. For setting up the THR unit, the construction of the building was led by the district administration of Bolangir. The THR Unit has the capacity of producing 1.6 MT of



Garbage piled up in Unit-III area of Bhubaneswar being removed by BDA and BMC workers, Tuesday

POST NEWS NETWORK Bhubaneswar, Sept 13: President

President appoints

Tripathi new VC of CUO

of India Tuesday appointed Chakradhar Tripathi, professor of Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, the new Vice Chancellor of Central University of Odisha (CUO), Koraput, for a term of five years.

Ministry of Education, in a letter to registrar of CUO, Koraput, said that the President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of Central University of Odisha, was pleased to appoint Chakradhar Tripathi, as the Vice Chancellor of the Central University as per Statute 2 of the Central Universities Act, 2009 for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever

is earlier. The terms and conditions of the services of Chakradhar Tripathi as the VC of the University will be those as set forth in the act statutes and ordinances of the University, the letter stated.

Speaking to Orissa POST Tripathy said his main focus will be to develop the academic standard of the University and improve the name of Koraput district across the country. For the benefit of the students, he said he will invite guest faculties from country's other renowned universities

The post of VC at CUO was vacant after the death of then Vice Chancellor I Ramabrahmam. Earlier, July 26, 2021 Sharat Kumar Palita had taken the charge, thus performing the duties of the Vice

Eating insects can be good for the planet

nsects are a nutritious food source that can be produced more sustainably than conventional livestock. While eating insects is common in many world regions, in western cultures it is more likely met with disgust.

The consumption of insects has slowly increased as the benefits become widely discussed. More than 2,000 edible species have been identified. But would incorporating insects into our diets really reduce the environmental footprint of food production, and can this be achieved?

Insects are high in fat, protein and nutrients. This varies between species and lifecycle stage, however the protein content of insects is frequently 40 per cent-60 per cent. Insects also provide all of the essential amino acids required for human nutrition

Adult crickets are 65 per cent protein by weight, which is higher than both beef (23 per cent) and tofu (8 per cent). Insects are also high in minerals such as copper, iron and magnesium. It is therefore of no surprise that insects are consumed by humans in many world regions today. Insects are far more efficient at converting their feed into energy than conventional livestock. Adult crickets and mealworm larvae need 5-10 times less feed than cattle to produce the same weight gain. Insects are also cold-blooded, so do not use their metabolism to heat or cool themselves, further reducing energy and food use.

A larger proportion of the animal can also be eaten compared with conventional livestock. Only 45 per cent of the cattle and 55 per cent of a chicken is consumed on average. For insects, the whole larva and 80 per cent of an adult cricket can be eaten. Insects also reproduce more rapidly than vertebrates, with many generations possible in a year. To provide the same



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vae cultivation uses 70 times less

All food production has envi-

ronmental costs. However, there

is substantial variation within this

Beef, for example, produces 100

times more greenhouse gas emis-

Insect cultivation typically falls

between these extremes. While it

sions than pea production.

agricultural land than beef.

■ 1.3 billion tonnes of food produced for human consumption is wasted each year. Another area in which insects could prove

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valuable is in the production of food or animal feed from food by-products or food waste

can be less environmentally dam-

aging than the production of meat,

it has a higher footprint than most

plant-based foods. Per kilogram of

protein, pea production emits only

4kg of CO2eq, while tofu requires

roughly half the agricultural land

friendly (or -friendlier) food will de-

Whether insects are a climate-

needed for insect cultivation.

pend on what the insect protein replaces. If insect-based foods are used to substitute conventional meat, this could provide important gains. However, large gains could also be achieved if plantbased alternatives are adopted.

1.3 billion tonnes of food produced for human consumption is wasted each year. Another area in which insects could prove valuable is in the production of food or animal feed from food by-products or food waste. Black soldier flies reared on by-products such as almond hulls can be converted into feed for livestock or farmed seafood.

Edible insects are not the sole solution to achieve a more sustainable food system. However, they do provide a nutritious and more sustainable substitute to conventional meat. Their production, flexibility and diversity means they are likely to play an increasing part in a more circular food system. PT

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nutritional value, insect cultiva-

tion therefore uses a fraction of

the land, energy and water used for

To produce a kilogram of protein,

mealworm larvae emit 14kg of

CO2eq, far less than the 500kg of

CO2eq emitted on average in beef

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amount of protein, mealworm lar-

conventional livestock farming.

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Fund crunch hits projects for strengthening Subarnarekha banks



POST NEWS NETWORK

Jaleswar, Sept 13: The banks of the Subarnarekha river spread over Balasore and Mayurbhani districts have become weak at many places. The weakening of the riverbanks is posing severe flood threats to riparian villages in these two districts, a report said.

A technical advisory committee had recommended the implementation of 15 projects six years ago at various places of the riverbank. A high-powered committee had also approved all the projects four years back. However, since then nothing has happened due to lack of funds. Sources said that the authorities are yet to float ten-

ders for 14 of the 15 projects. Locals alleged that if the projects are not implemented and go on getting delayed the river will gobble up many riparian villages that may lose their existence forever. Due to devastating floods lives,

Keonjhar, Sept 13: Forest

department officials have

started using drone cam-

eras to monitor movements of wild and ailing elephants

in remote forest areas of

Keonjhar district. The drive

is aimed at ensuring safety

of the animals and alert

ing people in those areas

about the presence of ele-

phants. Sources said, elephant menace has been a

routine affair in various

pockets of the district, leading to man-animal conflict.

cameras are useful as they

will track the movement

of the animals and people

can be alerted when the

pachyderms are close to

the villages. The cameras

will be useful in counting

their numbers and help in

tracking missing elephants

from their respective herds,

Sources pointed out that

the district has witnessed

a large number of elephant

deaths in the last few years

due to various reasons in-

cluding accidents. Also de-

tecting the carcasses of de-

ceased animals in dense

they added.

Officials said that drone

properties and crops are lost every year in many villages of Jaleswar, Bhograi, Baliapal and Basta blocks of Balasore district. Floodwaters also play havoc in Rasgovindpur block of neighbouring Mayurbhanj district causing damages to properties and crops.

Funds close to ₹100 crore are required for the 15 projects approved by the technical advisory committee. However, as of now only the project in this town may see light of the day due to the efforts of MLA Aswini Patra

Funds worth ₹8.61 crore have already been sanctioned for construction of 4.5km of the 12kmlong ring road around this town while the rest of the projects have been non-starters due to paucity of money.

A total of rupees seven crore is needed for the project at Gobarghata to the left of Subarnarekha river, ₹10 crore for a project at Jhadeswarpur, ₹4.74 crore for Kotsahi, ₹3.70 crore

DUE TO WEAK EMBANKMENTS FLOODS WREAK HAVOC EVERY YEAR IN BALASORE AND MAYURBHANJ DISTRICTS

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DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS

at Raipur and rupees four crore for construction of four spurs at Batighara in Balarampur. Similarly ₹1.40 crore is needed for the project at Ektali, ₹7.6 crore for projects at Naranpur and Srikanthapur and rupees eight crore for the devel opment of the riverbank at Mohammednagarpatna. However, officials are not sure when the amounts will finally be allotted.

This year after floodwaters subsided, a team led by chief engineer Chandrasekhar Padhi and comprising Jaleswar Water Resources department officials visited this town and took stock of the weak embankments of the river at various places. Local public representatives and senior citizens have also demanded that the riparian villages should be safeguarded by urgent completion of the projects within the next couple of years failing which floods will continue to wreak havoc.



Students of Bariniput Yojana Uchcha Vidvalaya in Jeypore formed a human chain and staged a demonstration demanding infrastructure development and filling up of vacant posts for teachers after locking the office of the Kolab Hydro-Electric project, Tuesday

Man hacked to death



Berhampur. Sept 13: Armed miscreants hacked a man to death near Chandipadar village under Sadar police limits in Ganjam district, Tuesday morning. The man identified as Purna Chandra Nayak, 42, was the husband of candidate Minati Nayak who had lost in the last panchayat polls held in the month of February, this year in the state. Minati had contested for the post of a Samiti member from the Rushipur panchayat under

Purusottampur block in this district. Purna was attacked by five assailants at around 11.00am in the

morning. He was on his way to this city on his bike for some work. The miscreants waylaid him at an isolated place near Regidi Square close to Chandipadar village and hacked him with swords and other sharp weapons. A profusely bleeding Purna was rushed to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital here where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Acting on a complaint lodged by Minati, police have begun their investigation. They have seized a mobile phone, a bike, a pair of slippers and a blood-stained sword from the murder spot. A forensic team and sniffer dogs have also been pressed into service to locate the miscreants.

Minati alleged that the incident was a case of pre-planned murder. She said that since her defeat, her main rival had lodged false complaints with the police against her husband. She stated that Purna got bail from the Orissa High Court in June.

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Sd./- Block Development Officer, Soro

Drone cameras to track jumbo movement in Keonihar district

and remote areas have be-

come a tough task. Officials

said that many elephants

fall sick due to various rea-

sons. With the help of

drones, all these issues can

A few days ago, Forest

department officials got to

know about an ailing jumbo

in Telkoi range. By using a

drone camera, they kept

vigil on the animal till it

got well. Officials also said

that drone cameras will

help in identifying the dif-

ferent herds. Animals that

get separated from their

herds can also be tracked.

been created by the Forest

department along with per-

sonnel from the Railways

and Power departments.

Information is being shared

on this group regarding the

movement of the tuskers. So

when the elephants are near

electric wires, then the

power is being turned off.

Trains also slow down once

there is information about

the presence of the animals

near railway tracks. Forest

department officials feel

that in this manner, ele-

phant deaths due to acci-

dents can be avoided.

A WhatsApp group has

be attended to properly.

倒UCO BANK

Date: 13.09.2022

Zonal Office, UCO Bank Building, 2nd Floor, C-2, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751009, Tel: 0674-2620423

Section 13(4) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act., 2002 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor to repay the amount with interest at the contractual rate together with incidental expenses and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described here-in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with est & expenses thereon.

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South 42.50 feet, Totalling 61.3 square metre equal to 658.75 square feet a Nandanapalli Village of Ganjam Tahasil within Ganjam SRO Limit and of Ganjam District., Total Area: 10019 square feet, 61.3 square metre equal to 1.47 cent, property in the name of Mrs. Chinapani Amalu, W/o.: Chinapani Dambaru, Bounded

by North: Road, East: S Badamukunda, South: Goddess Thakurani Land, West: S Sanamukunda Authorised Officer UCO Bank Place: Bhubaneswar

Central Ground Water Authority

Ministry of Jal Shakti Government of India

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Kind attention is drawn to the Public Notice No. 3/2022 dated 14.06.2022, 5/2022 dated 29.07.2022 and 6/2022 dated 19.08.2022 issued by CGWA regarding taking permission for ground withdrawal by all existing users. In this regard following is clarified:

- 1. "All Ground Water Users including" may be read as "Ground Water Users from these categories:"
- 2. Ladakh stands omitted from the list of States/UTs provided.

Rest of the contents of the said Public Notices will remain unchanged. Please log on to https://cgwanoc.gov.in for further details.

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Chairman August 2022

Science park at Gopalpur remains a distant dream

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, Sept 13: A proposed science park at Bikrampur under Gopalpur Assembly constituency in Ganjam district has remained a non-starter even though the project was finalised seven years back, sources said. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had laid the foundation stone, but since then there has been no progress. Locals demanded Tuesday that the park should be completed as quickly as possible as it will inculcate a sense of learning among youngsters.

Sources said that when Pradeep Panigrahi was elected Gopalpur MLA for the second time in 2014 and became the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Rural Water Supply, Higher Education, Science and Technology departments, he took the initiative for setting up a science park at Bikrampur.

Panigrahi was aga $\bar{\rm in}$ elected a third time from the same constituency in 2019, but then got embroiled in various controversies. Subsequently he was axed from the BJD

in 2020. Since his ouster, no one else has taken the initiative. Locals alleged that the project has been shelved despite the Odisha government providing land. They alleged that the Centre has always neglected the Gopalpur Assembly segment and the park project is a prime example.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER R.W. DIVISION, ANANDAPUR, SALAPADA, KEONJHAR

e-Procurement Notice for Building Works Identification No.Online-02/SERW/AND/2022-23 E-mail address:eerw_anandapur@yahoo.co.in.

No.6709//Dt.12.9.22 No.O-964:1.Name of the work: Construction of Building Works for the year 2022-23. 2.Total No. of works: 08 (Eight) Nos.(Percentage rate Tender). 3. Estimated cost : Approx. Estimate Cost Rs.15.34 lakhs to Rs.40.33

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| Superintend- ing Engineer, R.W. Division, Anandapur | | 16.09.2022 at 10.00 A.M. | 22.09.2022 upto 5.00 P.M. | 21.09.2022 upto 5.00 P.M. | 23.09.2022 11.30 A.M. | The bidder shall transfer online the cost of bid and EMD in column No. 4 & 6 in Annexure-I, respectively through a process |

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> MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 1st August, 2022

S.O. 3589(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH16 in the stretch of land from Km. 136.5 to Km. 150 (At/Po/PS-Simulia, Dist-Balasore, (Odisha)) in the

district of BALASORE in the state of ODISHA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

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

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final. The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

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| 4 | 1618 | Private | Gharabari | 0.0099999(Acre) | 0.0040469 |
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RAJESH GUPTA, Director



There is no greater pride and glory than to be a perfect instrument of the Master.



Hungry World

s shocking as it may seem, as many as 828 million people in the world go to bed hungry every night and the number of those facing acute I food insecurity, meaning one step away from starvation, has gone up from 135 million to 345 million since 2019, according to reports. Worse still a total number of 50 million people in 45 countries are hovering on the edge of famine. These are hard statistics released by the United Nations. The World Food Programme (WFP) under the UN needs \$24 billion to reach 153 million hungry people during the current year, but there is hardly any guarantee that WFP would get such funds at a time when the global economy is reeling under the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, one may recall the time the WFP Chief David Beasley opened a war of words with Tesla CEO Elon Musk by suggesting billionaires like him should donate a miniscule portion of their wealth to the tune of \$6 billion to end world hunger. Musk had responded by saying he was willing to do the same if WFP could disclose exact plans on how \$6 billion can end world hunger and demanded open book accounts to be made public. It is obvious that a finite amount of money might not be able to put an end to a complex problem like hunger and a single institution like WFP might not have all the answers or be able to deliver concrete results. The WFP must have received funding in billions over the years but the hunger problem has only compounded over time.

World leaders had pledged to end hunger by 2030 seven years back. The way things are moving, the goal appears to be a pipedream. Arif Husain, WFP Chief Economist, has warned that famine is 'at the door' in Somalia, while across the drought-ravaged Horn of Africa, 22 million are on the verge of

Almost a third of Pakistan is under water, and four-fifths of its livestock have died. Even China is facing an agricultural crisis as its southern region is hit by drought and a heatwave so strong that crops there are at severe risk. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has exacerbated the already grim situation. Food supplies from the two major exporters have been stopped, while energy and fertilizer prices are soaring. The UN has noted that several factors, apart from Russia's war against Ukraine, are responsible for the situation. Conflicts in different regions of the world and climate shocks are among

Globally, prices have risen by about 20 per cent year-on-year. Food inflation stands at 33 per cent in Iran and a staggering 122 per cent in Lebanon. What is of great concern is production hard hit by fertilizer prices which have soared by 300 per cent in some countries in Africa

Seeking to find answers to the question why global hunger has increased so alarmingly now, the UN has identified four factors. The biggest cause of world hunger is conflict. This is borne out by the fact that 60 per cent of the world's hungry live in areas affected by war and violence. The current situation in Ukraine is one more confirmation, if confirmation is needed, of how conflict feeds hunger, driving people out of their homes and wiping out their sources of income.

The second reason is the climate shocks that undermine people's ability to feed themselves. The economic fallout of COVID-19 pandemic is pushing hunger to unprecedented levels. The impact of COVID-19 pushed more people into poverty. Lockdowns devastated family livelihoods, economies and disrupted supply chains. The result left one in eight people severely food insecure. Two years later, these families are still struggling to put food

The rising cost of living has also reached an all-time high. The crisis is bringing to the fore an ugly aspect of the food supply chain. While consumers and often producers struggle to survive, grain traders make huge profits. The trade is concentrated in the hands of a few companies. The resumption of grain exports from Ukraine cannot help the world tide over the crisis. Good harvest, if weather becomes favourable and a windfall tax on companies that have hugely profited from the pandemic could be used to help feed people and also create a sustainable food system. This is the prescription of Oxfam that appears most sensible.

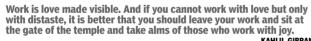
However, to achieve Zero Hunger, what is needed is political will more than money. That alone can end conflict in most places. Added to this, the political leaders of different countries need to forget their love for company profits and start thinking of their people and governments must encourage more people back to agriculture with an environment friendly twist.



We are what our thoughts have made us: so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thought's live; they travel far.

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was

service. I acted and behold, service was joy.



WORDS**WORTH**

■ Boilerplate

In the latter part of the nineteenth century, news agencies and syndicates in the United States would regularly send out material to the many small-town papers across the country. To make it as simple to use as possible, the text was supplied ready to typeset on matrices (commonly abbreviated to mats), squeezed paper moulds created by stereotyping, from which type could be cast locally. All the printer had to do was slot it into the right place on the page, often first cutting the mould with scissors in a brutally crude form of editing to fit the text to the space. A possible plausible origin was described by Richard Weiner in his Webster's New World Dictionary of Media Communications: "Many newspaper syndicates started in Chicago including the American Press Association, which was founded in 1892 in the same building as a sheet-iron factory. Chicago printers dubbed the noisy American Press offices a boilerplate factory". The problem with the story is that the expression is known earlier. Here's an example from November 1889, in the Sandusky Daily Register of Ohio: "Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans present paid the slightest attention to the senseless charges of the Democratic organ that the society has been run in the interest of the Republican party. The influence of that sheet does not extend beyond the walls of the building in which its boiler plates are sent to press." It is more likely that these pre-formed slabs of text reminded editors and printers of the standard-sized metal plates that were supplied by iron foundries to riveters constructing steam boilers. Because the syndicated material was often third-rate filler stuff, or semi-disguised advertising puffs, boilerplate quickly came to mean hackneyed or unoriginal writing, a meaning very close to that of stereotype itself. The writer in the Sandusky Daily Register is implying that the unnamed Democratic newspaper is full of such uninspiring stuff. The same term was taken over later by the legal profession to refer to the standard clauses in a contract, which didn't change often and which could similarly be slotted into place in the text as needed. As early as 1954, the practice was being condemned (in an article in the Bedford Gazette): "Written into the law is a section designed to put an end to what Schnader described as 'the all too prevalent practice of including in fine print of "boiler plate" in contract forms, terms waiving or modifying fundamental provisions of statutory law which would otherwise govern the transaction."

FOCUS CHINA

IS BRI LOSING ITS SHEEN?



Asad Mirza

AS CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA APPEAR TO MOUNT, SOME EXPERTS HAVE QUESTIONED THE INTENTIONS **OF CHINA'S BRI**

√he recent economic upheaval followed by the political disruption in Sri Lanka has once again made China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) the focus of debate whether it is beneficial or insensitive to the participating countries besides being a success or a failure. Chinese President Xi Jinping launched the BRI with much fanfare and high promises and grandiose plans for the participating countries in 2013. It was considered to be a centrepiece of the Chinese foreign and trade policy. Basically, the BRI earlier also re-

ferred to, as One Belt One Road or OBOR for short, is a global infrastructure development strategy to invest in nearly 150 countries and international organisations, around the globe. The BRI formed a central component of Xi's "Major Country Diplomacy" strategy, which calls for China to assume a greater leadership role for global affairs in accordance with its rising power and status. As of August, 149 countries were listed as having signed up to the BRI.

Xi originally announced the strategy as the "Silk Road Economic Belt" during an official visit to Kazakhstan in September 2013, referring to the proposed overland routes for road and rail transportation through landlocked Central Asia along the famed historical trade routes of the Western regions; in addition to the "21st Century Maritime Silk Road", referring to the Indo-Pacific sea routes through Southeast Asia to South Asia, the Middle East and Africa. In fact the BRI was also considered a grandiose plan to challenge the American hegemony over the global trade and diplomacy.

However, the recent events in Sri Lanka, with similar echoes being heard from Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan have led China watchers to conclude that this is an indicator of the hit that the Chinese economy has taken during the COVID-19 pandemic and the BRI appears to be under revaluation with recipient countries warv of the debt trap and its economic feasibility.

Let's take a closer look at the original intent of the BRI, its expansion and its long and short-term impacts on the aid recipient countries and whether it has been a success or a failure and how the US could have countered it in a much better manner.

In his report in 2020, Rafiq



Nine years after its launch, the BRI seems to have lost its sheen, due to the economic meltdown in several countries. which borrowed heavily from China under the garb of infrastructure development, progress and prosperity

Dossani, Director, RAND Centre for Asia Pacific Policy, opined that China's strongest motive behind the BRI was its long-term economic security. The maritime routes of the BRI would have helped the relatively underdeveloped, landlocked areas of China such as Yunnan and Xinjiang provinces by linking them with ports in the more rapidly growing areas of Asia.

At the same time, the emerging land routes of the BRI were marked as an alternative to the South China Sea, through which most of China's trade currently passes and which is becoming a zone of contestation between the US and China. Dossani further explaining the reasons for the initial welcome of BRI opined that traditionally, many countries pre fer to work with the World Bank and other multilateral lenders, which provide borrowers with good practices, while making significant funding available on a meritocratic rather than political basis

But, he says further that from a developing country's viewpoint, accessing the world's spare capital has been difficult because of the risk entailed in many such investments. The Asian Development Bank estimates that Asian countries face an infrastructure investment gap of \$459 billion a year.

This logic also explains the sentiments, which in the initial stages of the launch of the BRI seemed to be the main attractive reason for the BRI projects and the Chinese funding. But nine years after its launch, the BRI seems to have lost its sheen, due to the economic meltdown in several countries. which borrowed heavily from China under the garb of infrastructure development, progress and prosperity.

Bangladesh Finance Minster AHM Mustafa Kamal has publicly blamed economically unviable Chinese BRI projects for the exacerbating economic crisis in Sri Lanka. He says that developing countries must think twice before taking more loans through BRI as global inflation and slowing growth add to the strains on indebted emerging markets.

In fact, Bangladesh has made it clear that it will not accept any further loans but only grants from Beijing. Nepal has also taken the same stand. Pakistan with some \$53 billion being spent by Beijing under the aegis of BRI also faces the same fate.

China has also invested some \$44 billion in Indonesia, \$41 billion in Singapore, \$39 billion in Russia, \$33 billion in Saudi Arabia and \$30 billion in Malaysia.

The cry against Chinese BRI is not limited to the Indian sub-continent as its reverberations can be heard in the stalled \$4.7 billion railway project in Kenya, also. Five years since its launch, the project ends abruptly in an empty field, 200 miles from its destination

As conflicts between the United States and China appear to mount, some experts have questioned the intentions of China's BRI. It has been viewed as a debt trap for impoverished states and a means for China to expand its territorial control, but is it a reality? Is the US missing an opportunity to participate in or initiate parallel activities?

The BRI has been repeatedly labelled a debt trap and a power grab, and perhaps this seemed like a possible scenario. However. this concept has been debunked by recent research. Deborah Brautigam, director of the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University, found no evidence that Chinese banks over-lend or invest in loss-making projects to obtain a foothold in those countries, in one of her studies on Chinese lending to Africa.

There is further evidence that China is not engaging in debt trap diplomacy. Brautigam has noted that in some countries the IMF has been labelled as being vulnerable. Also Chinese loans were not responsible for pushing indebted countries above IMF debt sustainability limits.

Furthermore, it should be noted that not just impoverished nations, but East Asian and Europe countries have also been smitten by the BRI. Over 18 European Union countries have joined the BRI.

In fact, rather than decrying China, the US should engage in infrastructure lending to poor countries, and/or make it easier for multilateral banks to lend for such projects, reducing bureaucratic requirements. It should also initiate similar activities in under-developed or developing countries.

To better its image, China should improve transparency around BRI deals. The World Bank and other bodies have also called for increased transparency. This would go a long way in improving US and other countries' understanding of Chinese intentions about the BRI.

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IN JEST THIS

The queen died too soon



Melvin Durai

MOST MOMS WOULD HAVE RUN OUT OF CURSE WORDS BEFORE CHARLES AND ANDREW TURNED 5. BUT THE **QUEEN KEPT HER COMPOSURE**

mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned for 70 years, longer than any other British monarch. I understand their grief. It was truly a shock on September 8 when we heard the news that the queen was no more. Here are just some of the reasons why her death has been felt so deeply around the

1. She died too young. Ninetysix may seem old to you, but that's because vou are measuring age in "commoner years." Commoners are lucky if they live to see 80, but royals can live as long as their first-rate healthcare lets them. Royals have chefs and dieticians who ensure that they eat only high-quality food -- and not too much of it. Royals have personal trainers who help keep them in shape. The queen's trainer showed up at Buckingham Palace every morning to make sure the queen

illions of people are maintained her daily exercise routine of walking 10 laps around the coffee table. That may not seem like much exercise to you, but that's because you are measuring exercise in "commoner sweat." Royals do not like to sweat. They have people to do that for them.

> 2. She modernised the monarchy. In 1992, she volunteered to pay income tax and capital gains tax. She allowed members of the roval family to get divorced and remarry. When the British media demanded more transparency from the royal family, the queen grudgingly permitted her grand-

daughters to wear sheer dresses. 3. She never cursed. No one ever heard her utter an expletive. not even a "blooming heck." This is especially surprising when you consider whom she had for sons. Most moms would have run out of curse words before Charles and Andrew turned 5. But the queen kept her composure, expressing

her dismay in a gentle manner such as, "Now Charles, you know you're not supposed to sleep with anyone but the lass you married."

4. She believed strongly in di-

versity and embraced all colours. Black, brown, yellow and green she wore them all with aplomb. She often wore matching hats with her dresses. The Toronto Star described her as a "fashion icon for the ages." (By "ages," they of course meant the Middle Ages.)

5. She met tens of thousands of people during her reign, giving each a smile or a friendly word or two. She had tea in Buckingham Palace with so many people, even Meghan Markle. She traveled all over the world, meeting citizens and leaders of countries that were once part of the British Empire. Many of them treated her like she was still their queen, and in return, she treated them like they were still her subjects.

6. She was careful with her words, whether she was meeting a respected leader or a tyrant holding onto power. Unlike her late husband, who was notorious for putting his foot in his mouth, she usually found the right words to endear herself to everyone except the British tabloids.

7. She didn't retire from the throne, despite all the responsibilities. Imagine doing the same job for 70 years, a job that didn't allow her much freedom. As a queen, she couldn't drive herself around, wash her own dishes or even iron her own clothes. She couldn't call her best friend and say, "Let's hit the bingo hall tonight, Bertha, what do you say?"

She held onto her crown for as long as she could. She did this out of a sense of duty, knowing that she owed it to the British public to postpone, as much as possible, the reign of King Charles III.

Yes, she died too soon.

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TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinior and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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School dropouts

Sir, School dropout rates are regarded as a colossal loss in the education system. Not only do many students leave school without obtaining basic skills, their premature departure represents a remarkable waste of scarce education resources. Why do children dropout of school? It is generally accepted that family and socio-economic problems, bad influence, child's poor health, inability to pay fees, less motivation of teachers and lack of guidance and involvement of parents are some of the major reasons for school dropouts. Moreover, many schools lack adequate counselling sessions. The latest data released by the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) in 2020-21 shows that at the primary level, the dropout rate was only 0.8 per cent, but at the secondary level (Class IX-X), it was 14.6 per cent. But, the most common reason reported for children dropping out of school is not cost or access, but lack of interest in studies, with boys (nearly 36 per cent of respondents) much less enthused than girls (about 21 per cent), according to the findings of the National Family Health Survey(NFHS)-5 conducted in 2019-21. Why no interest? Dr TV Sekher, Head of the Department of Family and Generations at the International Institute for Population Sciences, says that generally, after failing a class or two, the child loses interest in studies. Most of the time, these children are from extremely poor families. If their parents do not value education, it impacts the child's interest in studies. How to control school dropouts? The Union Ministry of Education is serious about how to get school dropouts back into classrooms from offering financial aid to teaching resources. In this connection the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 shall be taken up to check the problem. Schools should practise innovative teaching methods to draw the students towards education and spark interest in them.

Bhagaban Nayak, BERHAMPUR

Rising star

Sir, Spanish teen sensation Carlos Alcaraz deserves accolades for scripting history at the US Open. The Spaniard demolished Norway's Casper Ruud in the final in four sets. Besides bagging his maiden Grand Slam title, the new tennis poster boy also became the youngest World Number 1 and Grand Slam champion since Nadal in 2005. With the most championship wins on the ATP tour this season, Alcaraz's meteoric rise could herald a new dawn in men's tennis. NJ Ravi Chander.

BANGALORE

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You are unable to speak, journalists and activists are being jailed and slapped with Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and politicians are being silenced. The people are slowly understanding that BJP is violating the constitution

MEHBOOBA MUFTI THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT

REPUBLIC DAY 2023

The government has proposed three specific themes for next year's Republic Day Parade tableaux --India@75, International Year of Millets and Nari Shakti -- sources said Tuesday

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY





Whosoever I met in Guiarat said there is corruption everywhere. One has to pay bribe to get a

government work done. There is corruption at the lower level and at the top also there are scams. If one speaks against it. he is threatened...There is corruption and hooliganism everywhere in

ARVIND KEJRIWAL DELHI CHIEF MINISTER





JAIRAM RAMESH CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY

People who sell dreams will never get electoral success in



SHORT TAKES

Debt-ridden farmer ends life in Nagpur

Nagpur: A debt-ridden farmer allegedly committed suicide in Maharashtra's Nagpur district after his crop got damaged due to heavy rains, police said on Tuesday. This is the fifth incident of farmers taking the extreme step in the district this month. On Monday, farmer Rajiv Baburao Judpe (60), a resident of Pimpaldara village in Narkhed tehsil, was found hanging from a tree with a rope at his farm, assistant police inspector Manoj Choudhary of Jalalkheda police station told PTI. The farmer owned 2.5 acre of land and had taken loan from a bank. He was depressed since his crop was damaged due to heavy rains, the official said quoting a statement of Judpe's son.

Several rivers in spate in Karnataka

Bangalore: Several rivers in Karnataka are again in spate following heavy rains in their catchment areas as well as in the upstream in the neighbouring Maharashtra, officials said Tuesday. Krishna, Bhadra, Tunga, Bhima, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Markandeya Hiranyakeshi and several other small rivers and rivulets are "swollen and flowing dangerously", sources in the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre said. According to them, the affected districts are: Belagavi, Bagalkote, Vijayapura, Chikkamagaluru, Uttara Kannada and Kodagu.

TN man tortured, killed in Kuwait

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Tiruvarur (TN): Villagers of Koothanallur taluk in the district staged a protest here on Tuesday, demanding action against those responsible for the death of a 30-year-old man from the village in Kuwait, R Muthukumaran was tortured and shot dead by his employer in Kuwait within 4 days of joining work as domestic help, his wife Vidhya claimed.

Pak-based gangster's operative arrested

Chandigarh: Close on the heels of busting an ISI-backed terror module jointly handled by Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh alias Landa, and Pakistan-based gangster Harvinder Singh Rinda, Punjab Police's State Special Operation Cell has arrested another operative of the gang from Kharar. The arrested person has been identified as Anmoldeep Soni, a resident of Harike Pattan in Tarn Taran. The police have also recovered 103 gm heroin from his possession.

Parl panel seeks audit of Cov deaths due to O₂ shortage



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 13: A parliamentary committee has recommended the Union Health Ministry for the "audit of deaths due to oxygen shortage", especially during the Covid second wave, in coordination with states to enable robust documentation of the mortalities.

'The Committee in its 123rd Report had warned the Government of the possible shortage of the Oxygen Cylinders and supply of Oxygen in the hospitals. The Committee is disappointed to note that the Ministry in its submission in 2020 had assured that the country is self sufficient in Oxygen and Oxygen Cylinders; however, their hollow claim was brutally exposed during the second wave," said the panel.

The panel said further that the Committee is "disturbed" by the ministry's "unfortunate" denial of the Covid deaths due to Oxygen shortage in the country.

The Committee takes into account the media reports that there were many deaths due to Oxygen shortage in the hospitals. However, the sheer negligence of the fact shows the absence of empathy in the Government parlance, the parliamentary pannel alleged.

The Committee notes that there were no definite guidelines for identifying the deaths due to inadequate supply of oxygen. Oxygen shortage is not noted as a cause of

The committee said it was "disturbed" by the ministry's "unfortunate denial" of COVID-19 deaths due to oxygen shortage

death in the medical records and most of the deaths were attributed to co-morbidities, it added further.

'The Committee is disappointed at this utter ignorance by the Government and strongly recommends the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to examine the number of deaths due to oxygen shortage especially during the second wave of Covid. The Ministry, in coordination with the States, must audit the deaths due to oxygen shortage and enable robust documentation of the covid deaths that will infact generate the responsive and responsible sense of government and cautious formulation of policy and combat situational health care emergency." said the Parliamentary Panel.

The Committee further expects more transparency and more accountability from the Government agencies.

The Ministry must meticulously examine the oxygen stricken Covid deaths and ensure that proper compensation is accorded to the families of the victims, the panel has said in the report.



A drone being used to spray fertilizers and pesticides in a field in Tezpur, Assam

'BJP trying to topple AAP govt in Punjab'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Sept 13: The ruling AAP in Punjab Tuesday accused the BJP of offering ₹20-25 crore each to its MLAs in an attempt to topple the Bhagwant Mann government in the state.

The Punjab BJP dubbed the allegations as "baseless" and "bundle of lies" and said AAP is trying to divert attention of people from its "failures"

Addressing the media here, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema alleged that under the BJP's "Operation Lotus", some AAP legislators in the state have been approached. The senior AAP leader claimed that seven to 10 AAP MLAs have been approached with offers of money and ministerial positions

"Our MLAs in Punjab are being contacted. They are being contacted telephonically by some people of the BJP who were sent by the BJP's central leadership to break our legislators away from the party," said Cheema. "They approached our MLAs and told them that their

Lotus'many leaders and agents of the BJP from Delhi and Punjab have approached at least 10 AAP MLAs on phone in the past seven days and offered ₹25 crore to each to quit AAP and join the BJP HARPAL SINGH CHEEMA PUNJAB FINANCE MINISTER

Under 'Operation

meeting will be arranged with 'vadde baau ji' and with big leaders in Delhi, and also offered them ₹25 crore each," he said.

Cheema alleged that the AAP MLAs were offered ministerial positions if the BJP forms the government. The state finance minister further alleged, "They were told if you bring three-four MLAs, then you will be offered ₹50-70 crore."

Cheema said when one of the MLAs asked how it would topple the AAP government which has 92 MLAs, they were told that they just needed 35 MLAs to topple the government as they were in touch with legislators from other par-

ties. He alleged that the Congress MLAs were "bought" in Madhya Pradesh and other states. "May be here also they (BJP) are in touch

with them (Congress MLAs)." He also claimed that the BJP kept ₹1,375 crore for breaking 55 MLAs away in Punjab.

"The BJP wants to spend ₹1,375 crore in Punjab to topple the AAP government," Cheema said, adding that the saffron party had earlier tried to topple the AAP government in Delhi with ₹800 crore.

AAP leader Cheema alleged the BJP earlier tried to "murder" democracy in Delhi and same attempt was being made in Punjab but it cannot be successful in its attempt. The AAP MLAs, leaders and workers stand with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann like a rock, he said.

Seven to 10 MLAs were approached directly or indirectly by the BJP through its people, he said. When asked about names of

MLAs who were approached, Cheema said, "Many MLAs have got calls. It is a matter of investigation." The CBI and the ED were already after the AAP leaders in Punjab, he alleged.

"Our legal team will see at which forum legal action will be taken (in the matter). At this stage, we cannot disclose the names of MLAs. In the coming time, our MLAs will come forward and we will present proof and electronic records before the public," said Cheema.

When pointed out that the AAP government has police and intelligence under it and why it was waiting for action in the matter, Cheema said, "Very soon, legal action will be taken as our legal experts are working on it.'

EC declares 253 RUPPs as inactive KCR seeks withdrawal

The action against 339 non-compliant RUPPs takes the tally to 537 defaulting RUPPs since May 25, 2022

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Sept 13: As part of its action for ensuring due compliance by Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs), the Election Commission of India (ECI) led by Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar, has delisted 86 nonexistent RUPPs and declared another 253 as 'Inactive RUPPs'.

The ECI said that as per statutory requirements under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, every political party has to communicate any change in its name, head office, office-bearers, ad-



dress, PAN etc. to the Commission without delay.

A total of 86 RUPPs have been found to be non-existent either after a physical verification carried out by the respective chief electoral officers of concerned states/UTs or based on report of undelivered letters/notices from the postal authority sent to the registered address of the concerned RUPP.

It may be recalled that the ECI had delisted 87 and 111 RUPPs through orders dated May 25 and June 20, respectively. The latest decision against 253 non-compliant

RUPPs has been taken based on reports received from chief electoral officers of seven states -Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

These 253 RUPPs have been declared inactive, as they have not responded to the letter/notice delivered to them and have not contested a single election, be it Assembly polls or Parliamentary elections of 2014 and 2019.

These RUPPs have failed to comply with the statutory requirements for more than 16 compliance steps since 2015 and are continuing to default, said a senior EC official.

Of the above 253 parties, 66 RUPPs actually applied for a common symbol as per Para 10B of the Symbol's Order 1968 and did not contest the respective elections.

of power reforms bill

NDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Hyderabad, Sept 12: Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao Monday demanded the Centre to withdraw the Electricity Amendment Bill 2022 before farmers stand up for another agitation.

Speaking in the State Legislative Assembly, he launched a bitter attack on Narendra Modi government for what he called its conspiracy to destroy agriculture in the name of reforms.

He said if the power reforms bill was implemented, motors have to be installed to agriculture pump sets and this would be a deathknell to farmers, who will turn labourers in their own fields. KCR, as Rao is popularly known, ap-

pealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw the power reforms bill. "Modiji, for God's sake withdraw the power reforms bill. You have the habit of making legislation and withdrawing them. You brought a land acquisition ordinance and then took it back. You brought three anti-farmer laws and later not only withdrew them but also apologised," he said.

Take back the power reforms bill before any trouble. Before people stand up and launch another agitation, accept our demand with respect," he added. He made it clear that Telangana will never accept installation of motors to agriculture pumpsets and would continue 24X7 supply of free electricity to the agriculture sector.

security dialogue PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, Sept 13: India and Vietnam held their security dia-

India, Vietnam hold

logue here Tuesday and discussed ways to enhance maritime security cooperation, with New Delhi reiterating its firm stand for the freedom of navigation and overflight in accordance with international laws, people familiar with the matter said.

The Second India-Vietnam Security Dialogue at the level of Deputy National Security Advisor/Deputy Minister took place here in-person with the Indian side led by Vikram Misri, Deputy National Security Adviser, and the Vietnamese side by Senior Lieutenant General Luong Tam Quang, Deputy Minister of Public Security.

An MoU for cooperation signed between the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security in 2016 established the institutional mechanism. The inaugural dialogue was held in April 2018 in Hanoi.

Misri reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), focused on a collaborative effort to better manage, conserve, sustain and secure the maritime domain, and which shares strong convergence with the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, the people in the know of the meeting said.

Vietnam appreciated India's role in promoting peace and security in the region and in shaping the Indo-Pacific architecture, they said.



ANTI-CANCER DRUGS TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE

Anti-infectives like Ivermectin, Mupirocin and Meropenem have also been added to the list, taking the total drugs under it to 384

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: Several anticancer drugs, antibiotics and vaccines will now become more affordable as they are among 34 new additions to the National List of Essential Medicines, with the government saying this will reduce "patients' out-of-pocket expenditure"

Four major anti-cancer drugs -Bendamustine Hydrochloride, Irinotecan HCI Trihydrate, Lenalidomide and Leuprolide acetate which are effective in various types of cancers -- and psychotherapeutic medicines - Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Buprenorphine -- have been added

However, 26 drugs such as Ranitidine, Sucralfate, white petrolatum, Atenolol and Methyldopa have been dropped from the previous list. The deletion has been done based on the parameters of cost effectiveness and availability of better drugs.

After launching the list Tuesday, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted, "Released the National List of Essential Medicines 2022. It comprises 384 drugs across 27 categories. Several antibiotics, vaccines, anti-cancer drugs and many other important drugs will become more affordable & reduce patients' out-of-pocket Speaking on the occasion, he

said his ministry is taking vari-

ous steps under the vision of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi towards

"Sabko Dawai, Sasti Dawai" "In this direction, National List

of Essential Medicines (NLEM) plays an important role in ensuring accessibility of affordable quality medicines at all levels of healthcare. This will give boost to cost-effective, quality medicines and contribute towards reduction in Out of Pocket Expenditure on healthcare for the citizens," he said. The primary purpose of

NLEM is to promote rational use of medicines considering the three important aspects -- cost, safety and efficacy, Mandaviya said.

He said the NLEM is a dynamic document and is revised on a regular basis considering the changing public health priorities as well as advancement in pharmaceutical knowledge. The NLEM was formulated in 1996 and it was revised thrice earlier in 2003, 2011,

and 2015, Revision of NLEM 2022 has been done after constant consultation with stakeholders spanning from academia, industrialists and public policy experts etc., and crucial documents like WHO EML 2021. In the revised list, endocrine

medicines and contraceptives Fludrocortisone, Ormeloxifene, Insulin Glargine and Teneliglitin have been added.

Montelukast, which acts on the respiratory track, and ophthalmological drug Latanoprost also figure in the list.

Besides, cardiovascular medicines Dabigatran and Tenecteplase too find place in the list besides medicines used in palliative care.

The list of 399 formulations was submitted by an expert committee under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) last year. After detailed analysis of Indian requirements, major changes were sought by Mandaviya.

Alert over smuggling of ration rice



TWO STATES



Flu on the rise among children in TN

Chennai, Sept 13: With Flu on the rise among children in vari ous districts of Tamil Nadu, the admission rates in hospitals have increased and a large number of students are absent from schools

Doctors said that there is a 25 per cent spike in the number of flu-re lated fever, cold, and cough in the past few weeks across the state and is mostly affecting school-going children. Dr. Manonmani. G. Professor of Pediatrics in a Government Medical College in Tamil Nadu while speaking to IANS said, "With the Covid protocols relaxed people are refraining from wearing masks and this can be one of the reasons for a comeback of diseases like flu among children in Tamil Nadu which was on a lull during the past two years of Covid -19 pandemic."

She said that new forms of viruses are present among the samples taken for research and most of the children are affected



by the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) which has replaced pneumonia as the common causative agent of common cold and fever among children.

Dr. Manonmani also said that

after more relaxations from pandemic protocols, viruses are coming back with a vengeance. She said that certain viruses which mutate often are also present in the test samples dur-

of Tamil Nadu are full as the admission rates

due to fever and cold is on the rise

matter of concern.

Doctors also said that Human parainfluenza virus-3 (Respiratory illness associated with bronchiolitis, bronchi, and pneumonia) rhinovirus and influenza B virus are commonly seen during this season from the samples being

Dr. Bindu Menon, virologist at Madurai medical college said that there are some emerging viruses that have never been seen before and added that all these viruses are getting hosts and that the transmission rates

She said that the flu is only for three to four days in children, but the children are into prolonged coughs for three weeks and are not responding to even cough syrups. The Children's wards in almost all the government hospitals in many districts of Tamil Nadu are full as the admission rates due to fever and

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 12: Tamil Nadu Police is on a high alert over smuggling of ration rice to

A special team of Civil Supplies Crime Detachment (CD) unit of Madurai seized 15 tonnes of PDS rice on Sunday while it was being smuggled to Kerala. The truck carrying the rice

was interrupted by the CD unit at Koppalur toll plaza and 300 bags of Public distribution system (PDS) rice was being transported illegally to Kerala. Each bag weighed 50 kg. The Civil supplies department

officials said the rice that is supplied free in the state is being sourced by middlemen who appoint agents across the state and transport it illegally to Kerala.

A senior officer of the civil supplies department of Tamil Nadu said that in Kerala the rice is sold to rice mills at a higher price. The Civil Supplies department of Tamil Nadu has

holders of Tamil Nadu. Walayar areas are the most vul-

The Civil supplies department officials said the rice that is shops of Tamil Nadu is of much supplied free in the

state is being sourced by middlemen who appoint agents across the state and transport

it illegally to Kerala appointed several flying squads to try and prevent the smuggling of rice to the neighbouring state as it was meant for

consumption of the ration card

nerable checkposts on the TN-Kerala border. Sources in the Civil Supplies department said

Nagercoil, Theni and the

that the department has already informed the police to be part of the joint search operation to prevent rice smuggling from the state. According to the Civil Supplies department, the rice that is given from the ration

higher quality which was making organised gangs to smuggle it to the neighbouring state. During the recent Onam festivities, ration rice in large

quantities was smuggled out to Kerala. In Kerala, an organised net-

work was operating which takes the rice to the rice mills safely Recently in the Walayar area in Kerala, two local CPI-M leaders were arrested by the Kerala Police for assisting and abetting in the smuggling of rice.

Row over Hindi Diwas

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Sept 13: A controversy has erupted in Karnataka in connection with the celebration of Hindi Diwas on Wednesday, with the JD (S) and BJP taking a confrontational

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamv has written a letter to Chief Minister Basayarai Bommai that celebrating Hindi Diwas in will amount to committing injustice to the land.

The BJP has rebutted to his letter, stating that the people of Karnataka are shrewd enough to understand the political motive and they wouldn't care.

However, the police are taking no chances and have decided to ensure tight security across the state, Bangalore. especially Kumaraswamy maintained that the country comprises thousands of languages and sub-languages and it is a great federation of 560 provinces with different social and cultural ethos agreeing to

"On this land giving preferential treatment to one language is an insult to the land. On September 14, celebration of central government sponsored Hindi Diwas forcefully in Karnataka will be a betrayal to Kannadigas by the ruling BJP," he said.

He has urged Bommai to not to celebrate Hindu Diwas at the expense of Kannada people.

Giving a strong rebuttal to the letter, state Minister for Education B.C. Nagesh stated that Kannada people will not pay any heed to his call, adding that Hindi Diwas has been cele-

brated since 1949. The issue has been raked for political gains now, Nagesh said,



'Hindutva' agenda ahead of polls Riding high on the success of the 'Janaspandana' rally to celebrate completion of three years of BJP

government rule in the state, the saffron party is banking on polarisation of majority Hindu votes in the state

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Sept 13: With the Assembly elections nearing, the ruling BJP in Karnataka is all set to pursue aggressive 'Hindutva' agenda in the state.

Riding high on the success of the 'Janaspandana' rally to celebrate completion of three years of BJP government rule in the state. the saffron party is majorly banking on polarisation of majority Hindu votes in the state.

It will also impart special training to police sub-inspectors on the Cow Slaughter Bill besides getting the Anti-Conversion Bill passed in the state legislature during the ongoing monsoon session. As per BJP insiders, the party has decided to pursue an aggressive 'Hindutva' agenda in the state, challenging the claim of Congress leaders and progressive thinkers that the Hindutva agenda will never

work in Karnataka. It has also set its eyes on implementing the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020, popularly known as anti-cow slaughter act in the

MAN HELD FOR



state, sources in the Ministry of Animal Husbandry confirmed. The police officers of the rank of sub-inspectors will get special training to plug the loopholes in the execution of accused persons in the case

Though the act has been implemented and cases are being filed across the state regarding illegal cow slaughtering and illegal transportation of cows, the accused and owners of slaughter houses are managing to get out of clutches of law. This is happening as the provisions of the bill are not being

implemented, sources say. It has also been decided to impart special training at district level to all PSI's to invoke provisions of the act appropriately at the time of filing of FIR. Minister for Animal Husbandry Prabhu Chauhan stated that his government would take note of the development of dropping of the accused persons names mentioned in the FIR, at the stage of charge-sheet.

He maintained that police officers will be made to understand the development and his government would do this. The recently murdered Bajrang Dal activist Harsha from Shivamogga and BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Kumar Nettare were in forefront of protest against illegal transportation and slaughter of cows.

Ruling BJP in the state is facing the heat regarding encouraging cow vigilantism especially in coastal Karnataka region. On the other hand, an Anti-Conversion bill, already in place as an ordinance. will be presented in the Legislative Council. The bill has already been passed in the Legislative Assembly.

The BJP will implement the law with much more force in the state, once the bill is passed, sources stated. During the recent mega event, BJP paid tribute to party activist Praveen and hailed his contribution to the Hindutva cause.

OPS, SASIKALA ALLIANCE

Thevar community all set to take lead

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 13: The powerful Theyar community in South Tamil Nadu has taken the initiative to bring about an alliance between its two top leaders, former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam and former interim general secretary of the party, V.K. Sasikala. Sources close to the

Thevar leadership said that in the Thevar community past few days, was one of the major serious deliberations beneficiaries during the and discus-**AIADMK regime of late** sions have taken place Jayalalithaa as Sasikala between the was calling the shots for faction close to and

Sasikala and her associates including her nephew and Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) general secretary, TTV Dhinakaran.

of the major beneficiaries during the AIADMK regime of late Javalalithaa as Sasikala was calling the shots for the community. There is a feeling in the community that it has been marginalised after the ascendancy of Edappadi K. Palaniswami to the Chief Minister's post.

The AIADMK has a strong presence in Southern Tamil Nadu but during the 2021 assembly elections, the party lost several seats due to the lethargic attitude of the Thevar community. Sources in the community told IANS that the Thevars did not vote for the AIADMK in

eral feeling that after Palaniswami, a Gounder, assumed office as Chief Minister after the demise of Javalalithaa, the community did not get any benefits. In the present scenario, it is

large numbers as there was a gen-

Palaniswami and those close to him who are in command of the AIADMK while both OPS and Sasikala are out of the reckoning. However

sources in the OPS camp told IANS that the former Chief Minister and Sasikala can boost the support base of the party in the state, especially in Southern Tamil Nadu where the AIADMK has a

the community

The Thevar community was one

strong base. Dr. G. Padmanabhan, Director of think tank Socio-Development Foundation, said that "The_ AIADMK politics have a major connect with the powerful Theyar community, who have a major presence in South Tamil Nadu. It is natural for a politician like Panneerselvam to search for new permutations and combinations for his political survival and an

With the 2024 Lok Sabha elections round the corner, Panneerselvam will have to play his cards well to stage a comeback to the AIADMK. He knows that an alliance with Sasikala and backing from the Thevar community will help him achieve the goal.

alliance with Sasikala will be hugely

beneficial for that."

Tribal schoolkids denied eggs, protests erupt in TN

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 13: Children belonging to the tribal Irula community were not being provided with eggs during the midday meal at their school in a tribal settlement in Tamil Nadu's Krishnagiri district, leading to protests. Nine Irula children - five boys and

Panchayat Union Primary School at Kadambakuttai in Denkanikottai taluk of Krishnagiri While the Tamil Nadu government has been stressing a highly

four girls - are studying in the

nutritious noon meal scheme for Scheduled Tribe students in the state but, the Irula children here are not getting even an egg a day. The school does not have a cook

She said that the school receives dry ration for noon meals once in two months. Deviani also said that she used to receive eggs for two

and a student's mother M. Deviani

cooks for them.

weeks from the noon meal organiser and that she had to carry eggs and other provisions uphill to the The headmaster of the school

HD KUMARASWAMY FORMER KARNATAKA CM

adding that Kumaraswamy wants

to take advantage and politicise

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Minister H.D. Deve Gowda,

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi

or the BJP, it has been celebrated

since 1949. "The BJP govern-

ment is committed to develop-

ment of all regional languages

also said that he had reminded the noon meal organiser to supply eggs, but she did not agree. Officials, however, claim that

the eggs are not supplied due to

Social activist and NGO Krishnagiri study centre's chief coordinator M.K. Gopalakrishnan said that the official who is in charge of the school has to supply the food to the educational institution concerned and if he or she is not doing that, stringent action has to be taken... the shortage of eggs in the noon meal scheme is totally unjustified."

Several other activists also came out strongly against the failure of the district administration to deliver the eggs to a tribal school that is exclusively for Irula tribals.

FIRING AT WIFE



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Belagavi (Karnataka), Sept 13: Police in Karnataka Tuesday arrested a man for firing at his wife after she refused to go with him from her parents' home in Belagavi district's Athani town.

The man, identified as Shivananda of Sindhagi in Vijayapura district, was arrested following a complaint lodged by his wife who escaped unhurt in the incident. According to the police, the woman left the accused three months ago in the backdrop of his extra-marital affair.

Shivananda had pleaded her to return on many occasions. The accused then went to her parents' residence and threatened to kill her if she did not return to him and then commit suicide.

Before anyone could realise what was happening, Shivananda took out his licensed pistol and opened fire. Later, he was overpowered and handed over to the police.

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Sept 12: In an effort to increase green cover, Coimbatore

saplings in the past nine years. According to Coimbatore Forest Division officials, 14.33 lakh saplings were planted under the division between 2012 and 2021. The saplings were planted under the Tamil Nadu

Biodiversity and Conservation

Greening Projects and Tree

forest division has planted 14 lakh

Cultivation on Private Lands. A senior officer with the Coimbatore forest division said, "We have replanted tree saplings in 95 villages in three districts and have planted 14.33 lakh saplings since 2012 to 2021." He said that long rotation saplings and short rotation saplings were planted, and added that long rotation plantations were done up to 2021 while short rotation plantings were done up to 2013-14. The short rotation plantations can be harvested in

seven to eight years. The officials said that short rotation plantings were harvested by farmers since the past one year and have fetched good returns. Malaivembu, one of the most popular short rotation trees, fetches Rs 4000 to 5000 per tonne.

Forest department officials said that farmers are sending the Malaivembu trees directly to paper making companies and



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Coimbatore forest division is

planning to raise more saplings

rotation plantings were harvested by farmers since the past one year and have fetched good returns

The officials said that short

from the three nurseries in Coimbatore and distribute among the farmers for the second phase of the project. A forest department official said

that on an average a farmer is selling 10 to 15 tonnes of Malaivembu trees to paper factories and getting good returns. Several farmers have requested the forest department to plant Suvakumar treesaplings also as they fetch good money for them.



The headmaster of the school said that he had reminded the noon meal organiser to supply eggs, but she did not agree

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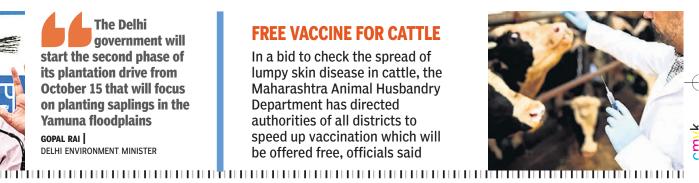


government will start the second phase of its plantation drive from **October 15 that will focus** on planting saplings in the **Yamuna floodplains**

GOPAL RAI **DELHI ENVIRONMENT MINISTER**

FREE VACCINE FOR CATTLE

In a bid to check the spread of lumpy skin disease in cattle, the Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department has directed authorities of all districts to speed up vaccination which will be offered free, officials said





The Centre has tasked the agencies like Department the CBI with targeting the Opposition. They did

not find one person in eight years in the BJP, which is considered to be a party of businessmen, entrepreneurs and money-lenders

ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM

Survey of madrassas is a must as all sorts of things are coming to the surface about them in different places. Their survey will bring out the truth



PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI UTTARAKHAND CM

The Shinde-Fadnavis Constitutional validation from the Supreme Court and

government is we shall continue to call it an unconstitutional alliance regime till then

MAHESH TAPASE | NCP CHIEF SPOKESPERSON

SHORT TAKES

Mathura temple case: Next hearing October 3

Mathura (UP): A court here fixed October 3 as the next date for hearing into the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Masiid Idgah dispute case. "Additional District Judge Sanjai Chaudhary has ordered petitioners to ensure that the . summons be served on the UP Sunni Central Wagf Board, Lucknow, by next hearing, **District Government Counse** Saniai Gaur said.

Kerala CM to visit Europe in October

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will be on a two-week visit to Europe in October during which he will meet experts for a possible tie-up in the education sector. The CM, along with a delegation of ministers and senior officers, is expected to interact with a team of experts from Finland who was in Kerala in connection with development in education. According to sources, the chief minister is scheduled to visit London, Norway and Finland.

Terrorist killed in encounter

Srinagar: A terrorist killed in an encounter with the security forces at Heff Shirmal area in South Kashmir's Shopian district has been identified, officials said Tuesday. Police said acting on a specific information regarding the presence of terrorist in village Heff Shirmal area of Shopian Monday, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Police, Army and CRPF.

Hoax bomb call triggers panic

Gurugram: The Leela Ambience, a five-star hotel, in Gurugram Tuesday received a bomb threat call, triggering panic in the premises, police said. However, it later turned out to be a hoax. Police said, "A hoax call was made to a private hotel in Gurugram Tuesday. Police reached the hotel, evacuated it and started an investigation. The caller was found to be a 24-year-old mentally ill person. He was found to be suffering from autism and he is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Gurugram."

Demolition drive intensifies in B'lore

Bangalore: The Bangalore civic body Tuesday intensified its anti-encroachment drive, smashing alleged illegal structures that prevented water flow and led to flooding in certain areas recently following heavy rains, while the Karnataka government assured of a timebound completion of stormwater drain (SWD) works to ease the

BJP's protest march in WB turns violent

The streets of Kolkata turned into a virtual battlefield Tuesday as BIP activists, marching to the West Bengal Secretariat to protest corruption issues, clashed with police



Kolkata, Sept 13: Parts of Bengal turned into a battlefield Tuesday as BJP activists clashed with the police during a protest march to the state secretariat.

Several police officers and saffron camp members, including leaders Mina Devi Purohit and Swapan Dasgupta, were reportedly injured in the melee.

Leader of Opposition in Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari, the party's Hooghly MP Locket Chatterjee and senior leader Rahul Sinha were among those detained during the march, taken out by the saffron party to protest against the TMC regime's alleged corrupt

The police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the agitators, who tried to go past the barricades that were put in place at several points in the city and its adjoining areas

"Everyone got to see how the partisan police tried scuttling a leader of opposition's democratic right to protest outside Nabanna, I was manhandled by a woman constable, people saw that too," Adhikari told reporters before being whisked away in a prison van. In Santragachhi, the police were pelted with stones as they chased away the protesters. A police kiosk was damaged as the demonstrators were stopped from moving forward. Similar scenes were witnessed in Howrah, Kolkata's Lalbazar and MG Road areas where violent protesters engaged in a scuffle with the police. In Lalbazar a police vehicle was set on fire. A Kolkata Police officer said "there was no report of any serious injury to any protestors though several police personnel have suffered injuries".

Normal life was disrupted in the city amid the protests, with common people facing huge inconvenience on the thoroughfares, many of which had plunged into chaos.

BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar staged a sit-in in Howrah after being stopped from carrying forward the rally.

"This autocratic Mamata Banerjee government does not believe in giving space to opposition parties," he said. Majumdar also claimed that it was a shame that the police were acting in a partisan manner, further claiming that "some of them have turned into puppets of ruling TMC"

The BJP state chief and senior leader Agnimitra Paul were later detained from a protest site at Howrah Maidan.

BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh, who led the protesters near Howrah bridge, left the site in the midst of a lathicharge on his party's

BJP state youth wing president Saumitra Khan said "days of the TMC is numbered" and BJP will surely give a reply to all the atrocities committed on party men. The TMC, in a tweet, said, "BJP4Bengal karyakartas or hooligans?'

Seven trains were hired by the BJP to bring its supporters from north and south Bengal Monday for the protest march to 'Nabanna'.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: India is set to launch its first human space expedition 'Gaganyaan' with the first test flight scheduled for later this year, Union Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh informed Tuesday.

The human space flight 'Gaganyaan' is expected to be launched in the year 2024. The schedule of the mission is impacted by the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic and the delay may affect the

The Indian Air Force had identified four fighter pilots as the potential crew for the human space flight mission. The potential crew had undergone basic training in Russia

launching timeline. "The Covid-19 pandemic took a toll on the training of astronauts in Russia as well as India," Singh said, adding the first test-flight of the Gaganyaan mission is scheduled to take place later this year. The first test-flight will be followed by sending a female-looking spacefaring humanoid robot - Vyom Mitra -- in outer space likely next year, Singh said.

The potential crew had undergone basic training in Russia. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will send at least two astronauts into a low earth orbit in 2024 after assessing the outcome of the two orbital test flights, Singh said. Officials said during the test mission, the spacecraft will be launched to an altitude of 15 km during which space scientists will simulate an abort scenario to ensure the return crew capsule to the Earth using parachutes.

The second orbital test flight will take the Gaganyaan crew capsule to a higher altitude and undergo a similar abort scenario to perfect the system.



Gaganyaan's first test-flight this yr No shortage of fertilizers in the country: Mandaviya

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Greater Noida (UP) Sept 13: Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Tuesday said there is no shortage of crop nutrients in the country and asserted that there will be no hike in the prices of non-urea products

The minister also said that Nutrient Based Policy (NBS) for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers for the Rabi season (October 2022 to March 2023) will be announced shortly.

'There is no shortage of fertilisers in the country," Mandaviya told reporters on the sidelines of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit here.

He was responding to a query about the supply situation for the upcoming Rabi sowing season that would start from October.

On when the government would announce the NBS policy for P&K fertilisers for the Rabi season, he said it will be done shortly after analysing international prices.

'We will not allow any increase



AT PRESENT, THE COUNTRY'S UREA (CONVENTIONAL) PRODUCTION IS 260 LAKH TONNES WHILE AROUND 90 LAKH TONNES ARE IMPORTED TO MEET THE LOCAL DEMAND

THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING **AVAILABLE UREA AND 25 GRADES** OF P&K FERTILISERS TO FARMERS AT SUBSIDISED PRICES THROUGH FERTILISER MANUFACTURERS/ **IMPORTERS**

REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

in retail prices of DAP (Di-ammonium Phosphate) and other non-urea fertilisers." Mandaviva said, adding that the government would absorb the burden of high global prices.

Earlier, the minister projected that the government's fertiliser subsidy would be between Rs 2.25-2.5 lakh crore this fiscal as against Rs 1.62 lakh crore in the last financial year. Mandaviya also said that farmers are increasingly adopting nano liquid urea, which is good for soil health as compared to the conventional urea. Nano urea has been launched in the country by cooperative major

In July, Mandaviya said that India would not need to import urea by 2025-end as the domestic production of conventional urea and nano liquid urea is expected to be sufficient to meet the country's annual demand.



CPI (M) supporters at a protest rally against alleged corruption in the TMC government, at Balurghat in South Dinajpur district, West Bengal

INDIA LISTS PRIORITIES AHEAD OF ASSUMING G20 PRESIDENCY

New Delhi, Sept 13: India has listed its priorities ahead of assuming the G20 Presidency for a year from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

In a statement Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs said: "Our G20 priorities are in the process of being firmed up, ongoing conversations inter alia revolve around inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth; LiFE (Lifestyle For Environment); women's empowerment; digital public infrastructure and tech-enabled development in areas ranging from health, agriculture and education to commerce, skill-mapping,



culture and tourism; climate financing; circular economy; global food security; energy security; green hydrogen; disaster risk reduction and resilience; developmental cooperation; fight against economic crime; and multilateral reforms". The G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State Government is scheduled to be held September 9-10, 2023 in New Delhi, said the Ministry statement.

The G20 is an inter-governmental

forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

It comprises 19 countries --Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US -- and the European

Union (EU). Collectively, the G20 accounts for 85 per cent of the global GDP, 75 per cent of international trade and two-thirds of the world population, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation. India is part of the G20 Troika (current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies), which includes Indonesia and Italy.

Right to contest an election not a fundamental right: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: The right to contest an election is neither a fundamental right nor a common law right, the Supreme Court has said while dismissing with a cost of Rs one lakh a petition which raised the issue regarding the filing of nomination for Rajya Sabha elections.

Observing that an individual cannot claim that he has a right to contest an election, the apex court noted that the Representation of People Act, 1950, read with the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, has contemplated the name of a candidate has to be proposed while filling the nomination form.

A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia passed the order while hearing a



plea challenging the June 10 order of the Delhi High Court which had dismissed a petition about deciding the candidature of the petitioner to file his nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections, 2022.

The petitioner had said that a notification for election to Rajya Sabha was issued May 12, 2022, to fill up the seats of members retiring from June 21, 2022, to August 1, 2022, and the last date for submission of the nomination

Bhopal, Sept 13: A three-and-a-halfyear-old nursery student was raped allegedly by her school bus driver inside the vehicle in Madhya

Nursery student raped

in school bus by driver

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Pradesh capital Bhopal, a police official said Tuesday. The police have arrested the bus

driver and a woman attendant who, according to the child's parents. was present inside the vehicle when the incident took place last Thursday, the official said. Asked if the school manage-

ment allegedly tried to cover-up the matter, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said the role of the school administration will be investigated and action will be taken accordingly.

The school principal could not be contacted for response in the matter. The child, studying in a leading private school in the city, was returning home in the bus when the offence took place.

After the girl returned, her mother found someone had changed the child's clothes with the spare set kept in her bag, the official said. The mother then enquired with her daughter's class teacher and also the school principal, but both of them denied having changed the child's clothes.

The child later complained of pain in her private parts. Her parents took her into confidence and counselled her, following which she informed them that the bus driver abused her and also changed her clothes, the police official said.



Make organ donation mandatory after death: Docs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: Allowing living donation in minors, a dependent population prone to manipulation and coercion, may best be avoided and instead mandatory deceased organ donation must be pushed for, doctors have advised.

At the heart of the debate is a 17-year-old boy who moved a plea before the Supreme Court for urgent hearing Friday seeking permission to donate his liver to his 43-year-old father, who is suffering from acute liver failure.

The case has triggered debate if minors who are alive should be

allowed to donate organs. Dr (Colonel) Avnish Seth from HCMCT Manipal Hospitals in Dwarka here said the age of ma-



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🔥 s per law, a minor cannot donate organs or tissue before death, unless circumstances

jority, 18 years, which is the threshbefore one can accept adult responsibilities. Transplantation of old to adulthood by law, should Human Organs and Tissues Rules, also be considered a threshold for reasonable emotional development 2014 prescribe that "living organ or

tissue donation by minors shall not be permitted except on exceptional grounds, to be recorded in detail with justification with prior approval of appropriate authority and State Government concerned," Seth said. 'Shifting the goal post to allow

for living donation in minors, a dependent population prone to manipulation and coercion, maybe a slippery slope that is best avoided," Seth, VSM, Head-Medical Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Manipal Organ Sharing & Transplant, at Manipal Hospitals said.

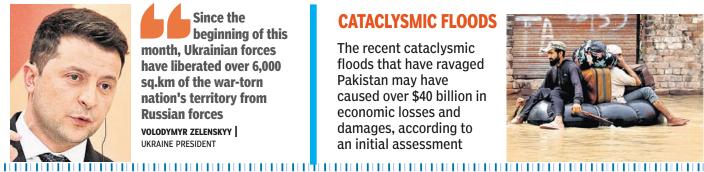
Prof (Dr) Sanjeev Gulati, Principal Director, Nephrology & Kidney Transplant Fortis Escorts Heart Institute said that in the absence of a viable cadaveric programme, living organ donation remains a life saving act. "I feel that in this case the minor should be allowed to donate

alongwith consent from one of his guardians (as would have been done if the boy was subjected to any other medical procedure) since survival of his father is dependent on a successful liver transplant," he said. In another case in May, a com-

mittee formed by the Maharashtra government refused a 16-year-old girl's plea to donate a part of her liver to her ailing father, saying it was unsure if the teenager consented to the medical procedure out of "free will".

The girl, through her mother, had moved the Bombay High Court seeking a direction of the state government for permission to donate a part of her liver.

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Since the beginning of this month, Ukrainian forces have liberated over 6.000 sq.km of the war-torn nation's territory from **Russian forces** VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY I

UKRAINE PRESIDENT

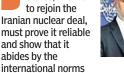
CATACLYSMIC FLOODS

The recent cataclysmic floods that have ravaged Pakistan may have caused over \$40 billion in economic losses and damages, according to an initial assessment





The United States, in order to rejoin the Iranian nuclear deal, must prove it reliable and show that it abides by the



IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN

We're not going to speak for Ukrainians. We'll leave it to Ukrainians to describe their operations. But it's



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SHORT TAKES

Cop shot dead

Ottawa: A Canadian police officer was killed and a suspect is in custody following two daylight shootings in Toronto, local media reported. Police said on Twitter that a suspect has been located and is in police custody, reports Xinhua news agency. One person has been pronounced deceased at the scene and two others have been transported to hospital, the police said. Multiple sources have confirmed that the victim of the fatal shooting is a Toronto police officer, according to the media reports.

Six injured

Istanbul: A gunfight in a shopping mall left six people wounded in Istanbul's Sariyer district, local media reported. The incident took place late Sunday evening, Xinhua news agency reported. "After the gunfight incident that broke out between two groups with a prior history of animosity, a total of six citizens, namely foreign individuals and one Turkish citizen, were transferred to nearby hospitals for treatment," said local officials in a statement Monday.

'Muifa' approaching

Beijing: China's national observatory on Tuesday upgraded the typhoon alert to the second highest as Muifa. the 12th of this year, is expected to make landfall in Zheijang province Wednesday Gale-force winds will lash coastal areas of Taiwan. Zhejiang, Fujian, Shanghai and Jiangsu from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon, Xinhua news agency quoted the National Meteorological Centre as saying.

UK cop suspended

London: A police officer who fatally shot an unarmed Black man in London has been suspended from duty, the British capital's Metropolitan Police force said. Chris Kaba, 24, was killed in south London on September 5 after police pursued his car and tried to stop it. His vehicle was hemmed in by two police cars in a narrow residential street in the Streatham Hill neighbourhood, and one round was fired from a police weapon.

People rescued

Amman: Jordan's civil defence began Tuesday evacuating several people trapped after a four-storey residential building in the capital collapsed, witnesses said. Prime Minister Bisher al Khasawneh and senior members of the government were seen at the site as a major rescue operation was under way to evacuate people caught under the debris, they said.



A Palestinian fisherman throws his net on the beach for fishing in the southern Gaza Strip

STUNNING SHIFT IN BATTLEGROUND MOMENTUM

Ukraine pushes to liberate all land from Russia

REUTERS

Ukraine, Sept 13: Ukraine said Tuesday it aimed to liberate all of its territory after driving back Russian forces in the northeast of country in a rapid offensive, but called on the West to speed up deliveries of weapons systems to back the advance. Since Moscow abandoned its

main bastion in northeastern Ukraine Saturday, marking its worst defeat since the early days of the war, Ukrainian troops have recaptured dozens of towns in a stunning shift in battleground momentum. Fighting was still raging in the

northeastern Kharkiv region, Deputy Defence Minister Hanna Malyar told Reuters on Tuesday, saying Ukraine's forces were making good progress because they are highly motivated and their operation is well planned.

"The aim is to liberate the Kharkiv region and beyond - all the territories occupied by the Russian Federation." she said on the



A Ukrainian service member stands on a Russian 2S19 Msta-S self-propelled howitzer captured during a counteroffensive operation, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kharkiv region

road to Balakliia, a crucial military supply hub recaptured by Ukrainian forces late last week which lies 74 km (46 miles) southeast of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city.

In a video address late on Monday, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the West must speed up deliveries of weapons systems, calling on Ukraine's allies to "strengthen cooperation to defeat Russian terror". Since Russia's

February 24 invasion, Washington and its allies have provided Ukraine with billions of dollars in weapons that Kyiv says have helped limit Moscow's gains, Russian forces control around a fifth of the country in the south and east but Ukraine is now on the offensive in both areas.

The Ukrainian military did not report any fresh advances on Tuesday, saying Russian forces were shelling parts of Kharkiv region retaken by Ukraine and attacking further south in Donetsk region, which Moscow is trying to seize for separatist proxies.

Ukraine had repelled the Donetsk region attacks, its general staff report said, while Denis Pushilin, head of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic, said its forces were repelling Ukrainian attacks and he believed the situation would improve. Serhiy Gaidai, Ukrainian governor of the neighbouring Luhansk region, which Moscow has seized, said a major Ukrainian offensive may be expected there on Tuesday. A senior U.S. military official said earlier that Russia had largely ceded territory near Kharkiv in the northeast and pulled many of its troops back over the border.

A video issued by Ukraine's border guards service showed what it said were Ukrainian troops liberating the town of Vovchansk near the country's border with Russia, burning down flags and tearing down a poster saying "We are one with Russia"

CALL FOR RESTRAINT

Clashes erupt between Azerbaijan and Armenia

Tbilisi, Sept 13: Russian President Vladimir Putin Tuesday sought to end fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan after border clashes killed at least 49 Armenian soldiers and raised fears of another fully-fledged war in the former Soviet Union.

Russia, the United States and France called for restraint after the most deadly fighting since Armenia and Azerbaijan waged a six-week war over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh in 2020. Armenia said several towns near the border with Azerbaijan, including Jermuk, Goris and Kapan, were shelled in the early hours of Tuesday. Yerevan said it had responded to what it called a "largescale provocation" by the Azerbaijan. Baku said it was attacked by Armenia. Reuters was unable to immediately verify battlefield accounts from either side.

"It is difficult to overestimate the role of the Russian Federation, the role of Putin personally," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. The president is naturally is making every effort to help deescalate tensions at the border," Peskov said.

Russia, which in February sent troops into Ukraine in the biggest European land invasion since World War Two, is the main powerbroker in the Caucasus and an ally of Armenia through the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), which convened on Tuesday to discuss the situation. Russia, which operates a military base in Armenia, sent

ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN TRADE BLAME FOR CLASHES

PUTIN TRYING TO CALM THE SITUATION, KREMLIN SAYS INTENSITY OF FIGHTING HAS DECREASED - ARMENIAN PM U.S. AND FRANCE URGE END TO HOSTILITIES

thousands of peacekeepers to the region in 2020 as part of a deal to end a war during which Azerbaijan made significant territorial gains in and around Nagorno-Karabakh. Turkey backs Azerbaijan politically and militarily.

BORDER FIGHTING Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan accused Azerbaijan of attacking Armenian towns because it did not want to negotiate over the

status of Nagorno-Karabakh, an enclave which is inside Azerbaijan but mainly populated by ethnic Armenians.

He said the intensity of hostilities had decreased but attacks from Azerbaijan continued. Azerbaijan, which accused Armenia of carrying out intelligence activity along the border and moving weapons, said its military positions came under attack by Armenia. It said it sustained losses but did not disclose the number of casualties. Azerbaijani media reported that a ceasefire agreement had been broken almost immediately after being enforced early on Tuesday. Both Russia and the United States, at loggerheads over the Ukraine war, called on Baku and Yerevan to ob-



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan addresses Parliament following an escalation in hostilities over the Nagorno-Karabakh region along the border of Armenia with Azerbaijan, in Yerevan, Armenia

CHINA'S TOP LEGISLATOR CALLS ON DEUBA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kathmandu, Sept 13: China's top legislator and third-ranked leader in the country's political hierarchy Li Zhanshu Tuesday held wideranging talks with Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and other top political leaders of Nepal during which they discussed matters of mutual interests including bilateral trade, investment and connectivity.

Li, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress - China's parliament, called on Prime Minister Deuba, who is also the chief of the Nepali Congress, at the Office of the Prime Minister on Tuesday evening.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed wide-ranging



matters of mutual interest, including bilateral trade, investment, connectivity, return of Nepalese students to China, resumption of passenger flights, and reopening of border ports, among others, according to a press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Around 500 world leaders and foreign dignitaries, including kings and queens and heads of state and government are expected to arrive for the funeral

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, Sept 13: Russia, which is engaged in a conflict with neighbouring Ukraine, its key ally Belarus and the junta-ruled Myanmar will not be asked to send representatives to the state



funeral of Queen Elizabeth II scheduled at Westminster Abbev in London on Monday, according to media reports Tuesday.

Around 500 world leaders and foreign dignitaries, including kings and queens and heads of state and government are expected to arrive for the funeral, one of the UK's most significant diplomatic events in recent history.

According to UK media reports, Russia, Belarus and Myanmar have not been extended an invitation to the State Funeral – last held 57 vears ago for Britain's war-time Prime Minister Winston Churchill

'The Times' quotes government sources to say that in a break from protocol neither Russia nor Belarus, which has supported Russia in the conflict with Ukraine, would be asked to send a representative to the state funeral.

Myanmar, which has also supported Moscow, is not on the invite list as the UK has not had formal diplomatic relations with the South-east Asian country since a military coup removed Aung San Suu Kyi's government last year.

ELECTION

Ruto sworn in as Kenya's President



REUTERS

Nairobi, Sept 13: William Ruto was sworn in as Kenya's fifth President Tuesday, a week after the Supreme Court rejected a challenge by his defeated opponent in a close-fought election that he won by portraying himself as an un-

derdog "hustler" battling the elite. "A village boy has become the president of Kenya," Ruto announced at the ceremony, as the crowd erupted in cheers. Deputy president for the last decade, Ruto must now confront an economic crisis in East Africa's wealthiest and most stable nation, where food and fuel prices are surging, unemployment is high and public debt rising.

The 55-year-old won last month's election despite a public repudiation by his boss, outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta, who said Ruto was "not fit for office". Both sides hurled accusations of corruption during a deeply personal, acrimonious campaign. Kenyatta's preferred successor, veteran opposition leader Raila Odinga, had accused Ruto of cheating his way to victory. But Odinga accepted the Supreme Court ruling upholding the result, laying to rest fears of political violence like that seen after disputed elections in 2007 and 2017.

There should be no revenge,' Bishop Mark Kariuki thundered at Tuesday's ceremony, wearing a deep purple stole embroidered "PEACE".

FOR A 'SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL' VISIT

SCO summit: Will Xi follow Covid protocols?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, Sept 13: China said Tuesday that it is working with relevant countries to ensure a "safe and successful" visit of President Xi Jinping who is set to travel out of the country for the first time after the coronavirus outbreak over two years ago to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan to attend the SCO summit this week

Xi will visit Kazakhstan Wednesday where he will hold talks with his counterpart Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and later travel to Samarkand in neighbouring Uzbekistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit to be held September 15-16. The Beijing-headquartered SCO is an eight-member economic and security bloc comprising

China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan. Tajikistan,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin are due to attend the two-day meeting. On its sidelines, Xi is due to meet Putin and various other leaders though Beijing has not yet officially announced his programme in Samarkand.

Public attention is focused on what coronavirus protocols Xi-a firm advocate of the much criticised stringent dynamic Zero COVID policy of China - will follow on his first tour abroad and whether he would go for mandatory quarantine on his return.

Asked at a media briefing here on Tuesday what measures China is taking to protect him from



COVID-19 and whether he would follow Beijing's mandatory quarantine procedures on return, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Beijing is working with relevant countries to ensure that his visit is safe and successful.

"What I can share with you is that China will work with relevant countries to ensure that the visit will be a safe and successful one," Mao said. Under the regulations of the 'zero COVID' policy people travelling to China have to undergo seven-day mandatory quarantine at designated centres on arrival and three days at home.

Xi, 69, did not travel out of China since January 2020 over safety concerns related to the coronavirus which broke out in Wuhan in

December 2019 and later spiralled into a pandemic affecting millions of people all over the world.

His last visit was to Myanmar. China has announced that the coronavirus outbreak followed by lockdowns and global travel restrictions affecting his international travel. Xi addressed most of the global events including the UN Climate Conference in October last in Glasgow virtually, while most of the world leaders attended it.

While the coronavirus with its variants is still prevalent in most parts of the world, China continues its stringent dynamic 'zero COVID' policy with limited travel links with the outside world and periodic lockdowns of its cities to curb the virus. Attention is now turned to what protocols Xi and his delegation will follow on return.

business



This is the time for India... We cannot miss the

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

JOB MARKET OUTLOOK STRONG

India's hiring outlook remains strong with 54 per cent of companies planning to hire in next three months amid predictions of growth opportunities for developing countries in the wake of ongoing geopolitical conflicts, says the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey released Tuesday.





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SHORT TAKES

States' borrowing cost down 6 bps

Mumbai: The borrowing cost for the states fell for the fourth consecutive week as the weighted average cut-off eased 6 basis points (bps) to 7.46 per cent at the weekly auctions Tuesday.Ten states have raised Rs 10,500 crore at the latest auction of state development loans, which is 1.5 per cent higher than indicated in the borrowing calendar, a first in a couple of years. Since the outbreak of Covid, states were borrowing much lower than indicated amount thanks to higher grants from the central government. Last week the Centre released Rs 58,300 crore as tax devolution for July, up from Rs 47,600 crore each in the first quarter. Additionally, the Centre had approved Rs 31,500 crore of special assistance for capital expenditure to 10 states during that month.

Dairy market size to double

Greater Noida: The size of the Indian dairy market is estimated to jump over two fold to Rs 30 lakh crore by 2027, driven by growth in both volume and value terms, NDDB Chairman Meenesh Shah said Tuesday. He also asserted that the government is not "insensitive" and it will protect the interest of 8 crore dairy farmers while signing free trade agreements (FTAs) with other countries. Shah said the size of Indian dairy market stood at Rs 13 trillion in 2021 and it is expected to reach Rs 30 trillion by 2027. The growth would come from increase in production of milk and other dairy products as well as value appreciation, he

Honda's battery sharing service

New Delhi: Japanese automobile manufacturer Honda Tuesday said it plans to start its battery sharing service for electric rickshaws in India by the end of this year besides charting out strategy to bring its electric twowheelers in future. It will also launch flex-fuel bike models in India by 2023 as part of strategy to meet the company's aim to meet carbon neutrality for all its products and corporate activities by 2050, under which, it will introduce 10 or more electric motorcycle models globally by 2025. In a statement, Honda said it aims to increase annual sales of electric models to one million units within the next five vears, and 3.5 million units equivalent to 15 per cent of total unit sales -- as of 2030.

RBI may hike rates by 50 basis points as inflation accelerates



INDIA'S RETAIL INFLATION RATE ROSE TO 7.0 PER CENT IN AUGUST FROM 6.71 PER CENT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH

Mumbai, Sept 13: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may raise interest rates by another 50 basis points this month after data showed inflation rose further above the central bank's tolerance limit in August, analysts said.

India's retail inflation rate rose to 7.0 per cent in August from 6.71 per cent in the previous month, data released Monday showed. The August reading was a tad above the 6.9 per cent expected by economists polled by Reuters. Higher food inflation contributed to the

Infosys' stern

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ing!" India's second largest IT serv-

ices company said in a strong and

firm message to employees Monday.

Put simply, moonlighting refers

to employees taking up side gigs to

work on more than one job at a

time. Infosys' internal communi-

cation titled "no double lives" makes

it clear that "dual employment is

not permitted as per...Employee

Handbook and Code of Conduct".

in the offer letter to drive home

the point. "Any violation of these clauses will lead to disciplinary action which could even lead to ter-

mination of employment," the mail said. An email sent by PTI to Infosys

for comments did not elicit a re-

sponse. "Moonlighting is a practice

of working on a second job during

the normal business hours/outside

business hours. Infosys as a com-

pany strictly discourages dual em-

ployment," according to the mailer.

agers to sensitise their teams on

dual employment and the "conse-

quences" of moonlighting. "You are

expected to immediately report any

instances of moonlighting to your

respective unit HR," Infosys said.

the issue of moonlighting by tech pro-

fessionals has ignited a fresh de-

bate, polarising opinions and raising

The move comes at a time when

The company has urged man-

It also cites the relevant clause

"No two timing - no moonlight-

termination of employment."

increase in headline rate.

"From a policy perspective, another month of above-target inflation clears the path for further monetary tightening at the next MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) meeting on 30 September," said Rahul Bajoria, chief India economist at Barclays Bank.

The relatively resilient growth outlook, coupled with robust credit growth and sticky core inflation, will keep the RBI's focus firmly on managing inflation, Bajoria said in a note.

"It's clear that inflation remains uncomfortably high and (the August) data will do little to ease the concerns of several MPC members, who continue to strike a relatively hawkish tone," Shilan Shah, senior India economist at Capital Economics, said in a note.

Shah expects the RBI to switch to 25 basis points hikes in the two meetings that follow the September meet, taking the repo rate to 6.40 per cent in the first quarter of

India's August sunflower oil imports up 89%

New Delhi, Sept 13: After the Ukraine crisis, Russia and Argentina have emerged as major suppliers of sunflower oil to India as imports of the cooking oil jumped 89.6 per cent to 1.35 lakh tonnes in August, according to Solvent Extractors Association.

India, the world's leading vegetable oil buyer, is dependent on imports of sunflower oil, which constitutes 16 per cent of the total edible oil imports. Before the Russia-Ukraine crisis, 70 per cent of the sunflower oil imported by India used to come from Ukraine, while 20 per cent from Russia. But imports have been severely affected after the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in late February this year.

"Russia and Argentina turn to be major suppliers of sunflower oil to India," industry body Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) said in a statement.

In August this year, India imported about 1,35,000 tonnes of sunflower oil mainly from Russia, and Argentina and a small quantity from Turkey, which was 89.6 per cent higher than 71,340 tonnes in the same month of the previous year, it said. Of the total sunflower oil imports, the shipments from Russia increased to 72,780 tonnes in August this year, from 28,840 tonnes in the vear-ago period.

Similarly, the import of sunflower oil from Argentina increased to 30,600 tonnes in August this year from 12,500 tonnes in the year-ago period. About 14,588 tonnes has been imported from Turkey in August. Whereas in August 2021, the country had imported 30,000 tonnes of sunflower oil from Ukraine, the

.0.44%

-0.18%

New Delhi, Sept 13: At least 10 states have announced over 1 trillion rupees (\$12.6 billion), mainly in cash transfers and electricity subsidies, for households to combat inflation, according to government officials.

Local politicians are worried about the impact of sharp increase in prices on household essentials. For example, food inflation, which accounts for nearly 40% of the CPI basket, rose 7.62% year on year in August compared to a revised 6.69% in July, the National Statistics Office said Monday.

Kerala distributed a package of free food items costing about 450 rupees (\$5.70) each to over 8 million families during the Onam festival earlier this month. Also a Rs 1,000 additional rural job guarantee programme for over 500,000 workers was announced.

In Punjab and Delhi, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party recently announced 300 kilowatt hours of free electricity per household and free travel for women on state buses, while promising such measures in other states if it comes to power in state elections later this year.

Last week, Rajasthan, ruled by the Congress, announced a jobs guarantee programme for urban poor as part of its relief measures for households

Also, "The state government has announced free electricity supply of 50 units of electricity every month to all households," Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had said Saturday, citing increasing economic stress due to rising prices.

Many other states, including Uttar Pradesh ruled by Bharatiya Janata Party have also cut elec-

transfers for poor households.

tricity tariffs and announced cash

States step up relief measures

for households battling inflation

A study by the research department of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June estimated that nine states in their annual budget this year said that 0.1% to 2.7% of state gross domestic product went to free items and services for citi-

The study warned that fiscal conditions of some debt-ridden states could deteriorate in coming years due to increased spending on subsidies.

RISING HOUSEHOLD BURDEN Opposition leaders said that de-

spite an increase in interest rates by the central bank and fuel tax cuts by the federal government earlier this year, nearly half of the country's 1.4 billion population are facing a surge in living costs amid little growth in income.

"We have cut down the use of cooking gas and vegetables due to rising prices," said Jessy George, 40, a housewife in the Kottayam district of Kerala.

Cooking gas prices have more than doubled in the last two years,

while transport costs rose more than 40%, but she said that her husband's income has remained

Gireesh Kumar, 38, a mason with a wife and two school-age children, said he had to borrow 10,000 rupees this month as he failed to save sufficiently due to rising prices. "I am planning to shift my children from private school to government school as I will not be able to afford the fees," he said.

Annual consumer inflation rose to 7% in August, remaining above the tolerance band of the Reserve Bank of India's 2%-6% for a ninth straight month, and is projected to remain above 6% until March

Indian opposition political parties launched a five-month 3,570 kilometre cross-country protest march on foot earlier this month to mobilise people to seek more

"Common people need urgent relief. It is essential for every government to help them," said Prasanna Acharya, a leader of Biju Janata Dal, the ruling party of Odisha.

ALUMINIUM PRODUCERS Stocks surge for 4th straight session FLAG COAL SHORTAGE

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on moonlighting Mumbai, Sept 13: Equities rallied for the fourth straight session Tuesday with Sensex jumping 455 points and Nifty closing above the New Delhi, Sept 13: Infosys has shot key 18,000-mark for the first time off a missive to its employees, assince April as foreign institutional serting that dual employment or investors remained bullish on the 'moonlighting' is not permitted, and domestic market. has warned that any violation of con-

The Sensex surged 455.95 points or 0.76 per cent to close at a fivemonth high 60,571.08 points and 24 constituents of the 30-share index ended in the green.

In a reflection of strong investor sentiments, the broader Nifty climbed 133.70 points or 0.75 per cent to settle at 18,070.05 points. Previously, the Nifty had closed above the 18,000-mark April 4 this

In four consecutive sessions, Sensex has gained over 1,540 points or 2.59 per cent while Nifty has risen by 445 points or 2.9 per cent.

Analysts said the market rally was primarily driven by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) who have turned net buyers of domestic equities. Retail investor participation also added to the momentum.

FIIs continued to invest in domestic equities, mainly in financial and FMCG shares.

Among the Sensex shares, Bajaj

Finserve, IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, Titan and Bajaj Finance were the main gainers. HDFC Bank, HDFC, Power Grid, L&T, ITC, Reliance, SBI and Infosys also closed in the positive territory.

TCS was the biggest loser among the Sensex pack, declining 0.37 per

"The ongoing market rally is primarily driven by the sudden reversal of FII strategy: from relentless sellers to relentless buyers. Retail investor support and fundamental support to the market from a strong economy are aiding the rally," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said.

FIIs pumped in Rs 2,049.65 crore into the domestic equities on Monday, according to data available

In the broader market, BSE MidCap advanced 0.32 per cent to 26,252.08 points while BSE SmallCap gained 0.24 per cent to 29,893.97

Among the sectoral indices, FMCG rose 0.77 per cent, Finance went up 0.85 per cent, both Industrials and Metals gained 0.74 per cent, Capital Goods went up 0.69 per cent and Consumer Durables increased 0.66 per cent.

On the other hand, Energy, Oil & Gas and Realty indices closed

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New Delhi, Sept 13: Aluminium Association of India (AAI) has sought the intervention of Prime Minister's Office to address the coal shortage faced by the industry and said Coal India should be instructed to prioritise supply of dry

"In view of the extreme difficulties being faced, which will force the Indian aluminium industry to standstill, we seek your urgent and immediate intervention to direct Coal India to honour its agreement and supply coal to aluminium industry on priority basis," stated AAI in a letter sent to principal secretary in PMO (Prime Minister's Office) PK Mishra earlier this

Despite record coal production and dispatches, coal under Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) are being denied to CPPs (Captive Power Plants) of aluminium producers, the body pointed out.

Indian aluminium industry has invested Rs 1.4 lakh crore for setting up 4.1 MTPA capacity.

The industry provides direct/indirect employment to more than 10 lakh people and business opportunities to over 4,000 SMEs (Small



power-intensive without having a provision to switch off and switch on the production. Any power outage of two hours freezes the pots and puts the entire investment at

risk, it explained. "To meet stringent and continuous power demand, aluminium industry has set up their in-house captive power plants of 9,400 MW with an investment of Rs 50,000

crore," it stated The power sector situation has improved significantly with 13plus days' stocks of coal from as low as three to four days in August-September 2021, it said.

Most of the available coal and rakes are being diverted to the power sector as "priority coal supplies", while the CPPs are starving and facing acute coal crunch, it

Ether snaps at bitcoin's heels in race for crypto crown

Bitcoin's dominance, or its share of the crypto market's market value, has slipped to 39.1% from this year's peak of 47.5% in mid-June

London, Sept 13: For years, ether could barely dream of challenging its big brother bitcoin. Now, its ambitions may be becoming more realistic.

The second-biggest cryptocurrency is taking market share from bitcoin ahead of an all-important "Merge" software upgrade that could sharply reduce the energy usage of its Ethereum blockchain, should the developers pull it off in coming days. Bitcoin's dominance, or its share of the crypto

market's market value, has slipped to 39.1% from this year's peak of 47.5% in mid-June, according to data platform CoinMarketCap. Ether, on the other hand, has climbed to 20.5% from 16%.

The upstart is still a long way from overtaking bitcoin as the No.1 cryptocurrency, a reversal known to aficionados as "the flippening". It's made up ground, though; in January 2021, bitcoin reigned supreme at 72%, while ether occupied a slender 10%. As for price, one ether is now worth 0.082 bitcoin, near December 2021 highs and sharply above the 2022 low of 0.049 in June.

"People are now viewing Ethereum as essentially a safe asset because they've seen the success of the network, they think it's not going anywhere," said Joseph Edwards, head of financial strategy at fund management firm Solrise Finance.

"There's a permanency to how



Ethereum is perceived in the crypto

CAPRICIOUS CRYPTO

The Merge, expected to take place on Thursday after several delays, could lead to wider use of the blockchain, potentially boosting ether's price - although nothing is certain in a capricious crypto market. Ethereum forms the backbone of much of the "Web3" vision of an internet where crypto takes centre stage, powering applications involving crypto offshoots such as decentralised finance and non-fungible tokens although this much-hyped dream is still unrealised.

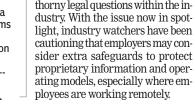
Bitcoin and ether have both nearly halved this year on concerns about supersized interest rate hikes from central banks. Nonetheless, investors seem to like the look of the Merge, with ether up over 65% since the end of June. Bitcoin has barely budged in the

same period. "We're going to see (ether's) attractiveness to some investors who are concerned about energy consumption," said Doug Schwenk, CEO of Digital Asset Research, although he cautioned that ether was still a long way behind bitcoin

THE KING IS STRONG

The diminishing bitcoin dominance in crypto's current bear market is a departure from previous market cycles when investors sold lesser tokens - "altcoins" - in favor of the more liquid and reliable bitcoin. Dethroning the king is no easy feat, though. Bitcoin is still by far the most well-known cryptocurrency. Mainstream investors who have dipped their toes in the crypto market since 2020 have tended to turn first to bitcoin, as the most liquid and widely-traded token.

Its market cap of \$427 billion is still more than double Ether's \$210 billion.









Haaland to face former team

Manchester, Sept 13: Erling Haaland is all set to go against his former team Borussia Dortmund when his current side-Manchester City - host the German club in their Champions League Group G match here. Wednesday.

City and Dortmund will both endeavour to continue their perfect starts to the 2022-23 Champions League in the battle at the Etihad Stadium. Pep Guardiola's side ran out 4-0 winners over Sevilla on matchday one, while BVB eased to a 3-0 success at home to Copenhagen.

Haaland's goalscoring capabilities in the Premier League may have been called into question before his arrival at the Etihad Stadium – such concerns have since been quashed - but his penchant for Champions League heroics had already been firmly es-

The 22-year-old struck twice in the 4-0 win over Sevilla to take his European tally to 25 goals in 20 Champions League matches, while Phil Foden and Ruben Dias also got in on the act at the Estadio Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan, and Haaland needs no added motivation to get one over his old employers

Guardiola's side-like all Premier League teams involved in European competition - have enjoyed the rare luxury of a week off following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, which meant the reigning topflight champions did not have the chance to put further pressure on Arsenal at the top of the table.

Nevertheless, City have now successfully traversed their first seven games of the season unbeaten in all competitions and have scored at least three goals in each of their four home encounters – racking up 17 in total – and Guardiola will also take charge of a Champions League game for the 150th time this week.

The ex-Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss continues his painful wait for a European honour with the Citizens, but the hosts now have a chance to extend their unbeaten home run to 21 Champions League games this week, and Dortmund travel to England on



DEADLY TROIKA: Pep Guardiola's (C) tactics and the partnership between Kevin de Bruyne and Erling Haaland (R) would pose a big threat to Dortmund, Wednesday

the back of a painful away-day de-

A 4-1 thrashing at the hands of Shakhtar Donetsk saw RB Leipzig

turn to former Borussia Dortmund head coach Marco Rose after giving Domenico Tedesco the boot, and the ex-BVB chief oversaw a

comprehensive success over his old club in the Bundesliga.

Willi Orban's header, Dominik Szoboszlai's screamer and Amadou Haidara's tap-in wrapped up a 3-0 success for Die Roten Bullen over Dortmund - the same scoreline that the Black and Yellow had inflicted upon Copenhagen during their Champions League opener.

Defeat at the Red Bull Arena ended a run of three consecutive wins and three consecutive clean sheets for Dortmund, who could do with Champions League star Haaland leading the line right now, but the impact of a certain Giovanni Reyna was well and truly felt last

Coming on as an early substitute to replace the injured Thorgan Hazard, the 19-year-old set up Jude Bellingham and Raphael Guerreiro's efforts against Copenhagen and will hope to play a key role as Dortmund set out to avoid a third-straight Champions League loss on the road.

Not since October 2017 have the Bundesliga side drawn on their travels in the Champions League winning seven and losing 10 such games in the past five years - but they fell to a 4-2 aggregate defeat against Man City in the 2020-21 quarterfinals

Man City defensive duo Kyle Walker and John Stones were both forced to miss the win over Sevilla due to niggling injuries, and Guardiola has been unable to affirm whether the pair will come back for this game or after the international

Fellow centre-back Aymeric Laporte will definitely miss out, which should lead to a quick reunion for ex-Dortmund defender Manuel Akanji against his former club, as well as Sergio Gomez.

Meanwhile, Dortmund attacker Hazard only lasted 23 minutes of the clash with Copenhagen before having to come off with a thigh injury, but there is hope that the Belgian might be available for this

Dortmund's lengthy absentee list also includes Gregor Kobel, Sebastien Haller, Mahmoud Dahoud, Jamie Bynoe-Gittens and Mateu Morey. Attackers Donyell Malen (thigh) and Karim Adeyemi (foot) have not been ruled out of this game just yet, but the pair are only thought to have extremely slim chances of being available

LIFETIME CAPTAINCY BAN DECISION

Warner, CA to discuss about overturning call



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Sydney, Sept 13: David Warner is set to have discussions with Cricket Australia to end his lifetime leadership ban in the coming weeks as the board looks for a replacement for former ODI skipper Aaron

Finch retired from ODI cricket Sunday after a poor run of form with just over 12 months left for the 50-over World Cup in India next

While Test skipper Pat Cummins is favourite to take over the job if he can manage his workload, Warner may also be in the reckoning, especially as several former and current players have called for the southpaw's life ban

"I have spoken to Nick Hockley, we're going to try and have a catch up," Warner was quoted as saying by 'foxsports.com.au'. "It's very difficult at the moment ... but I'm sure in the next couple of weeks we might be able to. But there's no rush for anything.

In the aftermath of the 2018 ball-tampering scandal in South Africa, former skipper Steve Smith was stripped of the captaincy and banned from leading Australia for two years, while Warner was handed a more severe punishment - a lifelong leadership ban.

For Warner, it would be a privilege to be entrusted with a leadership role again. "I haven't had any conversations at all. But look, I think at the end of the day, any

opportunity to captain would be a privilege," Warner said.

"But, from my end, there's a lot of water to go under the bridge, to have those conversations with Cricket Australia and my main focus is just actually playing

The 35-year-old feels the ban was not just punishment for the ball tampering incident. "Unfortunately a lot of the events before 2018 were with the board. The MoU stuff and all that. There was a lot of stuff that was... things got over and above in terms of more than the Cape Town stuff. There was more

"I think that's where my decision, the penalty that was handed down was more of stuff that was happening before that.'

Warner, Smith and batter Cameron Bancroft were banned from playing domestic or international cricket as punishment for their roles in the infamous ball-tampering scandal. Warner and Smith had been banned for one year, while Bancroft was suspended for nine months.

Asked about what conversation he will have with the board, Warner said: "I think at the end of the day it's about what questions do they want to ask me. That's where the conversation starts and then we can lead from there.

"At the end of the day, it's almost a completely new ball game from when 2018 happened. I would be interested to see and hear what their thoughts are and what not And then we can probably go from

However, Warner feels Cummins will be offered the job first. "Obviously, Pat has the Test captaincy and he will be offered the job if he wants to take it, and rightfully so."

"For me, I know everyone is talking about it and I'm being endorsed by a few people but it's something for me, it's just about making sure Cricket Australia, if they are going to have those conversations with me that they do have those conversations," he con-

Vinesh loses 0-7 in Worlds qualification



Belgrade, Sept 13: Triple Commonwealth Games champion Vinesh Phogat failed to put up a fight and was knocked down by Mongolia's Khulan Batkhuyag 0-7 in a major upset at the World Wrestling Championships here Tuesday.

Fresh from winning a gold in India's stupendous 12-medal winning show at the CWG Birmingham, the 10th seeded Vinesh looked jaded and lost her balance in the final seconds to be pinned by the Asian silver medallist in the women's freestyle 53kg.

Batkhuyag took a 3-0 lead in the first period before slamming the former world bronze medallist backward to the mat in the final seconds to take four points and

complete a dominating win. Incidentally, Indian junior

out by Vinesh in the selection trials, had beaten the Mongolian at the U-23 Asian meet earlier last month.

In the absence of former silver medallist Anshu Malik, Vinesh was a strong medal favourite as she also got a favourable draw after the pullout of reigning champion and Japanese sensation Akari Fujinami (injury). However, she was knocked out in the qualifi-

India had more disappointment in store as Neelam Sirohi lost to two-time world silver medallist Emilia Alina Vuc of Romania 0-10 via technical superiority in

the women's 50kg. French wrestler Koumba Larroque, who was fighting with a highly strapped knee, pinned Shafali with a technical superiority

in the women's 65kg.

BCCI wary of slow batting in middle overs the T20 World Cup," a senior BCCI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 13: India's batting in the middle overs, between overs 7 to 15, is the main area of concern ahead of the all-important ICC T20 World Cup, the BCCI has concluded after reviewing the team's forgettable outing at the

The showpiece will be held from October 16 to November 20 and India's first match is in Melbourne against arch-rivals Pakistan October 23. Monday, the BCCI announced the team for the marquee event along with the six T20I matches against Australia and South Africa, starting September 20.

However, apart from the squad selection, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah along with the national selection committee did discuss the underwhelming performance of the national team during the continental championship.

"Yes, the Asia Cup performance was discussed. But obviously, more than problems, the focus is on solutions and what are the things that needs to be improved during official privy to developments told this agency on conditions of anonymity.

While there were a few issues, all agreed in unison that India's pedestrian batting approach in the middle overs is becoming an issue against better teams and was a problem during the Asia Cup.

"There is an obvious issue with batting during the middle overs, especially between 7th to 15th where we haven't done well in the Asia Cup. Obviously, the team's thinktank is aware and we have some world class players, who can obviously change their game as per team's needs," the official said. If one looks at India's batting,

whether while setting a target or chasing, they have faltered between overs 7th to 15th. Against Pakistan in the opening game, 59 runs were scored in those nine overs losing three wickets. Against Hong Kong, it was 62 runs, while in the Super 4s against Pakistan, it was 62/1.

The best performance (barring Afghanistan game) was against Sri Lanka when 78 runs came off those nine overs. The problem has been negotiating the slow bowlers, where some of the top order players haven't been up to the mark.

Sanju ignored Prior to the Indian team's selection, there was a lot of buzz about Sanju Samson's possible inclusion in the 15member squad in place of Rishabh Pant but it has been learnt that the Rajasthan Royals skipper was not even in con-

"Sanju in any case will be playing the ODIs against South Africa as selectors will maintain the continuity from the Zimbabwe tour. Also there was never any discussions on dropping Pant. He is the only left-hander we have at the top and he can win a match on his day," the BCCI source



India eves lose to Bangladesh in SAFF C'ship

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Kathmandu, Sept 13: The Indian women's team suffered a 0-3 loss at the hands of Bangladesh in their third and final group match of the SAFF Women's Championship here Tuesday.

MS Jahan Shopna netted a brace for Bangladesh, while Srimoti Sarkar got one to her name, to hand the defeat to India.

However, the defeat had no impact on India's semifinal qualification, as the Blue Tigresses had already booked their spot in the

Bangladesh took the lead in the 12th minute, when Sarkar threaded a ball through to Shopna, who slotted in between two defenders, and sent it past the keeper, to put her side in the lead. Sarkar doubled Bangladesh's lead, as she darted into the Indian box from the left flank and finished past the keeper.

It was Shopna, who buried the match with her second of the match after the change of ends

India U-17 to face Nepal in final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Colombo, Sept 13: Focussed on learning from their mistakes, the Indian football team will take on Nepal in the SAFF U-17 Championship final here Wednesday. The Indian camp sounded confident on the eve of the match. "We started the tournament well.

But it was a nervy start nonetheless. This is the first tournament that the boys are playing for the country, and that can always give you a few jitters," said head coach Bibiano Fernandes. 'The result against Nepal was a wake-up call for us. The boys reacted extremely well after the setback. We

boys for taking up this challenge," he added. The blue colts had started their campaign with a victory against Bhutan, but suffered a 1-3 loss at the hands of Nepal in their second group stage game before turning

have identified, and worked on our

weaknesses. I need to credit the



their fortunes around against Bangladesh with a 2-1 victory in the

While the coach spoke about eliminating the mistakes, the players are looking forward to redeem themselves after the last defeat against Nepal.

"We were terribly upset after the loss to Nepal. We wanted a rematch, and it is our chance to prove ourselves in the final," said captain Vanlalpeka Guite. "We are completely focused.'

One major change for the boys, the coach noted, has been the change in the mindset. "There is always a lot to learn from any defeat, and I need to appreciate the mindset of the boys. We all know how good Nepal are, and you can see how much the boys are focusing on the job ahead,' said Bibiano.

Prannoy moves up to 16th in BWF rankings

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New Delhi, Sept 13: After a string of impressive performances on tour, India's star shuttler HS Prannoy climbed two places to reach the World No.16 in the latest BWF World Ranking release Tuesday.

Prannoy, who reached backto-back quarterfinals at the World Championships and Japan Open Super 750, now has 64,330 points after participating in 33 tournaments.

The 30-year-old Indian had recently become the top player in men's singles in the 'Race to Guangzhou', which decides the qualifiers for the season-ending

BWF World Tour Final. Fellow Indian Kidambi Srikanth also jumped two places to sit at the 12th spot, while Lakshya Sen continued to be the

best-placed Indian male shuttler at World No.9.

PV Sindhu, who had skipped the world championships and Japan Open due to an injury, also gained a position to climb to the seventh spot.

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal regained her place inside the top 30 after improving three spots.

In men's doubles, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, who claimed their maiden gold at Commonwealth Games and a firstever bronze at World Championships, continued to re-

main static at World No.8. Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy slipped a rung to be 28th in women's doubles. Mixed doubles pairing of Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar achieved a career-best 33rd ranking after climbing two spots.

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