MUCH-AWAITED PROJECT

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu will soon make her Hindi film debut opposite Ayushmann Khurrana in a horror comedy **LEISURE** P2



MASS GRAVE FOUND

Ukrainian authorities unearthed bodies from a mass burial site in an area recently recaptured from Russian forces

INTERNATIONAL P10



DAHIYA DISAPPOINTS

Olympic silver medallist Ravi Dahiya out of medal contention in the Wrestling World Championships SPORTS P1

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IAF's daredevilry in **Bhubaneswar skies**

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Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The Surya Kiran aerobatic demonstration team of Indian Air Force (IAF) has exhibited a daredevil show in Bhubaneswar skies over the Kuakhai riverbed Friday.



Thousands of people from the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar and nearby areas witnessed the spectacular air show exhibited by pilots of nine Hawk 132 Aircrafts manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)

two groups and exhibited a series of loops, barrel rolls and manoeuvres in the air. Governor Ganeshi Lal and Chief of Eastern Air Command Air Marshal DK Patnaik joined the event at the Baliyatra ground on the river bed.

The entire team divided into

The Governor said that the air show gives a clear message to the world that India's survival is must if the world has to survive. "It also shows how the sky and earth can meet each other," he said. Expressing happiness over the "fabulous" show by the IAF team, Ganeshi Lal said that he will also attend the upcoming air show by the IAF in Puri Sunday.

SHORT TAKE

Mevani, 19 others get 6 months jail

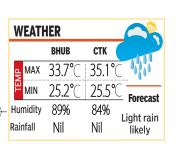
AHMEDABAD: An Ahmedabad court Friday convicted Congress leader Jignesh Mevani and 19 others guilty in a 2016 vandalism case and sentenced them to six months imprisonment. The Metropolitan Magistrate awarded three different sentences under the three different sections of IPC - six months jail under one, ₹500 fine under another, and ₹100 fine in the third. It has stayed the operative part of the order, so Mevani and others can appeal the order before the sessions court. In 2016, Mevani and others were leading protests demanding to name Gujarat University's Law Department as Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhayan, The protest turned violent and the premises were vandalised

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Class V girl dies as school wall caves in

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, Sept 16: A girl student died after an under-construction wall of Bichikat Girls' High school in Padmapur block of Rayagada district came crashing on her Friday. The deceased was identified as Ahuti Sabar, 11, a student of Class V.

According to sources, Ahuti had gone out of the school to answer the call of nature in the noon. On her return to the school, the wall caved in on her.

School teachers and local people rescued her in a critical condition from under the broken wall. She was first admitted to Padmapur community health centre (CHC) and later shifted to Gunupur hospital where she died. Senior officials of block education office took stock of the situation. Locals have condemned the poor quality work at the school and demanded compensation for the family of the victim.

Notably, similar incidents have happened earlier. At least five children, not older than six years were killed after the wall of their school collapsed in Nayagarh district in July, 2012.

India's stance changing on Russia-Ukraine war

■ Throughout the ongoing crisis, India has carefully avoided taking an unequivocal position. Now, when Russia is on the backfoot, New Delhi tries to convince Kremlin to end war

PNN & AGENCIES

Samarkand, Sept 16: Deviating from the Indian government's stand so far on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday told Russian President Vladimir Putin that now was not the time for war.

Earlier, when global democracies lined up to condemn the actions of Russia in Ukraine, India was less forthcoming in its criticism. Throughout the ongoing crisis, the government in India has carefully avoided taking an unequivocal position. It has abstained on every United Nations resolution dealing with the matter and refused to join the international community in economic measures against Moscow. prompting a warning from the US over potentially circumventing sanctions.

Even statements from India condemning the reported mass killing of Ukrainian civilians stopped short of apportioning blame on any party, instead calling for an impartial investigation.

When the former foreign secretary of UK, Liz Truss, April 1, 2022



MARCH 24, 2022: India abstains from voting on Russian resolution in UN, skips

APRIL 1. 2022: India defends despite appeal by former UK

buying discounted Russian oil foreign secretary Liz Truss

urged India to reduce dependence on Russian energy, her Indian counterpart S Jaishankar defended India's decision to obtain "good deals" for energy supplies amid volatility in the global markets.

Now, when the Russia is pulling out troops from several areas like Kharkiv, Snake Island and other cities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi found it to be the proper moment to convince Russia to end the hostility Modi Friday pushed Russian

President Vladimir Putin to end the conflict in Ukraine, saying "today's era is not of war" even as he called for finding ways to address the global food and energy security

He also underlined the importance of democracy, dialogue and diplomacy during a bilateral meeting with Putin that took place on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in this Silk

"Today the biggest worry before

the world, especially developing countries, is food security, fuel security, fertilisers. We must find ways on these problems and you will also have to consider it. We will get an opportunity to talk about these issues," Modi said in his

opening remarks. On his part, Putin told Modi that he was aware of India's concerns over the Ukraine conflict and that Russia will do everything possible to end it as soon as possible.

"I know about your position on the conflict in Ukraine. I know about your concerns. I know that you share these concerns and we all want an end to all of these as soon as possible," Putin said in his televised opening remarks at the

meeting. India's response to Russia's invasion on Ukraine—condemnation of the civilian killings without any name calling, and abstention from UN votes — is not fundamentally different from this historically cautious neutrality.

6 killed, 20 hurt as truck hits bus

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, Sept 16: In a tragic road mishap, six people were killed and over 20 others injured when a hyva truck hit a bus carrying some employees of a private firm on Jharsuguda-Sambalpur Biju Expressway Friday. Condition of 13 of them is stated to be critical. They were shifted to VIMSAR in

Other injured have been admitted to the district headquarters hospital and some private hospitals

Among the deceased are: Rajendra Tiwari, Sher Bahadur, Brijpal Singh, Pankaj Jha and Bikash Kumar, police said

Reports said the bus was carrying over 60 staffers from the steel and power plant in Thelkuli to



shifted to VIMSAR in Burla

Jharsuguda around 7pm when the accident took place. A coal-laden truck came from the rear near Sarbahal after hitting two cows and jumped over the road divider

before colliding with the ill-fated bus. Locals rescued the injured and rushed them to the district headquarters hospital.

visiting the district headquarters hospital. He said, "Free treatment will be provided to the injured. I will talk to the company management regarding compensation to the families of the deceased." He added that the district ad-

Meanwhile, Jharsuguda

Collector Saroj Samal expressed

grief over the tragic incident while

ministration will bear all the treatment expenses

"Proper arrangements will be made for the best possible treatment of the injured. A team of specialist doctors have been appointed for their treatment and immediate steps are being taken for treatment as per the requirement," he

Meanwhile, Sadar police seized the hyva and the bus, and registered

Odia student found dead at IIT-Madras

PNN/AGENCIES

Chennai, Sept 16: A student from Odisha studying aeronautical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras was found dead in his hostel room here, said police.

The student, identified as Subhranshu Sarkar, was, according to his classmates, in a state of depression for the past couple of

Kotturpuram police told the media persons that the student had not come out of his room since Thursday morning and when his friends knocked at his hostel room by evening, there was no response.

When the door was broken open, he was found dead in the room.

Kotturpuram police recovered the body and sent it to Royapettah Government hospital for postmortem. A case has been registered and police investigation has commenced.

IIT- Madras authorities said the parents of Subranshu have been intimated and that they were on their way to the college campus to retrieve the body.

A fourth year student at IIT-Madras and hailing from Kerala told IANS that the institution has set a high standard for itself in academics and this has led to some students becoming mentally down.

dedicated teams to tackle any even-

tuality like an earthquake. Hasori

is around 35 km from Killari, the

epicenter of the major quake of

1993, and Latur has been known as

He said that the enigma of the

sounds is compounded by the fact

that it is not detected by the seis-

mographs installed in the district,

with a tentative conclusion that it

could be minor tremors under-

It may be recalled that 29 years

an 'earthquake-prone' district.'

Osmani told IANS

ground

Adani briefly named world's 2nd richest



Mumbai, Sept 16: Business tycoon Gautam Adani became the world's second richest man, though briefly, replacing Bernard Arnault by a whisker on the Forbes list. The Adani Group chairman's net worth now stands at \$155.5 billion (Rs 12.37 lakh crore). Later, the Louis Vitton boss climbed to the second spot while Adani was placed at third position.

As per Forbes Real Time Billionaires List, Adani's net worth rose by \$5.2 billion, a hike of 3.49 per cent. Tesla founder Elon Musk continues to occupy the top position in the rich list.

In the top 10 list, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani is the second Indian with a net worth of \$92.2 billion. The other billionaires in the top ten list include Bill Gates, Larry Ellison, Warren Buffett, Larry Page and

Sergey Brin. On August 30, Adani had surpassed Louis Vitton boss Arnault to become the world's third richest man. It was the first instance when an Asian was ranked among the top three billionaires

Adani Group's kitchen essentials firm Adani Wilmar Ltd is now scouting for local and overseas acquisition targets to boost its foodoperations business, Bloomberg

4th mystery boom in 10 days rattles Latur

■ The unexplained phenomenon was earlier recorded in Hasor village of Latur district Sept 3, 8, *12, alarming the population* of 2,000 living there

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Latur, Sept 16: For the fourth time in 10 days, a small village in this district of Maharashtra was shaken by another mysterious subterranean boom sound accompanied by some vibrations this morning, scaring the villagers and the

local officials, here Friday. The unexplained phenomenon

was recorded in Hasor village earlier this month September 3, 8, 12 and 16 (Friday), alarming the population of 2,000 living there, said District Disaster Management Officer Saqueb Osmani.

This day's loud sounds - which have not caused any damage or casualties - came just two days after a team of experts from the Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded visited the village. Though they found nothing unusual or detected any seismic activity, they have recommended that the authorities should immediately tackle around half-a-dozen 'risky infrastructure' they noticed there.

As the sounds have continued at



frequent intervals, a team of IMD Delhi will visit the village September 20 and install a micro-observatory in Hasori to scientifically unravel the puzzles of the underground booming sounds, said Osmani

Latur Collector Prithviraj BP vis-

ited the village Tuesday with a team of district officers and experts to as-

the state and Centre were informed. "As an added precaution, we

sess the situation and then the concerned specialised departments at

have decided to form at least seven villages.

ago (September 30, 1993), a deadly quake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale had struck Latur, flattening Killari and over 50 surrounding reported.



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Mumbai: The power

house of talent and re-

cipient of multiple

honours and recog-

nitions, Vidya

Balan received vet

another series of

awards this year

as she won Best

Actor Critics

(Female) at Filmfare as

well as HT

OTT Awards

in a span of

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weeks With a

Awards



SLAPGATE: SMITH GETS PERMANENTLY BANNED FROM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Hollywood star Will Smith is apparently not welcome back on Saturday Night Live. The actor is reportedly being permanently banned after slapping comedian Chris Rock at the 2022 Academy Awards. The NBC sketch series is reportedly banning the actor permanently following the Oscars slap, reports aceshowbiz.com.

AMBER HEARD ACCUSED OF BLACKMAILING DIRECTOR WAN

Actress Amber Heard is hit with yet another accusation in the aftermath of the much-publicised defamation trial against Johnny Depp. She is now accused of blackmailing Hollywood men to nab parts, including Aquaman director James Wan.



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Today you will land up in a tricky or hazardous situation. You will feel compelled to wade against the tide, which may not be such a productive thing, says Ganesha. Nothing seems to be going your way. Take some time off for vourself to relieve the stress.

TAURUS

Your vision today will have a hue of green as you will draw to money like a fly to sweets. Taste the power of money with fortune as the monkey on your back. You may buy a pendant or a necklace today and your haggling skills will save you from being swindled, says Ganesha

GEMINI

You will feel out of sorts today. This could result in distances between you and your loved ones. You may fall into the wrong sorts of debates on account of your ill-temper. You need to keep a curb on your emotions to perform better, says Ganesha

CANCER

You are most likely to appear edgy and hypercritical to others, says Ganesha. Remain your typical poised self. Try not to be harsh to others, if you wish to save your relationships and sustain a reputable image. Avoid

Chess is a good start, but it is nothing compared to the strategic intrigues of your day today. Arguments will lead to further arguments, and nowhere else, reminds Ganesha. So, it only makes sense to counter a disagreement with an agree ment. But then again, total agreement is doubly secretive. At the end of the day, all that matters is to get people to agree with you, even if it means having to eat humble pie in the beginning

You will shine exceedingly well in all the activities that you undertake today. Your dream of starting business operations on foreign shores will fructify today, says Ganesha. You may pay more attention to your personal appearance, which will boost your morale considerably.

Call it your generous side, but today is the perfect day from whom you have received so far. With roots set firmly in community service, it might do you well to extend that helping hand and return something back to them, preferably in the double. Go along with the spirit of an early thanksgiving today.

SCORPIO

An upcoming project of a new joint venture will capsize your personal life and keep you on your toes today, says Ganesha. You may not find the results in proportion to the efforts that you put in. but be patient because everything will fall in place only in due time.

SAGITTARIUS

Murmurs of discontent will reach your ears, especially from those very near. But if you go about pleasing one and all you may not defuse the bomb completely. Exercise caution, and a lot of patience, says Ganesha, Your tolerance will not only help you overcome the problem, but also help you in addressing dissent in your cadres

CAPRICORN

There are good days and bad days; your day today will oscillate between the two extremes, says Ganesha. While on the one hand, your mind will be flooded with negative feelings that will make you feel miserable, on the other, your efforts at work will yield good results in the future. The need of the hour is to stay calm and take criticisms in your stride.

AQUARIUS

You are already overloaded with work. On the top of it, people around you will conveniently put their share of load on your back, and you will take it most of the times. You, however, will not get bogged down by the additional responsibilities.

PISCES

Are you fretting over the obstacles you are facing on the business front? Ganesha tackles the root of your problem and advises you to be patient and have faith in your undertakings. Good things will come your way, in good time.

Vidya Balan bags two awards back to back

of unconventional and ground breaking films to her credit, Vidya has won prestigious honours like the Padma Shri, National Award, 6 Filmfare Awards and several others over the years.

Adding to the list of awards, Vidya Balan bagged her 7th Filmfare Award this year for her remarkable performance in Sherni, followed by the win at the HT OTT Awards for her latest release Jalsa. Vidya Balan has emerged as the only actress to receive two consecutive awards for two different films

From challenging the norms of patriarchy in Sherni to donning a gray shade in Jalsa, Vidya Balan definitely left fans impressed with her diverse performances in these films. In fact, the actress has brought about a change in the concept of a Hindi film heroine and is known for her power packed performances in

> female centric cinema in Hindi films. She is one of the only few actresses in India to have been able to garner both critical and commercial success for films like The Dirty Picture, Paa, Ishqiya, Tumhari Sulu to the latest additions from OTT like Shakuntala Devi, Sherni and Jalsa. AGENCIES

THE WAIT IS OVER

Samantha to

play princess

in Hindi debut

Mumbai: After her stint in *The Family*

Man, Hindi audience is eager to see

the actress featured in a full-fledged

Hindi movie. A lot of reports about

her debut have been doing the rounds

The latest report in a news portal stated that

the actress will be starring opposite Ayushmann

Khurrana in a horror comedy movie. The report

added that the film has an ample dose of humour

and suspense. While Samantha will be seen

playing the role of a princess, Ayushmann will

be essaying the role of a vampire. The film is

reportedly based on a folklore story from

Rajasthan and expands Dinesh Vijan's proposed

Meanwhile, on the work front, Samantha

is gearing up for the release of her upcom-

ing pan-India film, Yashoda which will hit

the theatres in October. Ayushmann,

on the other hand, has Doctor G with

Rakul Preet Singh and Dream Girl

Horror-Comedy Cinematic Universe.

2 with Ananya Panday.

the media.

STATE LEVEL THEATRE FESTIVAL CONCLUDES



City-based theatre troupe Labanya Theatre staged Odia play Haere Satia at Bhanjakala Mandap, Bhubaneswar, Friday, on the fifth and final evening of drama festival Ranga Sangam, organised jointly by Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi and Odia Language, Literature and Culture department, Government Odisha. The play was written by Dillip Balabant Ray and directed by Satva Jena(Tunu).

Chitrangda on why she didn't act in

her production

Mumbai: Her debut production venture Soorma starring Diljit Dosanjh struck a chord with the audience. An actress herself, there was an opportunity where Chitrangda Singh could play the part of Harpreet Kaur essayed by Taapsee Pannu. The actress says that yes she would have liked to act in her own production venture, but there are certain

She shares, "A lot of people ask me why I didn't act in Soorma. I would like to say that yes I would like to act in my production ventures, but only if

I fit the part. In case of Soorma I feel I wasn't right for the part. I believe that you have to be right for the part otherwise you are not doing justice to the story and the film. I feel Taapsee was absolutely bang on for someone playing hockey in a small town. And so we had her in the film."

conditions to it.

She further adds. "This project would have given me a chance to learn to play hockey. There's no doubt I would have trained for a skill to fit the part, but ultimately sometimes inherently somebody is the best for the part and you cannot deny that." AGENCIES

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To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a

manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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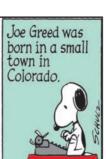
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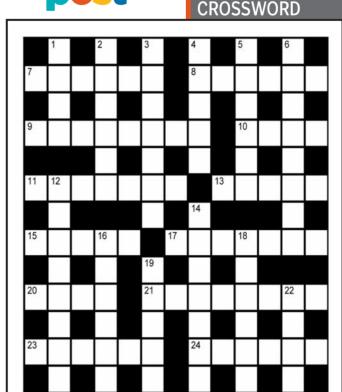




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RAZING DOWN

An excavator deployed by BDA pulls down illegal structures in Nayapalli area of Bhubaneswar, Friday

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State gets 9 new commercial courts

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The state government has notified the establishment of nine new commercial courts of civil judge (senior division) at eight places across the state, an official said Friday.

The Law department has issued the notification recently. Two courts will function in Puri, while Cuttack Sadar, Bhubaneswar, Balasore Sadar, Bolangir Sadar, Kendrapara Sadar, Jeypore and Rourkela will have one court each

The state government has established the courts on the recommendation of the Orissa High Court.

As per the notification, the districts of Cuttack, Angul, Dhenkanal



and Jajpur will come under the ju-

risdiction of the commercial court set

up at Cuttack Sadar, while the

Bhubaneswar court will look after

the disputes in Khurda district.

Cuttack Sadar. Bhubaneswar, Balasore Sadar. Bolangir Sadar, Kendrapara Sadar, **Jeypore and Rourkela** will have one court each

Similarly, the two commercial courts in Puri will deal with the cases of Puri and Nayagarh districts, Balasore Sadar court has jurisdiction over Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj and Keonihar districts and Bolangir Sadar court will deal with the commercial cases of Bolangir, Sonepur, Kalahandi and Nuapada districts.

The commercial cases of Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur districts will be heard by the Kendrapara Sadar court while Jeypore court will deal with the cases of Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nabarangpur. The commercial court in Rourkela has the judgeship of Sundargarh district.

Meanwhile, the Revenue and Disaster Management department has set up 19 new RI circles in Bolangir district to deal with revenue matters. Now, the total number of RI circles in the western Odisha district stands at 105.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: Two persons in the City here have lost Rs 1.87 lakh to cyber fraud,

In the first incident, a teacher of Sailashree Vihar area lost Rs 1. 82 lakh while playing game online

According to sources, fraudsters, posing as said the teacher, requesting not to be named.

In the second case, a woman from Chandrasekharpur area lost Rs 5,000 to cyber

and searched online for animal care organisations. Upon contacting one such number, she was asked to pay Rs 5 through a link as registration fee. Within minutes, she lost Rs 5.000 from her bank account.

More rain likely as another Lopar may form over Bay of Bengal

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: Odisha may receive heavy rain next week as a low-pressure area (Lopar) is expected to form over the Bay of Bengal, the Met office said Friday.

This will be the second such weather system in two weeks and the fifth over the past two months. An upper air cyclonic circulation will form over northwest Bay of Bengal around Sunday. Under

its influence, a low-pressure area is set to take shape over the same region during the subsequent 48 hours. The Met office predicted heavy rainfall of 7-10 mm at a few places over Puri, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Bolangir, Gajapati, Ganjam and Jagatsinghpur districts Sunday. Downpour is likely in several districts, including Khurda, Cuttack and Puri, Monday. Heavy to very heavy rainfall can occur in a few places over Boudh, Angul, Subarnapur, Kandhamal, and Kalahandi Tuesday.



AIR SHOW: Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force performs air show in Bhubaneswar skies, Friday

2 lose ₹1.87L to cyber fraud

an official said Friday.

officials of the gaming firm, reportedly told the victim that he had earned rewards to a tune of Rs 3.50 lakh. And that he needs to deposit Rs 80,000 through an online application in order to claim the rewards. "Without suspecting foul, the teacher clicked a payment link sent to his phone by the fraudsters. Within minutes, his bank account was debited of Rs 1.82 lakh,'

fraud while trying to help an injured stray dog.

The lady found an injured stray dog Thursday



DGP inaugurates orientation workshop

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: Amidst the state-wide outcry over the rising cases of attack against women, the state Director General of Police (DGP) Sunil Kumar Bansal inaugurated Friday a two-day orientation programme at Police Bhawan here for cops in charge of Mahila (women) and Sishu (children) desks (M&SD) at police stations and the integrated anti-human trafficking units (IAHTU).

Speaking to media after the programme, Bansal said, "We always try to provide best possible humane response to women and child victims who approach police seeking help. We have Mahila and Sishu Desks at all police stations to help such persons.

Bansal added, "We are organising the workshop to extra-sensitise the oftraining on handling

ficials deployed at desks and educate them about their duties and provide them with up to date legislations on the subject. The officers will also be imparted knowledge regarding the schemes run by Women and Child

The DGP also informed that officers will be sensitised to show empathy while dealing with the victims and provide them with all possible legal, medical and financial help in coordination with other departments of the Odisha government.

The officials will also be educated

stakeholders at the district level dealing with the women and child-related issues for better coordination. Bansal stated

On the occasion, DGP Bansal also unveiled two handbooks, 'Toolkit for MSD officials' and 'Investigation Roadmap for Crime against Women and Children'

The workshop is being organised with the help of Childline India Foundation, South Zone and with the technical collaboration of UNICEF. The state police is planning to hold such training programmes in eight batches here and at Rourkela, Balasore and Sambalpur.

Twin city Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi and Crime Branch ADG, Arun Bothra took part in the workshop.

Cops working on M&SD about rights of the victims and other

and IAHTU to get special women and child victims

Welfare Department."

Ajinomoto may cause faster ageing, cardiac problems



Ajinomoto is the trade name for a salt that scientists call monosodium glutamate (MSG) - mostly used in Chinese preparations like Chowmein and Manchurian - which leaves a long-lasting taste (umami-the core fifth taste alongside the sweet, sour, bitter, and salty taste buds) that characterizes these food items

■ The Allahabad University research on MSG toxicity has shown that even at concentrations, which come under the prescribed limits, it may cause oxidative stress, inflammation and other health issues. Besides. the umami taste can cause MSG addiction in children

jinomoto, an essential ingredient, especially in Chinese cuisine, is leading to several health issues like hypertension, cardiac problems and a faster rate of ageing.

This has been found in research conducted by scientists at the biochemistry department of Allahabad University (AU).

The breakthrough research has been published in the reputed 'Indian Journal of Clinical Biochemistry'.

Ajinomoto is the trade name for a salt that scientists call monosodium glutamate (MSG) -- mostly used in Chinese preparations like Chowmein and Manchurian -- which leaves a long-lasting taste (umami) that characterizes these food items.

Umami is the core fifth taste alongside the sweet, sour, bitter, and salty taste buds. Scientists at the AU's department of biochemistry, working under Professor SI Rizvi, have reported that MSG, even at low doses, could be detrimental to health.

The AU research on MSG toxicity has shown that even at concentrations, which come under the prescribed limits, MSG may cause oxidative stress, inflammation and other health issues. Besides, the umami taste can cause MSG addiction in children.

Prof Rizvi said, "All these adverse effects may predispose an individual to diseases such as hypertension, heart problems and a faster rate of ageing.'

The finding assumes importance since the consumption of foods rich in MSG has increased tremendously in recent years

All fast foods, including packed chips, momos and some packed foods contain large amounts of this compound.

MSG increases the production of certain chemicals in the body which may

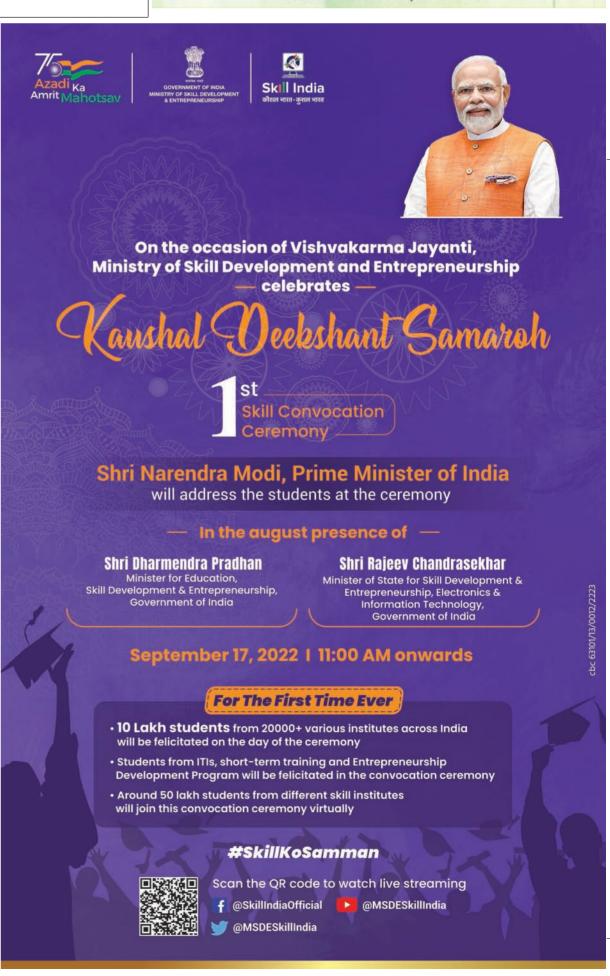
be highly harmful. The same type of change is often seen in Covid-19 patients, he added.

"The experimental study carried out on rats given a fixed dose of MSG revealed that after three weeks of continuous intake of this salt, some alterations were also seen in the brain region," said Prof Rizvi.

The scientists tested the effect of MSG at two different concentrations, 30 mg and 100 mg per kg body

Although the 30 mg dose did not cause any effects, at 100 mg dose, there were a host of side effects which could be hazardous to health.

"This study is an eyeopener as growing children may especially be vulnerable to toxic effects of MSG," said Prof Rizvi, adding that children and growing foetuses have a leaky blood-brain barrier and could be affected by toxic effects of MSG.



MoU for adult liver transplant



The government had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bangalore-based Aster CMI Hospital to provide paediatric liver transplantation service at a subsidised rate

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The Odisha Government signed Friday an MoU with the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIS), Hyderabad to establish an adult liver transplant unit at the SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH) in Cuttack. "The Odisha government has signed an MoU with the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad to establish the adult liver transplant unit at SCBMCH Cuttack which will be co-ordinated by State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO)," the Health

and Family Welfare department, government of Odisha said.

Earlier, the government had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bangalore based Aster CMI Hospital to propaediatric liver transplantation service at a subsidised rate. This development will certainly help needy families requiring this particular type of surgery which is quite expensive.

The Aster CMI Hospital will set up a paediatric liver transplant unit at the SCBMCH, according to a statement issued by the private medical facility.

ECoR launches cleanliness drive

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The East Coast Railway (ECoR) has started the 'Swachhata Pakhwada' programme in a big way giving special emphasis on cleanliness at railway stations, trains, offices, workshops, maintenance depots, hospitals and residential areas.

ECoR GM, Sharad Kumar Srivastava administered the oath on 'Swachhata' to the employees and officers at its headquarters at Rail Sadan here to maintain cleanliness and to keep the surroundings hygienic.

All ECoR employees, from the lowest to the top rank are participating in 'Swachhata Pakhwada'. Different programmes like prabhat pheri, seminars and nukkad natak (street plays) are being conducted to develop awareness about cleanliness and hygienic living among the common people including passengers.

Paintings and drawing competitions on the theme of cleanliness, including trains, wash basins, drinking water facilities and toilets will be organised on a regular basis. Special emphasis is being laid on cleanliness at work places.

An oath was taken Friday noon to mark the programme. Employees of ECoR took the pledge that they will neither litter nor let others litter in all areas belonging to ECoR. They also pledged that they will carry forward this cleanliness drive to their residences and the areas where they live. They also promised that they will spread the awareness to all the others they come in **BEAUTICIANS' MEET**



Dignitaries, including Rita Sahu, minister Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts department attending the first annual meet oranised by the Beauticians Welfare

Soft skills training for weavers of state

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts department and the department of Tourism are making systematic effort for development and promotion of the crafts and tourism sectors of the state.

The state government has taken steps towards integration of state's century old handloom legacy with tourism, to not only attract both domestic and foreign visitors alike. but also to provide opportunities to rural population to improve their socioeconomic condition.

A weaver's craft village in Bayanagram was inaugurated at Jaipur, Jagatsinghpur district and work is under progress on developing the Maniabandha Buddhist handloom village, the Tassar craft village at Gopalpur and many such projects.

It is necessary for the artisans and the community to have the skills and the knowledge to engage the foreign and local tourists who visit their place. So it has been proposed that 730 master weavers or artisans of the 73 handlooms clusters across the state will be trained on soft-skills development. on hospitality and tourism

With that in view, deputy director of textiles, Cuttack has or-

ganised a training program for weavers of the Cuttack zone September 15 and 16. The program was conducted by the Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, Bhubaneswar with implementation by SADHAC. 80 weavers from Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur districts were trained in the twodays programme.

Ashutosh Mahanty, DDT, Cuttack, and Dilip Bagh, CEO, State Agency for Development of Handloom Clusters (SADHAC) inaugurated the training program. B Swajan assistant professor, Bhabatosh Dehury and Dev Ghadei of IITTM trained the weavers on communication skills, personnel grooming and hygiene, soft skills and personality development, and etiquettes.

It is expected that this training will enable and empower the community to exchange valuable information with the tourists as well as improving their quality of ex-

India to roll out Hydrogen-powered train on next I-Day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: India will roll out its first hydrogen-powered train, designed, developed and manufactured indigenously, on the next Independence Day, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said

"India has been able to build trains which are among the best in the world and the next big thing will be when the hydrogen-powered train is rolled out August 15, 2023,' the minister for railways, communication, electronics and IT said here at a programme.

Referring to the Vande **Bharat Express,**

he said it took only 52 seconds to move from zero to 100 km per hour while the famed Bullet Train of Japan took 55

The world's first hydrogen-powered train was rolled out in Germany last month. This gas is an environment-friendly fuel.

seconds for the same

At the programme Thursday the minister said that a train, built at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, was recently found to be among the best five trains in the world. It moved at a speed of 180 km

per hour which amazed the world, he said. "This train is better than all other trains on multiple parameters. A glass of water kept in the driver's cabin stays undisturbed even when the train moves at the maximum speed indicating its stability," Vaishnaw said.

Referring to the Vande Bharat Express train, he said it took only 52 seconds to move from zero speed to 100 km per hour while the famed Bullet train of Japan took 55 seconds for the same

Vaishnaw said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked the engineers to build world-class trains which should be safe, stable and consume less energy besides running at a good speed.

Attention was also being provided to cleanliness of railway stations and a satellite map had been prepared to identify 132 district headquarter towns that needed railway connectivity.

The Detailed Project Report for the same was being prepared, the railway minister said.

Chief Secy for awareness WSC introduces programmes on Aadhaar POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: Simplifying the use of Aadhaar accelerates ease of living while ensuring effective and accurate delivery of public services, said Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra here Friday.

While addressing a workshop on 'simplifying the use of Aadhaar', Mahapatra advised different departments to have detail interaction with officials of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and get their doubts clarified for enhancing the use of Aadhaar.

He also advised UIDAI to ensure updating Aadhaar data and biometric impressions periodically.

Mahapatra also emphasized on nrolment of the newborn babies and elderly who were unable to visit Aadhaar enrolment centres.

The Chief Secretary further asked UIDAI to integrate Aadhaarrelated services into Mo Seva Kendras (MSKs) so that people in remote pockets have the chance



to get themselves enrolled or introduce changes to existing Aadhaar data.

At present, 5,923 MSKYs are operating in the state. These centres are gaining rapid popularity, and the number of people using these centres is on the rise.

Use of Aadhaar authentication in public distribution system, paddy procurement, farmer welfare schemes like Kalia, different types and scholarships, disbursement of benefits under various social

security schemes in Odisha has vielded amazing results, he pointed out.

to undertake intensive awareness programmes about benefits of possessing a valid and updated Aadhaar card. **UIDAI** Chief Executive Officer

Mahapatra also advised UIDAI

Saurav Garg said that Odisha is a lead user state of Aadhaar data. Aadhaar registration in the age group of 18 and above is almost cent percent. Garg gave an overarching view

termed Aadhaar as a key identifier of inclusive growth. District level committees would be formed for monitoring the proper

on uses and utilities of Aadhaar, and

use and enrolment of Aadhaar, he added.

Pradeep Kumar Jena highlighted the use of Aadhaar in enhancing targeted and inclusive growth, and peoples' satisfaction. He emphasized on creation of Aadhaar ecosystem at the ground level through proper convergence.

two new courses

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: The World Skill Center (WSC), a premier advanced skill training institute established in the Odisha capital by the Skill Development and Technical Education department. Odisha in collaboration with the Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES), Singapore, is now launching two additional courses for the 2022-23 session.

The two new courses launched by the WSC's School of Services (SOS) are 'Beauty Wellness and and 'Hair Fashion and Design'.

SOS director Suguna Srinivasan said "Each course having duration of one year is offering an advance certification on completion. Students who have passed Plus-II or diploma in any discipline and are between 17 to 30 years are eligible to apply for the courses. The course fee is ₹5,000 and includes food, lodging, study course material, uniform and transportation," the official said. Srinivasan added that inter-

ested students can visit the website https://www.worldskillcenter.org to get more details and apply for any of the two courses. 'By becoming a beautician and a hair stylist, you have control

over your own schedule, you can enjoy a steady source of income. and give back to the community because you make everyone beautiful," Srinivasan said. Principal secretary of Skill Development and Technical

Education department, Hemant Sharma said "WSC is well equipped with laboratories, classrooms, courses and advanced equipment. The curriculum at WSC was

adopted from ITE Singapore. The trainers have also received training on modern educational techniques in Singapore".

The courses have been launched with the objective to enable students to gain access to international standard training and become global ready professionals of tomorrow.

plea against two

SC to hear contempt

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 16: The Supreme Court Friday agreed to hear a contempt petition filed against Ardhendu Kumar Das and Pradyumna Sathpathy for making "scandalous remarks" on the apex court, after it dismissed the petitions against construction work at Shri Jagannath Temple, Puri in June.

A two-judge bench of Justices BR Gavai and CT Ravikumar agreed to hear the case after advocate Sibo Sankar Mishra mentioned the case before the bench.

Advocate Mishra submitted in the court that the respondents made scandalous statements against the apex court. He submitted that the statements are such brazen that he can't say in the open court and pleaded the court to just go through them. Justice Gavai said that the court doesn't bother about the statements but agreed to hear the petition, "Let us see," the bench said.

Gadadhar Baral contended that Ardhendu Das and Pradvumna Sathpathy June 3 made scandalous remarks against the apex court on a prime-time talk show on an

The petition filed by Rakesh

Hysterectomies in Indian women influenced by insurance subsidies

octors compensated on a feefor-service basis in India, were more likely to perform hysterectomy surgeries, whether or not they were clinically necessary.

Women in India were more likely to undergo a hysterectomy when a state-provided health insurance programme reimbursed private hospital fee-for-service arrangements, and younger Indian women are more likely to have the procedure.

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, used National Family Health Survey data to show a positive association between hysterectomy rates and access to cashless state health insurance, notably in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) state government's Rajiv Aarogyasri health insurance programme (also known as just Aarogvasri). launched in 2007, provided generous cashless coverage for tertiary healthcare to 19.2 million belowpoverty-line households, paying higher rates to hospitals than other comparable insurance programmes. Following media reports of a sudden jump in hysterectomy rates in private hospitals, the AP government imposed stricter controls in 2010 requiring detailed pre-surgery reports before performing a hysterectomy on a woman under 35. then in 2011 restricted the procedure to public hospitals only.

The research found that women eligible for Aarogyasri health insurance (which reimbursed both public and private hospitals) were 2.8 percent more likely to undergo hysterectomy than women outside the programme - and also found that their odds of undergoing a hysterectomy in a private hospital was significantly higher than in public hospitals.

This group was more likely to undergo a hysterectomy below the age of 40, and had a higher likelihood of undergoing a hysterectomy between the years 2008 to 2011, when the procedure was eligible for subsidy in both private and public hospitals

Doctors in private hospitals in India are typically compensated on a fee-for-service basis, rather than the fixed remuneration typ-



removing the uterus) is the second most frequently performed medical procedure in women, next to cesarean delivery, and generally only conducted in the later phase of a woman's life

ical in public hospitals, where they receive fixed remuneration – potentially motivating private providers to recommend clinically unnecessary procedures.

This may be due to cashless public health insurance programmes

An analysis of India's 2015-16 NFHS. covering around 700,000 women aged 15 to 49 years, found that between 2012-2016, the rate of hysterectomies in India increased from 1.7 to 3.2 surgeries for every 100 women who had ever been married

that typically, don't involve any payment by the eligible women undergoing the surgery.

Private hospitals conducted more unnecessary hysterectomies than public hospitals because of the payment and incentive structures

of the newly available governmentfunded health insurance schemes.

Hysterectomy (surgically removing the uterus) is the second most frequently performed medical procedure in women, next to cesarean delivery, and generally will only be conducted in the later phase of a woman's reproductive life, and as a second-line treatment for life-threatening gynecological disorders. However, an analysis of India's 2015-16 National Family Health Survey, covering around 700,000 women aged 15 to 49 years, found that between 2012-2016, the rate of hysterectomies in India increased from 1.7 to 3.2 surgeries for every 100 women who had ever been married. Even though this prevalence rate is relatively low, the average age of undergoing hysterectomy in India is much lower compared to several high-income countries. Such trends, especially among younger women, are a public health concern since serious adverse health consequences may follow as post-surgery side effects.

Many Indian states have recently introduced insurance programmes covering tertiary healthcare treat ments for economically weaker sections. These programmes will likely arrest the adverse effects of out-of-pocket catastrophic healthcare expenditure on household

savings and income. The downside is that public financing in the form of cashless insurance programmes, often without co-payments or cost-sharing, may result in higher demand for avoidable surgical procedures such as has been observed in hysterectomies. And it is difficult for the financing authorities to observe and verify the actions of hospitals and patients' health. Some surgical procedures covered by public health insurance are more likely to experience an increase in demand. These include caesarean section, appendectomy, cholecystectomy, tonsillectomy and hysterectomy.

The RAND Health Insurance Experiment conducted between 1974 and 1982 showed that costsharing reduced both "inappropriate and unnecessary" and "appropriate or needed" medical care.

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Dengue cases gallop in Ganjam, Gajapati

42 CASES. 7 DEATHS IN GAJAPATI = 44 AFFECTED IN GANJAM



POST NEWS NETWORK

Paralakhemundi/Berhampur, **Sept 16:** Dengue has been playing havoc in Gajapati district as the number of cases has risen to 42, official sources said Friday. Alarmingly, as many as seven people in this district have died of dengue in a month, it was learnt.

This has caused severe panic among people with poor sanitation being blamed for the proliferation of Aedes mosquitoes in various parts of the district.

It was alleged that no arrange ment has been made for treatment of dengue patients at the district headquarters hospital (DHH). Most patients have to seek treatment at MKCG Medical College and hospital in Berhampur while others have to land in hospitals in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

CDMO PK Patra said that 42 cases have been detected so far and a door-to-door campaign has been mounted in the affected areas.

Migrants' influx worsens Ganjam dengue scenario

Meanwhile, dengue cases have been on the rise in Ganjam district owing to influx of dengue-afflicted persons from outside the state and other districts. 44 persons have been diagnosed with the

The number of dengue patients is increasing with each passing day as people down with dengue fever are arriving at their homes, the district health department officials said.

A 22-year-old youth hailing from Nuapada village under Chikiti block was staying at Bhubaneswar and pursuing his studies. There he caught fever and cough and returned to his village after he failed to recover.

He underwent a test for dengue Wednesday, the report of which showed him positive, Thursday. Similarly, a 23-year-old youth of Sundarpur village under Chhatrapur block and a 27-yearold woman of Patrapur village under Patrapur block have also tested positive for the disease.

The woman got her blood sample examined at the laboratory of MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur which has come out positive. The total positive case tally stands at 44 which includes these three fresh cases, the health officials said.

All the three afflicted persons have been admitted to the dengue ward of MKCG Medical College and Hospital. Their health conditions have improved after treatment, doctors in the hospital said.



Artistes performed traditional dance at a Nuakhai Bhetghat programme organised by the district administration in Jharsuguda

Disaster mgmt: Ganjam fails to submit UCs worth ₹3.68 cr

POST NEWS NETWORK

Chhatrapur, Sept 16: The Ganajm district administration has allegedly failed to submit utilisation certificates (UCs) for funds already utilised for disaster management, preparedness and mitigation and skill development. UCs worth ₹3.68 crore are yet to be submitted by the administration despite repeated reminders from the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA).

Taking note of the alleged neg-

Though the OSDMA has been reminding the The district administration admin of this coastal district to furnish UCs of the utilised funds, the

ligence, executive director of

latter is allegedly taking

no step in this direction

for months together

Ganjam Collector, asking him to ensure submission of UCs of the funds as soon as possible.

had received over ₹3.68 crore from national disaster management fund, state disaster management fund and the World Bank towards disaster management, preparedness, mock drills and skill development.

Over ₹3.2 crore was provided for disaster management and skill development; ₹15,000 for heat wave management; over ₹1.89 crore for CMMC, ₹9.18 lakh for IOTR, ₹4.31 lakh for capacity building, ₹78,000 for tsunami awareness and ₹31.81 lakh for UDMP and SOP. ₹36.34 lakh was provided from national disaster management fund, ₹2.96 lakh from GOD, ₹8.27 lakh from NFCR, ₹52,100 from World Bank and ₹18.24 lakh for mock drills.

Though the OSDMA has been reminding the administration to furnish UCs of the utilised funds, the latter has failed to initiate steps

Locals smell racket pushing coal smuggling in Talabira

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Sept 16: Coal is allegedly being smuggled rampantly from Talabira coal mine under Sasan police limits in Sambalpur district. Every month, nearly 300 truckloads of coal is transported from the mine.

A couple of days ago, police had detained a coal-laden truck with the help of local people near Pradhanpali. The incident has set the public abuzz about a suspected coal smuggling racket operating in the area.

Locals suspected that coal buying companies, transporters, local leaders and officials of the administration are tacitly complicit in the illegal coal transportation.

Hours after the detention of the truck, staff of the transport company produced a transit pass and got away with the truck. Police had to set the truck free. However, locals pointed out that the incident is the tip of an iceberg.

"Approximately 300 truckloads of coal is transported from the mine every month. As a result, the government has to lose revenue worth crores of rupees monthly. This is going on over years, but no step has been taken to contain it," locals alleged.

The registration number of the truck is OD 16A-6011. The transit pass issued in the name of Akar Engineers and Contractors was suspected to be faulty or forged. In the pass, it was mentioned that coal transportation was from Talabira coal mine to ACB siding at Kudugi in Karnataka. The coal was supposed to be first transported to Kanika railway siding in Sundargarh and from there to NRPC at Kudugi.

The truck was carrying 31.770 tonne coal. The owner of the truck was mentioned as Badal Singh with phone no

Surprisingly, on inquiry, it was learnt that the phone was picked up by one Manoj Shah, a resident of Bihar. Manoj runs a refreshment shop, but he is not well off enough to buy a truck.

The other strange fact was that the name of the truck owner and the phone number as given in the transit pass was quite mismatching.

Given such anomalies, locals have demanded that if the police, the NTPC authorities carry out a thorough investigation into it, real fact about the mess in the coal transportation will come to the fore.

"Coal is the property of the government. Police, NLC Company and NRPC authorities are supposed to protect the mineral from being plundered. There is a dire need for joint raids on such suspicious coal transportation from Talabira," some locals observed.

Contacted, manager of NLC Company, Bhagat Singh said that NLC is supplying coal from the mine. "Many companies like NTPC, Vedanta and others buy coal from here. Our responsibility is to ensure that coal-laden trucks are allowed to go across the main gate of the mine. Thereafter, we have no responsibility. Then, the responsibility lies on transporters and coal buyers. If coal is smuggled from beyond the gate, it is the loss of the companies or transporters," he explained.

IIC Lokanath Sahu said that after checking documents, the coal-laden truck was set free. "We got information that the coal was unloaded at Sundargarh siding. The transporter concerned will be called in to check documents related to trucks and the

3 fetuses found in Dhenkanal pond

POST NEWS NETWORK

Dhenkanal, Sept 16: Three fetuses were found floating in a pond near Indipur village under Sadar police limits of Dhenkanal district Friday with many locals suspecting it to be cases of female foeticide. Such illegality might have been committed at a private nursing home or

The fetuses have been sent to FMT lab of SCB **Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack for** forensic examination

clinic in the town. The bodies were sent to FMT laboratory of SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack for forensic examination.

While the villagers are unaware of the people who dumped the fetuses after illegal 'abortion', the incident has sent shock waves in the town.

On being informed, Sadar police reached the spot, seized the fetuses, and started an

investigation into the matter. A case has been registered in this regard, said SDPO Bikash Beura.

Chief district medical officer Dr Ashok Kumar Das said that facts will come to light after the test reports come. He added that raids are being carried out on private nursing homes and clinics.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

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LI projects augment farmers' income



POST NEWS NETWORK

Sundargarh, Sept 16: Until a few years ago, it was almost unthinkable for Narsingh Naik of Saletikra village to cultivate paddy on his two acres of land in the arid hilly tracts of Lephripara block in Sundargarh district.

Naik and other farmers of this area had to primarily depend on rains which led to unpredictable yield. However, the scene has changed after the implementation of Lift Irrigation (LI) Projects by the Sundargarh district administration.

These days, Naik's land and those of others no longer wear a parched look, even during dry seasons. Thanks to the LI projects developed by Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation (OLIC) with the support of District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Sundargarh farmers are no longer dependent on seasonal rainfall.

The farmers of the region are now growing multiple crops annually. This has in turn augmented their livelihoods. Along with paddy, they are growing vegetables and other cash crops which have enhanced their income

and brought smiles on their faces. "I couldn't even grow paddy before due to unavailability of water. However, I am growing various vegetables apart from paddy on my land after the Lift Irrigation project came up on Ichha river in our area," says Narsingh Naik.

Naik's wife Meena lends him a helping hand in growing a variety of vegetables like pointed gourd, egg plant, bitter gourd and papaya on their land. Apart from meeting the needs of his family, the proceeds from the sale are helping the family to earn handsomely.

The irrigation facility has enabled them to plant banana on a patch of 70 decimal land for which the Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) has provided financial support. So far, Naik has earned over ₹1.5 lakh from the sale of banana, which has not only improved his living but also taken care of his col-

lege going daughters' study. Naik's story finds echo in many farmers in the district who are reaping the benefits of the LI projects by growing multiple crops like paddy, pulses and vegetables on their land, which lay barren some years ago. This has resulted in their financial empowerment.

A network of rivers like Brahmani. Koel. Sankha and Ichha is present in the tribal dominated Sundargarh district full of dense forests and hills. Moreover, canals from streams at Khandadhar, Jarda, Kharapani and Lauda run across the district. The district administration has facilitated construction of 8,485 LI projects to use water from these natural sources to irrigate farmlands.

Of those, 1,293 are Community Lift Irrigation Projects while 7,141 are deep borewells. Moreover, there are 51 Minor Lift Irrigation projects on various rivers. These projects irrigate over 66,724 hectares of farmland, benefitting more than 45,000 farmers of the district. "These projects have been playing an important role in supplementing the irrigation facility in the district thus increasing farmers' income", articulates Girish Chandra Behera, the executive engineer of OLIC Sundargarh Division. Promoting community based management of water resources, a total of 1,293 'Pani Panchayats' have been formed in the district. The Pani Panchayats are thus delegated the responsibility of managing such LI projects upon completion.

"Due to improved irrigation facility, I am growing egg plant and chilli. So far, I have earned around ₹20,000-₹30,000 from the yield. In addition, the banana plantation is also expected to give me good returns," says another farmer of the district Prafulla Raxa.

Water is an important resource for farming and farmers' livelihood. Thus, the state government is focusing on LI facility to use water of various rivers and streams. The LI projects in Sundargarh have brought smiles on the faces of farmers

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Officer takes on CM

rift at the top of the bureaucracy in poll-bound Himachal Pradesh does not auger well for Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and his party. Senior IAS officer Nisha Singh, who was superseded for the post of Chief Secretary by Ram K Dhiman, has now questioned the latter's appointment to the top babu post in the hill state.

According to sources, Singh, a 1987-batch officer, has sought the intervention of the state Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, stating that the present administration is "not geared positively towards lady officers and women in general." Further, she has alleged that Dhiman's appointment as Chief Secretary in July this year was done without "assigning any reason." She is currently posted as Principal Advisor (Training) to the state government.

Dhiman superseded not just Singh but also Ali Raza Rizvi and Sanjay Gupta, both 1988 batch IAS officers. Interestingly, Nisha Singh is the wife of Ram Subagh Singh, who was removed as Chief Secretary and replaced by Dhiman. Further, reportedly Subhag is the fifth Chief Secretary not to complete his tenure during the current the BJP government. The others include VC Pharka, Vineet Chawdhary, BK Aggarwal and Anil Khachi.

Confusion over GM appointments in Railways

Nearly four months after new rules for promotion to senior levels in the Railways were announced, rail babus are still awaiting the first batch of promotions. There is a gathering sense of unease among them due to the prolonged



BABUDOM BYTES

Dilip Cherian

silence that has followed the announcement. Sources have informed DKB that it's not just the unduly lengthy selection process that worries babus in the railways but also apprehensions about their career prospects in the light of the new rules. Apparently, the ministry has prepared a short list of officers based on the recommendations of an expert panel. For the general manager level, it is believed, that the ministry received 135 applications but shortlisted only about 35 officers, based on the panel's

recommendations. Some rail babus believe that the expert panel was told to recommend only these many officers from among all the applicants. While on the face of it, there seems to be nothing wrong, some babus assert that the process is faulty and arbitrary. The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) is required to consider

all officers in the zone of consideration since only the committee is empowered to create a shortlist and recommend a panel of officers based on clearly defined criteria. But instead, the ministry seems to have decided to prepare a shortlist of officers based on the work done by the expert panel. Who will prevail - the new panel of experts or the old DPC - remains to be seen.

Potholes sink babu's hopes of extension

Turns out that potholes in the Bundelkhand expressway may be the reason why the tenure of Awanish Kumar Awasthi, former Additional Chief Secretary (Home) of Uttar Pradesh, was not extended and, instead, he was retired despite Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath requesting the Centre twice on the matter.

Sources have informed DKB that the Centre was not pleased with Awasthi's decision to get the expressway inaugurated during the monsoon, which damaged the highway and gave the Samajwadi Party in the state an opportunity to target the ruling party. By now it is common knowledge that relations between Lucknow and New Delhi are decidedly cool, and many see in this the Centre's move to rein in the Yogi sarkar and impose its own will.

But there is still a sliver of hope for those who are still rooting for Awasthi The buzz in Uttar Pradesh is that, sooner or later, the Chief Minister will bring Awasthi back on some weighty assignment. The 1986-batch IAS officer is still widely seen as a close confidant of Yogi Adityanath. And if indeed Yogi does bring him back, will the Centre consider this as open defiance by a highly ambitious Chief Minister? Watch this space for further

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WISDOM CORNER



Every day we should hear at least one little song, read one good poem, see one exquisite picture, and, if possible, speak a few JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE sensible words.



There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle.



Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

WORDS**WORTH**

■ Bootless

round the period of the Norman Conquest a boot, also often spelt bote, Awas a thing that was advantageous, profitable or good (through the ancient Germanic languages, it's closely linked with better and best as the comparative and superlative of good). We still have it in the fixed phrase to boot, meaning something extra or additional; back around the year 1000 the phrase meant "to the good: to one's advantage". There were lots of meanings associated with boot: it might mean a levy taken to repair a road or bridge; in the feudal system it referred to the right of a tenant to take timber from his lord's estate for fuel or repairs (a set of words existed for various kinds, such as firebote, housebote, and hedgebote). It could also mean compensation for wrongdoing or injury. In this sense, it often appeared in compounds, such as man-bote, compensation by a person to somebody he had injured, or the later thief-bote, a bribe or reparations by a thief to avoid prosecution. If you were bootless, you were without help or remedy or couldn't be compensated. The meaning evolved into the figurative sense of something fruitless. unprofitable, or to no useful purpose. Charles Dickens used it this way in A Tale of Two Cities: "Well!' said that good-natured emissary, after a full halfhour of bootless attempts to bring him round to the question.'

Boscage

his rather literary and semi-archaic word for woody undergrowth or a mass of trees or shrubs ultimately comes from the same prehistoric German source as does our bush. In the case of boscage it travelled through Frankish into Old French bos or bosc, both variants of bois, a wood, from which English acquired it about 1400. There is some learned disagreement here, however, with a few dictionaries pointing to a connection with the Latin boscum instead. A dialect variant of bosc eventually transmogrified itself into the French bouquet, which was borrowed into English in the eighteenth century. It is also the source of the French word bocage for the landscape of small fields and hedgerows with tall trees and bushes characteristic of Normandy and Brittany. Our equally literary adjective bosky for areas covered with bushes or underwood derives directly from bosk, a dialect form of bush. Boscage could also refer to ornamental plantations and be a poetical alternative for shrubbery. As an example, here is Thomas Carlyle in his monumental History of Friedrich II of Prussia, which ran to an indigestible 21 volumes: "We were all dancing in the fine saloons of Monbijou. with pretty intervals in the cool boscages and orangeries of the place".

FOCUS PRIVACY LAWS

PERILS OF DATA LOCALISATION



Satya Narayan Misra & Kartik Kishore

IN THE AGE OF **GLOBALISATION, DATA PROTECTIONISM WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL** TO THE **ECONOMY**

√he Government of India. on August 3, withdrew the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 (PDP Bill), with a caveat that it would be replaced by a "comprehensive framework" in alignment with contemporary digital privacy laws. Keeping in view the frenetic pace of digitalisation, and vast 'data' resources being created, it is mandatory for India to come up with a robust data protection law. The Supreme Court in the iconic Puttaswamy case (2017), had asked the government to come up with a robust data protection law. Pursuant to this, a report was submitted by Justice Srikrishna Committee in 2018. Responding to the draft bill of the government, Justice Srikrishna observed that the bill will create an Orwellian State. Against this backdrop, some of the provisions of the bill, particularly data localisation, which has stirred the hornet's nest amongst the global intermediaries, Srikrishna Committee recommendations and global practices,

need close look and introspection The draft law segregates data into personal data, sensitive personal data, critical data, and nonpersonal data. The most contested issue is the provision of "data localisation," which mandates storing and processing of the personal data of the citizens within the contours of national boundaries. Currently, if India requires access to data that is stored in a foreign nation, Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLAT) is applied. It is an inordinate process, taking more than ten months to get access to information through this mechanism. Often it is even denied. Therefore, Justice Srikrishna Committee had recommended that if the data concerning local people are stored in India itself, it will strengthen the hands of law enforcement agencies

However, there is a flip side to the application of this policy. The first issue is with the protection of the privacy of the individual. Section 69 of the IT Act, 2000 allows the



The misuse and arbitrariness of the government would have no bounds if unrestricted access to data is provided to the government

government to intercept, monitor, or decrypt any information stored in any computer under the garb of reasonable restriction provision in Article 19(2) of the Constitution like sovereignty, integrity, security and public order of India. The misuse and arbitrariness of the government would have no bounds if unrestricted access to data is provided to the government. Moreover, it may harm the nation economically too. There is a possible threat that foreign companies might opt out of the Indian market. Technological giants like Amazon, Google, and Meta have already expressed their strong displeasure with this law. Their concern is the high compliance cost that they would have to bear to store the data locally. Apart from that, fear also exists on the reaction of the foreign nation to Indian firms operating abroad. In the age of global isation, data protectionism would be detrimental to the economy.

As alluded to above, in the existing legal dispensation India has to wait for months to get access to data through MLATs. One of the ways to expedite access to data is by establishing a regime of freeflowing data through a bilateral/multilateral framework. It would greatly help India solve the problem of conflicting legal regimes. Moreover, it would also allow Indian law enforcement agencies to easily get access to data stored in a foreign land. The

narrative that implementing the policy of restricting data within the boundaries of the nation would allow quick and easy access to any form of data is based on slipperv grounds. This is because even if such a policy is implemented, foreign companies would still have to abide by the rules of their home nation. This is especially relevant with US companies that hold most of the world's data. This is analogous to extradition treaties that India has signed with several countries for handing over fugitives, who have committed crimes within the jurisdiction of India.

The Srikrishna Committee which submitted the draft PDP Bill to the government in 2018 had put safeguards on the processing of personal data in the interests of the security of the state. It explicitly stated that it should be authorised pursuant to a law, and must be necessary and proportionate to the interest being achieved. The committee had kept in mind adherence to the Supreme Court's privacy judgement of 2017. which mandates the government to declare a specific objective for collecting private data and what procedure would be followed. However, the Bill that was placed in Parliament by the government has removed those critical safeguards.

While the European Union (EU) came up with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as

a safeguard to data privacy, the US does not follow the tradition of a single overarching privacy law. The US has varied privacy laws based on sectors that work in conjunction with different state privacy and data protection laws. On the other hand, the Russia-China model of data protection is focused on data localisation. In fact, according to the provisions of data localisation laws, websites may be blocked that don't process Russian data in Russia. The biggest drawback of India's draft bill is that there has been no financial viability test as was done while enacting GDPR by the EU. Secondly, the basis for passing of GDPR as discussed by EU members was that it aimed to harmonise the privacy standards throughout the EU. This isn't the case with India. India has the same set of fundamental rights and Right to Privacy which is applicable throughout the nation.

In the age of globalisation, Ricardo's comparative advantage theory of 1817 and free movement of goods and services between countries have brought unprecedented prosperity to all countries. Data localisation on the face of it goes against the spirit of the 'end of geography' as Milton Friedman called it. However, data on wings can be dicey with 'God-like technology' carrying in its womb a dark web and dystopia of politics, commerce and chicanery. The way forward for India is to tread care fully in the matter of data storage and retrieval without losing the benefit of the global commercial network. Data localisation on the lines adopted by the EU and allowing their processing internationally will help the MNCs and intermediaries, which have big stakes in India. Bilateral treaties on data sharing as in the case of extradition treaties will help.

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SPECTRUM ENVIRONMENT

Managing land more sustainably



Hindou Ibrahim

WITH INDIGENOUS

PEOPLES BEING RELENTLESSLY DISPLACED FROM TERRITORY THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS CALLED HOME, **LAND-TENURE REFORM AND SECURE LAND RIGHTS HAVE BECOME ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL**

natural environment. Negotiations by world leaders in Montreal this December will Global Biodiversity Framework, a far-reaching agreement that will set the world's environmental agenda for the next decade. The future of perhaps a million plant and animal species hangs in the balance, as do the lives and livelihoods of billions of human beings.

Biodiversity is not about simply counting trees, birds, fish, or insects. These certainly matter, but so, too, does the broader balance of the ecosystems on which they, we, and many other species rely. Moreover, "we" must include indigenous peoples, who have a particularly important role to play in

environmental talks. I am one of them. My people, the Mbororo of Chad, are like many other groups that have ancient ties to ancestral lands around the world. We are proven stewards of much of the world's precious yet dwindling natural inheritance. Deforestation on our lands is much lower than elsewhere. Vegetation is thicker, wildlife is more abundant, food chains are sturdier. Where we live, nature's vitality has not yet been extinguished. As much as one-third of the world's tropical forests, peatlands, and mangroves – carbondense ecosystems that account for 80% of global biodiversity - are

This is a critical year for the found on indigenous lands.

This is no accident. For indigenous peoples, land is everything. It is the source of our food, shelter, and medicine, and the wellspring of our culture and history. Over countless generations, we have learned to live well on our land. We know how to protect it, how to restore it. and how to serve as its engineers and nurturers, not its destroyers.

Science has long confirmed indigenous peoples' unique contributions to Earth's well-being. In 2019, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stressed that indigenous knowledge is critical to managing global warming and its effects. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services reached the same conclusion with respect to preserving biodiversity. In a follow-up report this year, IPBES further emphasised the importance of indigenous people's contributions to global

conservation. The world's growing recognition of indigenous knowledge was also reflected at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow last year, when several countries and private donors pledged \$1.7 billion to support indigenous peoples and local communities' conservation and climate-advocacy efforts. It was an unprecedented commitment to a farflung but increasingly united population.

But while we welcome world leaders' growing recognition of infulfilling our stewardship role requires more than approbation. To continue serving as the natural world's most effective guardians, we need the right to own – and thus to remain on and continue to manage our ancestral lands. With indigenous peoples being

relentlessly displaced - often violently-from territory that we have always called home, land-tenure reform and secure land rights have become absolutely crucial. Otherwise, outsider settlement, agricultural expansion, industrial extraction, desertification, and disease will continue to sever our historic bonds to the lands we live on.

Governments must commit to managing land more sustainably. The 30x30 plan to protect 30% of the world's land and sea by the end of this decade is a good idea, provided that it is pursued in close partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities. That means ensuring full inclusion, recognition of our land rights, and our free, prior, and informed consent. We need to be fully represented at the table when new agreements are struck, and when projects to protect and restore ecosystems are being designed.

To carry out this vital mission, we also need access to funding.

The Community Land Rights and Conservation Finance Initiative. which focuses squarely on the indigenous knowledge and practices, tersection of land-tenure rights and community-led conservation. is a good start. CLARIFI fills a key gap by channeling funds directly to indigenous and community-led initiatives. It aims to raise \$10 billion by 2030, and to expand legally recognised indigenous territories by 400 million hectares. This is crucial to curbing deforestation, climate change, and biodiversity loss. The goal is to increase these communities' legal land ownership to at least 50% of all tropical forests.

If the world commits to investing in indigenous peoples, we can then take it from there. With sufficient funding on the ground - not just on paper and in speeches - we can do more than anyone else to protect nature and preserve the world's biodiversity. Even though finalising the Global Biodiversity Framework is crucial to prevent wholesale ecosystem collapse, the process has run into delays, disagreements, and reluctance by key parties. World leaders must rise to the occasion and secure an agreement that fully recognises indigenous peoples' and local communities' rights and unique contributions.

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Glorious career

Sir, This refers to "Beautifully brutal Federer bids adieu," **Orissa POST**, September 16. All good things inevitably have to come to an end. And so did Roger Federer's amazing tennis career which lasted for 24 glorious years, exactly that of one of his close sporting friends, Sachin Tendulkar's. Plagued by recurring injuries. Federer's long absence from tennis had given rise to speculation that the Swiss legend would hang his boots anytime soon. For the first time in his illustrious career, Federer was missing in action from Grand Slams in a calendar year in 2022. His trophy-laden career had witnessed multiple moments that have left the tennis world astonished and awestruck. But, sadly the fingers that held the biggest trophies for years will no longer be seen holding them. A career that spanned across generations has finally come to an end, leaving a massive void in the beautiful sport. Needless to say, it will be an emotional, yet special occasion when Federer takes to the court for one last time at the Laver Cup tournament in London next week

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Padyatra politics

Sir, Does padyatras aim to achieve anything other than publicity? Will it be beneficial politically, i.e. in terms of election results? What could be the purpose of the march? If we look at the history of padyatras then we can get the exact information of its purpose. Many political parties in India have taken effective inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March of 1930. The distance from Sabarmati to Dandi was 385 km. Once they reached the shore, they made their own salt which was a crime then. The salt law was broken and once again people started making their own salt. After that Satyagraha, Mahatma Gandhi became the leader of the freedom movement -- a movement that succeeded in ousting the British. Will this march of the Congress party – the Bharat Jodo Yatra – achieve the same glory as Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March or Satyagraha? But here it is very important to assess where Mahatma Gandhi's padyatra differs from the padyatras of today. Gandhiji's padyatra was to exert pressure on the British, which ultimately contributed to India's Independence. In the post-Independence period, every political party ran for power, which continues to this day. This means using padyatras as a political weapon, though there is no change in the condition of the common people.

Asit Mohanty, JAJPUR

national



The Narendra Modi government is leaving no stone unturned to realise the "dream of a New India" that is not dependent on any country to fulfill its needs, especially those related to security RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

REPORT REVELATION

The Delhi Police has listed 'disobeying traffic rules' and 'over-speeding' as two major reasons behind road accidents in the city in 2021, according to a report. While causes were mentioned for 320 fatal road accident cases, no such factor was highlighted for 886 such cases in the report RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER prepared by the Delhi Police





Several efforts have been made to make the Northeast important of which is to establish peace in

AMIT SHAH UNION HOME MINISTER

On analysis, it reveals that while 88,000 (approx) monthly new cases are registered, case disposal is

approximately 35,000, leading to ever increasing pendency of cases KIREN RIJIJU

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE OF INDIA

Picking up guns is not a solution. It only brings destruction in your life, to your family and to the country, Mahatma

Gandhi did not pick up a gun or a sword or did not fire a missile to defeat the British. Whichever Muslim country -- from Afghanistan to Iraq to Palestine -- took to guns, took to militancy, was destroyed

GHULAM NABI AZAD FORMER CONGRESS LEADER

SHORT TAKES

Beef seized

Surat: A restaurateur was arrested on the charges of serving beef to his customers in place of meat and 60 kg of cow meat was seized from his restaurant Delhi Dastarkhwan in Gujarat's Surat. Lalgate police station head constable Yajendra Dadubhai said that on September 11, he had received a complaint that beef is being stored and served in Delhi Dastarkhwan restaurant, after which he, along with his team, searched the premises of the restaurant and found six packets of meat, each weighing ten kg. Surat police sent the seized meat to FSL which confirmed it was cow meat, post which it arrested Sarfaraz Mohammad Wazirkhan late

Mondal's house

visited arrested TMC leader Anubrata Mondal's Bolpur residence and spoke with his daughter in connection with its probe into an alleged cattle smuggling case. A threemember team of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which included a woman officer, spoke with Sukanya Mondal, sources said.

Moosewala's

singer Sidhu Moosewala's father Balkaur Singh was Friday admitted to the Advanced Cardiac Centre of the PGIMER here after complaint of vascular blockage. Balkaur Singh, whose son was shot dead in daylight on May 29 close to his Moosa village in Punjab on May 28, had complained of uneasiness on Thursday night following which he was admitted to a private hospital in Patiala from where he was shifted to the PGIMER here.

HC asks TN to allow Assam team to inspect Joymala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, Sept 16: The Gauhati High Court Friday directed the Tamil Nadu government to give permission and security to a delegation from Assam while inspecting the elephants taken from here to temples of the southern state.

a petition filed by the Assam government, passed an interim order that permission should be granted to the delegation to inspect the elephants within three days after the court order is made available to them. The judge also directed the Tamil Nadu chief secretary and director general of police to provide necessary security to the Assam del-

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Bhopal, Sept 16: Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will release cheetahs

being brought from Namibia in

Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National

Park on Saturday morning, an of-

He will arrive at the Gwalior air-

port from New Delhi at around 9.20

am and leave for Kuno National

Park (KNP) in Sheopur district,

about 165km away, where he will re-

lease cheetahs into quarantine en-

closures at around 10.45 am, the of-

The special cargo plane carry-

ing eight cheetahs from Namibia will

land at the Gwalior airport in

Madhya Pradesh at around 6 am

September 17, which is also Modi's

birthday, said a senior police official.

The felines will be then shifted to

As per the earlier plan, the spe-

cial plane carrying the big cats from

KNP in a helicopter.

New Delhi, Sept 16: The Supreme

egation while they go for the inspection.

The People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) recently released a video alleging that an elephant named Joymala was being the elephant and pave the way for her return to the state.

The Tamil Nadu government, however, did not extend the necessary cooperation and refused permission to the delegation to meet the elephant, Advocate

Make portal for Ukraine returnees: SC



General Debojit Saika said. "As we did not get any positive response from the Tamil Nadu government till now, it was decided to file a held today", Saikia said.

The judge issued notices to the Forest Secretary and Director of Police. The next date of hearing has been fixed for September 28.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was also filed in Madras High Court by wildlife scientist N Sivaganesan contending that once a gift is executed in favour of a religious institution, the donor cannot demand its repossession as it will hurt the sentiments of devotees

The Tamil Nadu Additional Advocate General J Ravindran, appearing before the bench of Acting Chief Justice M Duraiswamy and Justice Sunder Mohan on Thursday, said that the state did not intend to return the elephants. Assam had donated nine elephants to the Tamil Nadu government for its temples.

SC trashes 13,147 old cases in one stroke

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 16: In a big step towards unclogging the top judiciary burdened with humongous pendency of cases, the Supreme Court has, in one massive sweep, binned 13,147 old "diarized but unregistered" cases, including one filed more than three decades ago.

An order issued by Registrar Judicial-1 Chirag Bhanu Singh on Thursday said all these cases were filed more than eight years ago but the defects pointed out by the Registry to the respective counsel or petitioners in-person were not

The cases got the diary numbers prior to the year 2014, and the list included a case filed way back in 1987. These petitions just sat idly in the Registry, adding to the ever growing pendency. As per the data uploaded on the Supreme Court website, there were as many as 70,310 pendig cases as on September 1, 2022. These included 51,839 miscellaneous matters and 18,471 related to regular hearing.

The order by the Supreme Court registrar said the parties to the cases seemingly do not intend to prosecute the litigations any further as they did not cure the defects even after a lapse of several years.

"These bunch of 13,147 unregistered but diarized cases have been registered prior to the year 2014, to be precise before August 19, 2014. These cases had been filed more than 8 years ago. As per the practice then in vogue, the matters had been returned to the counsel/petitioner-in-person for rectifying the defects noticed in the matters respectively. They have never been rectified ever," the order said.

"For all the reasons discussed hereinabove, I am constrained but to hold that there is no valid and a plausible reason to allow the aforesaid matters to be received for registration. I decline to register the aforesaid diary numbers,

The court official said, in consonance with the earlier practice no papers were retained by the registry while notifying the defects. The counsel would file a complete set of pleadings only after curing all the defects so notified. It was only after August 19, 2014 a provision was made to retain one_ copy of the plaint and court fee stamps with the Registry.

Under the old rules, the parties concerned were to cure the defects within 28 days, which was extended

tortured and kept captive at the Andal temple in Srivalliputhur in Chennai. As the video went viral. Justice Suman Shyam, hearing the Assam government sent a team of four members, comprising elephant experts, forest and police officers to inspect the condition of

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undergraduate medical students of first to fourth-year batches in their respec-

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ties, who are primarily seeking transfer

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Union Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Tamil Nadu

Chinese apps: ED freezes over ₹46 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi. Sept 16: The ED Friday said it has frozen ₹46.67 crore funds of merchant entities kept in online payment gateway accounts of Easebuzz, Razorpay, Cashfree and Paytm following raids this week against a "Chinese-controlled" investment token app.

The funds have been frozen under the anti-money laundering law. The latest action comes after the Enforcement Directorate (ED), earlier this month, raided the Bengaluru premises of Razorpay, Paytm and Cashfree over alleged irregularities in the operations of instant app-based loan-giving companies 'controlled" by Chinese persons. Later, a seizure order for ₹17 crore kept in their accounts was issued

The latest searches were launched on September 14 at multiple premises of the accused in Delhi, Mumbai, Ghaziabad, Lucknow and Gava in a money laundering case being probed against an app-based token called HPZ and related entities.

Sixteen premises of banks and payment gateways in Delhi, Gurugram, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Bengaluru were also searched by the ED as part of the same operation, the federal agency said in a statement.

The ED case, filed under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), stems from an October 2021 FIR against the accused company and



its linked persons by the Kohima Police's cybercrime unit in Nagaland. 'During the search, various in-

criminating documents have been it noted. seized. Huge balances were found in the virtual accounts of the involved entities with payment aggregators. ₹33.36 crore was found with Easebuzz Private Limited. Pune, ₹8.21 crore with Razorpay Software Private Limited Bengaluru, ₹1.28 crore with Cashfree Payments India Private Limited, Bengaluru and ₹1.11 crore with Paytm Payments Services Limited, New Delhi," the ED said ₹46.67 crore was frozen in various bank accounts and virtual accounts, it said.

CBI team visits

Kolkata: A CBI team Friday

father hospitalised

Chandigarh: Slain Punjabi

Court Friday suggested that the September 23. The top court was hearing a Centre assist the medical students who had returned to the country batch of petitions filed by students, who are undergraduate medical students of first to fourth-year

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bench. The bench posted the mat-

ter for further hearing on

from Ukraine in view of the war with Russia by creating a web portal giving details of the foreign batches in their respective foreign universities, where they could commedical colleges/universities, who are primarily seeking transfer to plete their courses as per the government's academic mobility promedical colleges in India in their respective semesters. A bench of Justices Hemant The Centre, in its affidavit filed Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia said

Thursday, said that they (students) that there should be a transparcannot be accommodated in medent system and the web portal ical colleges here for lack of proshould specify complete details of visions under the law and till now. the fees and the number of seats no permission has been given by available in the alternative foreign the National Medical Commission universities from where they could (NMC) to transfer or accommodate any foreign medical students At the outset, Solicitor General in any Indian medical insti-Tushar Mehta, appearing for the tute/University Centre said that he is not taking an

It, however, had said that to aid and assist such returnee students who could not complete their MBBS

course, completion/degree is expected to be issued by the parent institutions in Ukraine. It added that in the public notice dated September 6, the phrase

"global mobility" cannot be interpreted to mean accommodation of these students in Indian colleges/Universities, as the extant regulations in India do not permit migration of students from foreign universities to India.

PM TO RELEASE CHEETAHS TODAY

large wild carnivore translocation

project, the statement said. Cheetahs will help in the restoration of open forest and grassland ecosystems in India. This will help conserve biodiversity and enhance ecosystem services like water security, carbon sequestration and soil moisture conservation, bene-

fiting the society at large, it said. After releasing cheetahs, Modi will take part in a plantation programme at Karahal in Sheopur district and later arrive in a local school to participate in a conference of women self-help groups (SHGs), said officials. After the SHG programme, the PM will arrive in Gwalior and after a brief stay in the city, leave for New Delhi in the afternoon, they said.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh

Chief Minster released a glimpse of a cheetah arriving at KNP which sounds "Meow" on his Twitter handle.

'69% people seeing severe effects of climate change'

in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district

the African country was to land at

the Jaipur airport, from where they

were to be flown to KNP, around

400km from the Rajasthan capital.

the prime minister in KNP is part

of his efforts to revitalise and di-

The release of wild cheetahs by

Preparations underway at the Kuno-Palpur National Park where Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will release cheetahs brought from Namibia on September 17,

More than seven in 10 (71 per cent) expect that climate change will have a severe effect in their areas over the next 10 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 15: Around twothirds of people in India say climate change has already had a severe effect in the areas where they live and it is likely that their families will be displaced from their homes in the next 25 years, according to a new survey conducted for the World Economic Forum.



The survey was conducted among 23,507 people in 34 countries between July 22 and August 5 on Ipsos's Global Advisor online survey plat-



form. On an average, more than half (56 per cent) of all adults surveved in the 34 countries said climate change has already had a severe effect in the areas where they live.

versify India's wildlife and its habi-

tat, said a statement issued by the

Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on

Thursday. The introduction of the

fastest land animal in India is being

done under Project Cheetah, which

is world's first inter-continental

Twenty-two countries show a majority reporting that they have already been severely impacted by climate change, including nine countries where it exceeds two-thirds of all those surveyed: Mexico (75 per cent), Hungary (74 per cent), Turkey (74 per cent), Colombia (72 per cent), Spain (71 per cent), Italy (70 per cent), India (69 per cent), Chile (69 per cent) and France (68 per cent).

More than seven in 10 (71 per cent) expect that climate change will have a severe effect in their areas over the next 10 years. In India, 76 per cent of those surveyed said so.

Concern about being severely impacted by climate change in the next decade is expressed by most people in every country surveyed -from 52 per cent in Malaysia to more than 80 per cent in Portugal, Mexico, Hungary, Turkey, Chile, South Korea, Spain, and Italy.

One-third (35 per cent) expect to be displaced from their homes as a result of climate change in the next 25 years. This is expressed by almost two-thirds in India (65 per cent) and Turkey (64 per cent) and almost half in Malaysia (49 per cent), Brazil (49 per cent), Spain (46 per cent)

and South Africa (45 per cent). In contrast, fewer than one in four say so in Sweden (17 per cent), Argentina (21 per cent), the Netherlands (21 per cent) and Poland (23 per cent).

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE Bid Identification No.S.E. GTN(R&B) - 17/2022-23

E-mail address- eeghatagaon2015@gmail.com Letter No. 4774 // dt. 8.9.2022

No. B-600 The Superintending Engineer, Ghatagaon (R&B) Division on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate Bids in Single cover

system in online mode from the HT / EHT Contractors for Electrical Works. 2. Nature of work · Electrical Works : 01 (One) No. 3. Numbers of work

4 Estimated cost : Rs.12.01 Lakhs (Approx.) 5. Period of completion 45 (Forty Five) Days 6. Date & Time of availability of: From 11.30 A.M. of dt.19.09.2022 bid document in the portal to 05.00 P.M. of dt.29.09.2022

Last Date/Time for receipt of: 05.00 P.M. of dt.29.09.2022 bids in the portal

Date of opening of Bid : 11.00 A.M. of dt.30.09.2022 9. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal

https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cellation of tender can also be seen in the same website only. Sd./- Superintending Engineer, Ghatagaon (R&B) Division

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA No. B-605 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PARALAKHEMUNDI (R&B) DIVISION, PARALAKHEMUNDI Tel.Ph.No.: 06815-222542, E-mail I.D.: eerbparala@yahoo.com

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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cover system to be received in on ONLINE MODE only for the construction of works as detailed in the table below

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the website 17.00 Hrs. of Dt.29.09.2022 Date of opening of the Bid 12.00Hrs. of Dt.30.09.2022 The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further

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CROP DAMAGE



A farmer examines his paddy crop damaged due to strong wind and rain, on the outskirts of Amritsar, Punjab

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Phagwara, Sept 16: Bharatiya Kisan Union (Doaba) has deferred its plan to launch an agitation from Saturday after the Punjab government invited its representatives for a meeting to discuss issues of cane farmers, union leaders said Friday.

Also, the Kapurthala district administration has attached movable and immovable properties pf a private mill to ensure payment of sugarcane dues which are pending since 2019-20.

Punjab Agriculture minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal will hold the meeting September 20 for dis-



 $cussing \, and \, resolving \, the \, issues \, of \,$ cane farmers, BKU (D) President

Manjit Singh Rai said. Meanwhile, to ensure payments of sugarcane dues to farmers by a private mill, the Kapurthala district

administration Friday attached

all the moveable and immovable properties of the mill.

The attached properties include machinery, power generation plant, structures, buildings, yards, residential compounds, vehicles and any other movable and immovable

readying it to crush 60 lakh quintals of cane of the region n the coming crushing season SATNAM SINGH SAHNI

BKU (D) GENERAL SECRETARY

assets, officials said. Deputy Kapurthala Commissioner Kapurthala Vishesh Sarangal said that many sugarcane farmers sold their crops to the mill but since 2019-20 but they had not been paid by the mill.

GUJARAT ASSEMBLY POLLS

Cong promises sops to woo fishing community

IN THE RUN-UP TO THE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, GUJARAT CONGRESS FRIDAY MADE A H PROMISES TO THE FISHING COMMUNITY WHICH HAS DOMINANCE ON 32 SEATS IN THE STATE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ahmedabad, Sept 16: The Congress Friday promised ₹3 lakh financial assistance and ₹400 daily allowance to the families of fishermen from Gujarat languishing in Pakistani jails, besides a ₹50 lakh package to the owners of boats seized by the neighbouring country if the part is voted to power in

State Congress president Jagdish Thakor and senior leader Arjun Modhwadia made the announcement in a press conference here while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government of acting against the interests of the fishing community by cutting down the subsidy and not taking concrete steps for the release of the fishermen apprehended by

Apart from providing higher subsidies on petrol and diesel used in fishing boats, the Congress government will also put in place a cooperative system for boat building and priority will be given to traditional fishing communities for prawn farming and fishing in inland water bodies, the leaders said.

Assembly elections in the BJPruled Gujarat are scheduled to be held by the end of this year.

"As soon as Congress is voted to power in Gujarat, its government will revitalise the plans that were implemented 27 years ago for the fishing community in the state. Along with that, a 14-point resolution-guarantees for the fishermen will be implemented with the promise to again make the state the fishing hub of country,"Modhwadia said.

He said that during the Congress engines, he said. rule, fishermen used to be released The party also promised a new from Pakistani jails within 6-12 housing scheme for fishermen, special scholarships for their chilmonths after being arrested by the Pakistan's security agencies dren to pursue higher studies, setting up of "fish business zones" at from near international maritime borders. But now, they are not reeach fishing port, and incentives leased even after two-three years. for fish processing plants and promotion of indigenous shipbuild-"Congress will make efforts to get

fishermen released from Pakistani ing industry, etc, he said. jails and provide ₹3 lakh financial The new Congress government package and ₹400 daily allowance will also provide National to the kin of such fishermen. The Cooperative Development Congress government will also Corporation (NCDC) loan and a provide a package of ₹10 lakh to the subsidy scheme for boat building family of the fisherman dying in on cooperative basis, and priority will be given to traditional fishing Pakistani jails," he said. If voted to power, the party will also provide communities for prawn farming. a financial package of ₹50 lakh to Priority will also be given to trathe owners of boats seized by the ditional fishermen's co-operative Pakistani security agency, he said. societies for fishing in inland fish-

At present, there are around eries, lakes and dams, he said. 600 fishermen languishing in The party will also bring a law prohibiting industrial waste Pakistan jails and 1,100 boats are in the custody of the neighbourand pollution in sea-lakes that ing country, Modhwadia said. has damaged the marine ecosys-Congress will also provide 36,000 litres of Sales Tax-free diesel and 4,000 litres of Sales Tax-free petrol annually for fishing boats as well

tion, he said. New fishing ports will be constructed and capac-

tem and reduced fish producity of the existing ports will be enhanced, he said.

Will small, new parties dent anti-incumbency votes benefiting BJP?

Gandhinagar, Sept 16: After the Aam Aadmi Party and Shankersinh Vaghela's Prajasakti Democratic Party, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has also announced that it will contest all seats in the Gujarat Assembly elections.

The big question is how will these small parties with little or no grassroots network cash in on the anti-incumbency votes.

The Ram Vilas Group president Chirag Paswan is in Surat, after landing in Gujarat on Tuesday night. He has announced that his party will contest all the seats in Gujarat.

On Wednesday, he will meet Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in Surat.

According to the Election Commission's record of 2017 Assembly election results, Congress candidates lost 16 seats with less than 3,000 votes margin, of which three lost with less than 1,000 margin. On the other hand, BJP had won 16 seats with less than 2,000 votes. In such a close game, independents and smaller parties play a big role in cutting votes.

The EC record says 54 unrecog nised parties had contested on 367 seats and fetched 5,13,030 votes meaning 1.71 per cent of the total polled votes went into their ac-

parties contested on 104 seats and got 96,708 votes. Even national parties like the BSP had contested on 139 seats and fetched 0.69 per cent votes. None of these parties had won a single seat. But, each vote that goes to their account indirectly benefits the ruling party.

"It is not that only smaller parties can eat into the vote share of the opposition, even strong independent candidates can harm the prospects," believes Paresh Dhanani, former Leader of Opposition in the Gujarat Assembly.

His observation is that the Congress has minimum committed votes of 33 per cent in the state, even in the worst situations like 1990 or 2002 elections, the Congress had not performed below this.

Dhanani said that the LJP or Vaghela's new party will not have any impact, because in the past voters of the state have not voted stalwarts like late Chimanbhai Patel's regional party KIMLOP, late Keshubhai Patel's GPP and Vaghela's RJP. But with regards to AAP, he said, "The AAP is likely to damage BJP in the urban areas, as urban voters seem to be more impressed by the party, which is the core vote bank of BJP. However, it will have little impact on the rural voters, where the Congress is



Bharatiya Tribal Party to contest all 27 tribal seats in Guj

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bharuch (Gujarat), Sept 16: Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) chief that BTP will field candidates in all the 27 tribal reserve seats in the Guiarat Assembly elections scheduled to be held later this year.

"Not a single political party is interested in the welfare and development of either the tribes or the tribal areas. So we have decided to give effective representation to the tribal community, which is possible only if like-minded tribals



get elected and fight for tribals' rights. BJP will field candidates in all the 27 reserved tribal seats, from Danta (North) to Umargam (South)," Vasava told IANS.

Refuting rumours that he took the decision after meeting BJP leaders to cut opposition votes, Vasava said, "I have not travelled to Gandhinagar for more than a month now, nor has any BJP leader approached me with any such suggestion. I fail to understand how such rumours surface.

Explaining why the party's alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) didn't work, Vasava said, 'AAP was offering our cadres posts in their party... Such an alliances cannot work for long." He also clarified that his party was never in talks with the Congress for seat-sharing.

Meanwhile, senior officials of the Election Commission (EC) will be on a two-day visit to Gujarat from Saturday in view of the state assembly elections to be held in

December. Officials from the Chief Electoral Officer told IANS that senior officers will arrive Saturday and will meet district collectors and police officers to review and discuss preparations for the polls.

Punjab: Paddy crop over 34K ha hit by dwarf disease

Chandigarh, Sept 16: The dwarf disease has been observed in the paddy crop over 34,000 hectares in Punjab with the state agriculture department projecting an average of 5 per cent crop loss in the affected fields.

According to the latest survey by the department, the maximum impact of the dwarf disease was reported in paddy fields of Mohali (6,440 hectares), Pathankot (4,520 hectares), Gurdaspur (3,933 hectares), Ludhiana (3,500 hectares), Patiala (3,500 hectares) and Hoshiarpur (2,782 hectares), a senior official of

the agriculture department said. Ludhiana-based Punjab Agricultural University had earlier found southern rice black-streaked dwarf virus (SRBSDV), which is also known as the dwarf disease, behind the stunting of paddy plants in many parts of the state. This was the first time that SRBSDV, which was first reported in 2001 from Southern China, had been detected in Punjab.



Because of the attack of this disease, some plants were dead and some were stunted with height remaining one-third from half in comparison to the normal plants in some

paddy fields, farm experts said. Following the reports of stunting of paddy plants, the state agriculture department conducted a survey to assess the impact of SRB-SDV disease on paddy fields in Punjab. According to the survey, the dwarf disease has been found in the paddy area of 34,347 hectares

in Punjab.

"The maximum impact of the disease was seen in Mohali, Pathankot, Gurdaspur and Ludhiana," the official told PTI

as ₹1 lakh subsidy for new petrol

"An average of 5 per cent yield loss is expected in affected fields," said the official

Notably, a few growers in Pathankot and Mohali ploughed the three-month-old standing crop as they were dejected because of the stunted growth of paddy.

1 lakh electric tube wells to be solarised

Chandigarh: Punjab's minister for new and renewable energy sources Aman Arora said the solarise one lakh existing electric agriculture tube wells in the state. This ambitious project will save around ₹200 crore per annum on account of power subsidy, besides going a long way to save the natural resources, he further said.

PAU Director (Research) G S Mangat said the dwarf disease was visible on early transplanted paddy. "The disease affected the crop which was planted till June 20," he

further said. According to experts, the maxi-

mum impact of the disease was seen in the PR-121 paddy variety as it was sown early by farmers despite the recommendation of planting after June 20.

Inmates with good conduct can now meet family members on jail complex

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Sep 16: The Punjab Jails department Thursday launched a programme for inmates allowing them to meet their family members on the jail complex if they have maintained "good conduct" inside the prison.

Jails Minister Harjot Singh Bains inaugurated the 'Galwakdi' programme at Ludhiana Jail.

Under this programme, inmates and undertrials can meet their loved ones in person for an hour. quarterly a year, at a specially designated room inside the jail complex.

It would be different from the current system under which not more than two family members could meet the prisoner from a distance. Now prisoners' family can sit and meet with their wards at the

designated place on the complex. Bains said it is a major step towards reformation and ensuring mental-social wellbeing of jail inmates and undertrials.

>> Under this programme, inmates and undertrials, who have a record of good conduct and those following the required criteria of the jail manual, can avail the facility, said an official

The family members can also enjoy

meals with the inmates and undertrials

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The meetings will be exclusively for those inmates and undertrials who are shortlisted for their good conduct

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mates and undertrials who are

shortlisted for their good conduct. The inmates and prisoners involved in the high-risk category including gangsters and other facing serious offences will not be able to avail this facility.

The family members can apply for the facility through the official website of prisons department or could also approach the jail authorities.

Amarinder Singh to join BJP next week

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Sept 16: Former Chief Minister and Punjab Lok Congress chief Amarinder Singh will join the BJP next week, a party spokesperson said Friday

Singh will also merge his newly formed party with the BJP. He had floated the Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) last year after

quitting the Congress following his unceremonious exit as chief minister. Singh (80) will join the BJP in the presence of party president JP

Nadda and other leaders in Delhi. Seven former MLAs and one former MP, who joined the PLC, will be among those to follow Singh on Monday, PLC spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliawal told PTI over phone. Other office bearers and district presidents of the PLC will join the-BJP in a separate event in Chandigarh next week, Baliawal added.

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undoing an ecological wrong by bringing back the cheetah which became extinct in the country due to overhunting BHUPENDER YADAV UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

RAJASTHAN PENALISED

The National Green Tribunal has directed Raiasthan government to pay ₹3,000 crore as environmental compensation for improper management of solid and liquid waste





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India has the highest number of unemployed youths in the world. But

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There is immense notential for the development of sports talent in Raiasthan and the state government is committed to provide resources and facilities to players

ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CM

SHORT **TAKES**

Begusarai shootout: All accused held

Patna: Police in Begusarai have arrested all the four accused in the shooting spree earlier this week that left one dead and 10 others injured. The police have also released photographs of the main accused, Keshav Kumar alias Naga, who was planning to escape to Ranchi but was arrested from the Jhajha railway station on Thursday night. During interrogation, he revealed the names of other three accused -- Sumit Kumar, Youraj, Arjun Kumar. Following the development, Begusarai SP Yogendra Kumar released Keshav's photograph and also appealed to people to come forward if they had any information.

Two labourers fall to death

Surat: Two labourers died after falling from 14th floor of an under-construction building in the Pandesara area of Surat city Friday, police said. A case of accidental death has been registered and an investigation launched. This is the second such incident in the past three days. A couple of days ago. seven workers died in Ahmedabad when the material lift they were in collapsed from the seventh

One dead, ten hurt in collision

Chennai: One person was killed and ten were grievously iniured in an accident involving a bus and a lorry on Friday early morning in Tamil Nadu. The accident occurred at Veerasikampatti near Dindigul. The lorry driver, S. Madasamy died on the spot. Dindigul police said that the bus was travelling towards Cumbum from Chennai and the front portion of the bus and the lorry were ripped apart. The body of Madasamy was retrieved by the Fire and Rescue Personnel who rushed to the spot. The injured were shifted to the Dindigul Government Medical College

Six rescued

New Delhi: Six persons were rescued while two are still trapped under debris of a house which collapsed in the Jangpura extension area in the national capital on Friday. According to fire department, they got a call about the house collapse around 12 p.m., after which fire fighters were immediately sent to the spot. "The fire fighters, who were pressed into service, rescued six persons from the debris. Two more are still trapped. Our rescue operation is on," the fire official said.

Delhi excise policy: ED conducts raids 22 killed in wall

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 16: The Enforcement Directorate(ED) Friday conducted fresh raids at about 40 locations across the country including at the Delhi residence of a YSRCP MP as part of its money laundering probe into alleged irregularities in the now scrapped Delhi Excise Policy, official sources said.

The sources said the searches were conducted at premises linked to liquor businessmen, distributors and supply chain networks in Nellore and some other cities in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR).

The sources said the premises included the Delhi residence of M Sreenivasulu Reddy, the YSRCP Lok Sabha MP from Ongole in AP. Reddy, who is allegely linked to liquor distributorship business, could not be contacted by PTI for

a reaction despite repeated attempts. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal said he has failed to understand what the liquor scam was

TN pastor held

Chennai, Sept 16: A Chennai-

based pastor who was running an

orphanage was arrested by the po-

lice for impregnating a girl. The pas-

tor, Charles (58) had raped the

minor girl who was admitted to

The girl delivered the baby in

2021. Charles kept her in the care

of a woman at Rajamangalam and

told the girl that he would return

soon and take her back to the or-

phanage. The girl waited for the pas-

tor for a year and then filed a po-

The Greater Chennai Police

were on the search for the pastor

for over a year and he was arrested

on Thursday night when he reached

the city. He was charged under

Protection of Children from Sexual

Offenses (POCSO) Act and also

for cheating. The pastor was pro-

duced before the judicial magistrate

on Friday and was put under ju-

A senior officer with the Greater

Chennai Police said that the po-

lice are investigating whether the

pastor had sexually exploited other

girls in the orphanage too. Police

are also probing the bank details

of the pastor and the orphanage to

ascertain whether he was receiv-

ing funds illegally and if the funds

are being used for purposes other

than running the orphanage.

Sources said that there are 16 minor

Tamil Nadu Social Justice

Department has also ordered a

probe into the functioning of the

orphanage and whether funds are

girls in the orphanage.

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everyone with the Central Bureau

of Investigation (CBI) and the

Enforcement Directorate(ED), He

said the Centre is free to catch any-

one if some wrong is done, but the

progress of the country is ham-

pered if it "unnecessarily" uses

the CBI and ED to "scare and

threaten" everyone. "If the Centre

does not do any positive work and

keep troubling and scaring every-

one with CBI and ED, how will the

icam of ₹1.5 lakh 70,000 crore only? IND KEJRIWAL | DELHI CM

his liquor scam is

country progress?" he asked at a news conference. The AAP has refuted allegations of irregularities and corruption in the implementation of the 2021-22 Excise Policy.

The ED, meanwhile, questioned Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain inside the Tihar jail in a money laundering probe linked to alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped excise policy, official sources said. Officials of the agency recorded Jain's statement according to the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering

Act (PMLA). The ED had moved a local court seeking its permission for the questioning. The court authorised the probe agency to carry out questioning on September 16, 22 and 23. The ED raids commenced early morning with agency teams being escorted by police and paramilitary personnel at the locations searched by them. The raids were underway late this evening.

This is the second round of raids by the ED in the money laundering case after it first conducted searches on September 6 at about 40 locations across the country including that of some Punjab government excise department officers

Chief Minister Kejriwal advised the Centre to talk about positive things like schools, and claimed 95 per cent press conferences of his government were about such positive things. "I have till date not been able to understand what this liquor scam is. One of their (BJP) leaders said it is a scam of ₹1.5 lakh crore. How can it be a scam of ₹1.5 lakh crore when the whole budget of Delhi is ₹70.000 crore only?

collapses in UP



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Lucknow/Unnao, Sept 16: Heavy overnight rains in Uttar Pradesh Friday led to the deaths of at least 22 people, including nine labourers who were buried alive under the debris when an under-construction wall in the state capital collapsed on their huts.

The only survivor in the Lucknow incident, where a portion of the boundary wall of an Army enclave collapsed following rains, was a man, named Golu, who made the call to police from under the rubble. Officials said the 13 other deaths

were reported from Unnao (five), Fatehpur (three), Prayagraj (two), Sitapur. Raebareli and

Jhansi (one each). On the Lucknow collapse, Joint

Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Piyush Mordia said, "Some labourers were living in huts outside the Army enclave in the Dilkusha area. Owing to heavy overnight rains, the boundary wall of the Army enclave collapsed.' "We reached the spot around 3

am. Nine bodies were pulled out from the debris. One person was rescued alive," he said. All the nine deceased are from Jhansi district. District Magistrate Suryapal Gangwar said the injured persons have been admitted to Dr Shvama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital.

"As we reached the spot 15 minutes after the message was passed on to the police station, our first priority and effort was to locate the person who had made the call to the control room, and pull him out from the debris," ACP Cantonment Anup Kumar Singh, who was also present at the spot of the incident, said. "It was Golu, who had made the call to the police control room. After pulling him from the debris, he was sent to the Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital," he

President Droupadi Murmu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi

Aditvanath and his

deputies Keshav Prasad Maurya and state government Brajesh Pathak has announced expressed grief over the loss of financial assistance of lives in the inci-₹4 lakh to the dent. "I am deeply saddened families of the by the news of deceased death of people due

to a wall collapse in Lucknow. My condolences to the bereaved families. I wish the injured a speedy recovery," Murmu tweeted in Hindi.

The Chief Minister's Office said in a release the state government announced a financial assistance of ₹4 lakh each to the family of the deceased. Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who represents the Lucknow Cantonment assembly constituency in the state assembly visited the site and later the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (Civil) Hospital, and enquired about the wellbeing of the injured persons___ admitted there.

Kovind unveils book on Ambedkar, Modi MONKEYPOX

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Sept 16: Former President Ram Nath Kovind Friday released a book titled "Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas, Performer's Implementation" here in presence of Union Minister I&B Anurag Thakur, MoS Dr L. Murugan and former Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan.

While speaking at the launch of the book, the former President said that this book is a collection of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's multidimensional ideologies and their works for the nation. Whether this is industrial development, labours' rights, selfreliance, electricity and water resources' development, planning



wise development of cities, education or gender equality, this book gives ideological foundation and solid information on these important issues said Kovind

Vehicles move slowly on the Western Express Highway during a traffic jam due to heavy rains in Mumbai ртгрното

The book has been compiled by Bluekraft Digital Foundation and has a foreword by music composer

and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja. In 12 chapters dealing with domains as varied as infrastructure, education, socio-economic mobility, gender equality, self-reliance and many more -- the book not only presents Ambedkar's vision of India, but also takes into

account several achievements of

Modi and his government. "Along with the maker of our Constitution, Baba Saheb contributed immensely for the banking, electrification, labour management, revenue sharing system and education system of the country", the former President said

while launching the book "This book contains 25 pictures which give Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unconditional love and respect to Baba Saheb. PM is perhaps the only leader in the country who organised Samvidhan Gaurav Yatra during the 'Heerak Janti varsh' which was held for the first time after the implementation of the Constitution. It is the episode of 2010 when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat," he said.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, Sept 16: A 30-yearold Nigerian woman in Delhi has

tested positive for monkeypox. making it the city's eighth and the country's thirteenth case of the

viral infection, sources said Friday. The woman has been admitted to LNJP Hospital, they said. Another person suspected to be suffering from monkeypox has also been admitted to the Delhi gov-

ernment-run hospital, sources said.

"A total of eight cases of monkeypox have been reported in Delhi so far. The latest being a Nigerian woman, who is aged 30, and admitted at the LNJP Hospital. Her condition is being monitored," a source said.

The suspected case, also a Nigerian woman, were admitted on September 14, another source said, adding, the seventh and eighth confirmed cases and the suspected case are admitted at present, "all three patients are doing fine.

These eight cases also include three men. The early six cases have been treated and discharged, a senior doctor said.

Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease having common symptoms such as fever, skin lesions, lymphadenopathy, headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, chills or sweats and sore throat and cough.

According to a study done recently by the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital (LNJP) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), patients in the first five cases showed "mild to moderate grade intermittent fever, myalgia (muscle pain) and lesions on the genitals, groins, lower

limb, trunk and upper limb." Four of these cases had nontender firm lymphadenopathy (swelling of lymph nodes). No secondary complications or sexually transmitted infections were recorded in these cases except for Hepatitis B in one case, it had said.

Kerala hit by escalating man-stray dog conflict

However, last year, when dog bites were not so much in the news, a dog was brutally beaten to death at Adimalathura beach in Thiruvananthapuram and hundreds of canines were reportedly poisoned to death in Thrikkakara Municipality of Ernakulam

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Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 16: Give a dog a bad name and hang him too is what literally happened in Kottayam district of Kerala recently where a canine, accused of attacking people, was beaten to death and then publicly strung up, in the wake of a spate of vicious attacks on humans, including children, in the state.

That was not the only incident, as more than a dozen stray dogs were found dead allegedly due to poisoning in some areas of the southern state. While these actions appear inhumane, some believe that in the prevailing situation in the state, which is seeing a rise in

attacks by dogs, the public cannot be faulted for taking matters into their own hands.

Kozhikode Mayor Beena Philip, who had opposed the mass killings of the strays, was forced to change her stand later in view of the prevailing situation in the state. She said people cannot be blamed for what they do.

'When our own children are attacked by dogs in this manner, if people react in this manner, they cannot be blamed. I am not in favour of killing dogs nor would I justify it. But in the prevailing situation, I cannot blame the people either," she said. She said if there were not so many dog bite cases, maybe a more humane approach



could have been considered.

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Municipality of Ernakulam. The Kerala High Court had

then intervened to issue a slew of directions for proper implementation of Animal Birth Control (ABC) measures and vaccination of dogs. Despite that, it had to intervene this time as well to remind the state of its obligation to protect the citizens and to caution the general public against taking law into their hands.

government's inability to control canine population or instill confidence regarding efficacy of the anti-rabies vaccine, the state government and its various authorities have initiated steps to address the menace on a war-footing. In an effort to allay public fears,

Amid mounting criticism of the

the government has announced a slew of measures including a state-wide mass vaccination campaign from September 20 to October 20 for vaccinating stray and pet dogs and opening more Animal Birth Control centres.

'Our plan is to bring under control the canine population in the state by 2025," State Animal Husbandry Minister J Chinchu Rani said. She also said killing of rabid dogs was not permitted as according to the Animal Welfare Board of India guidelines, they are to be tied up and kept in isolation till they die on their own within 10 days of showing clinical signs of the disease.

international



Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers is in the ER room and is unlikely to be renewed soon, if at all BENNY GANTZ

SIRISENA IN THE SOUP

A Sri Lankan court Friday named former President Maithripala Sirisena as a suspect in the 2019 Easter bombings in which 270 people, including 11 Indians. were killed





We find the situation that has occurred due to Armenia's violation of the agreement - reached after the (2020) war that resulted in the victory of Azerbaijan - to be unacceptable

TAYYIP ERDOGAN TURKISH PRESIDENT

In terms of the power capacity of Cambodia's energy sources, the share of renewable energy sources is around 55 per cent of the total installed power capacity

HUN SEN CAMBODIAN PM This year's General Debate must be about providing hope and





SHORT TAKES

Pakistan reports 19th polio case

Islamabad: The number of polio cases detected in Pakistan this year has increased to 19 after a sixmonth-old child in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) South Waziristan district was paralysed by the virus, the Health Ministry announced Friday. According to the Ministry, the child had an onset of the paralysis on August 22 as confirmed by the Pakistan National Polio Laboratory at the National Institute of Health, reports Xinhua news agency. This was the first case from South Waziristan this year.

China's legislator meets SK leaders

Seoul: The head of China's legislature called for cooperation with South Korea in advanced technology and supply chains, as he met South Korean officials Friday amid concerns that their moves to solidify a military alliance with Washington could hamper Seoul's ties with Beijing.

Flights in Europe hit by air control strike Paris: European flights faced

widespread disruption Friday as a French air traffic controllers' strike forced airlines to cancel half of those scheduled to arrive or depart Paris airports and others due to have flown over France. Strikes and staff shortages in the past few months have forced airlines to cancel thousands of flights, dashing their hopes of a summer rebound after widespread Covid lockdowns, with disruption continuing into the autumn.

Two police officers stabbed in London

London: Two police officers were stabbed in central London Friday and the incident is not being treated as terror related, said the Metropolitan Police (Met). Police encountered a man with a knife near Leicester Square, a pedestrianised square in the West End of London, according to the Met.

Biden boosts vax programme

Washington: US President Joe Biden's administration has accelerated the vaccine programme to immunise more Americans in a major effort not to lose the momentum gained in the declining trend in Covid-19 infection outbreak in many parts of the country, ahead of the onset of autumn and winter. The Biden administration is pushing updated coronavirus booster shots that target the Omicron variants as a way to blunt the expected surges in the winter when most people will stay

Xi cautions on 'colour revolutions'

Samarkand, Sept 16: Chinese President Xi Jinping Friday asked SCO member states to guard against "colour revolutions" instigated by "external forces" and asked them maintain strategic independence and safeguard regional stability, in a veiled attack on the US as it expands its influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Addressing the 22nd SCO summit here in the historic Uzbek city, Xi also announced plans to establish a centre in China to train counter-terrorism personnel by the grouping and mooted a development bank to speed up regional economic integration.

"The once-in-a-century pandemic has continued unabated. Regional conflicts keep flaring up. The Cold War mentality and group politics are resurfacing, so are unilateralism and protectionism. Economic globalisation has encountered headwinds," he said in a thinly veiled attack against the US.

Under these new conditions, the SCO, as an important constructive force in international and regional affairs, should keep itself well-positioned in the face of changing international dynamics, strengthen solidarity and cooperation, he said.

'We should guard against attempts by external forces to instigate "colour revolution", jointly oppose interference in other countries' internal affairs under any pretext, and hold our future firmly in our own hands," Xi, also the general secretary of the ruling Communist Party, said amid Washington's growing confrontation with both Beijing and Moscow over a range of issues. China claims nearly all of the disputed South

India takes over SCO rotating presidency

Samarkand: Uzbekistan Friday handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to India in this historic city of Samarkand, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyovey chaired the 22nd SCO summit in Samarkand which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "As a result #SCOSamarkandSummit. India will host next SCO summit as a chairman of Organisation in 2023. We will do our best to assist India, our strategic partner, in the implementation of this responsible mission," Uzbek Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov tweeted. The summit in Samarkand also saw the participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Iran's Ebrahim Raisi, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif among other leaders from the Central Asian countries.

China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

The US has been regularly contesting Beijing's claims by sending warships to the strategically vital Indo-Pacific region.

He has also announced new initiatives for the SCO.

China is ready to train 2,000 law enforcement personnel for SCO member states in the next five years, and establish a China-SCO base for training counterterrorism personnel, so as to enhance capacity-building for law enforcement of SCO member

states, he said.

China will provide developing countries in need with emergency humanitarian assistance of grain and other supplies worth 1.5 billion RMB yuan, (\$105 million). "We need to ensure the implementation of the roadmap for SCO member states to expand shares of local currency settlement, better develop the system for cross-border payment and settlement in local currencies, work for the establishment of an SCO development bank, and thus speed regional economic integration," he said.

Next year, China will host an SCO ministers' meeting on development cooperation and an industrial and supply chains forum, and will set up the China-SCO Big Data Cooperation Center to create new engines of common development, Xi said.

PM Modi meets Iranian Prez Raisi

Samarkand: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday met Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi for the first time in-person on the sidelines of the SCO summit here and the two leaders discussed wideranging bilateral ties, reviewed the progress in the development of Chabahar Port and regional developments including Afghanistan. The two leaders are in this historic Uzbek city of Samarkand to attend the 22nd Shanghai **Cooperation Organisation** Summit SCO summit. "Productive first meeting between PM @narendramodi and President Ebrahim Raisi of Iran. Discussed our wideranging bilateral relations and reviewed the progress in the development of Chabahar Port. Also discussed international and regional developments including Afghanistan," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet.



Germany takes control of Russian owned refinery



Berlin, Sept 16: Germany took control of a major Russian-owned oil refinery Friday, risking retaliation from Moscow as Berlin strives to shore up energy supplies and meet its European Union commitment to eliminate Russian oil imports by the end of the year.

The economy ministry said it was putting a unit of Russian oil firm Rosneft (ROSN.MM) under the trusteeship of the industry regulator and taking over the business' Schwedt refinery, which supplies 90% of Berlin's fuel.

"This is a far-reaching energy policy decision to protect our country," Chancellor Olaf Scholz told a news conference to present the government's plans to put the Schwedt refinery under the control of the Federal Network Agency regulator

The plans included a "package for the future" with more than 1 billion euros (\$996.10 million) in federal and state government investments over several years in eastern German states, with 825 million euros earmarked for Schwedt alone. "Russia, we have known for some time, is no longer a reliable energy supplier," Scholz said. "We did not take this decision lightly, but it was unavoidable.

Ukraine combs mass burial site

Izium, Ukraine, Sept 16: Ukrainian authorities found a mass burial site near a recaptured northeastern city previously occupied by Russian forces, President Volodvmvr

Zelenskyy said Thursday

"A mass grave of people was found in Izium in the Kharkiv region.

The necessary procedures have already begun there. More information - clear, verifiable information - should be available tomorrow.' Zelenskyy said in his nightly televised address.

Associated Press journalists saw the site in a forest outside Izium Thursday. A mass grave bore a marker saying it contained the bodies of 17 Ukrainian soldiers. It was surrounded by hundreds of individual graves with only crosses to mark them. Zelenskyv invoked the names of other Ukrainian cities where authorities said retreating Russian troops left behind mass civilian graves and evidence of alleged war crimes. "Bucha, Mariupol, now, unfortunately, Izium.

And it must be held accountable for it. The world must bring Russia to real responsibility for this war," he said. Russia's forces left Izium and other parts of the Kharkiv region last week amid a stunning Ukrainian

counteroffen-Zelenskyy made a rare trip outside Ukraine's cap-

ital to watch the raising of the national flag at Izium's city hall.

Sergei Bolvinov, a senior investigator for Ukrainian police in the eastern Kharkiv region, told British TV broadcaster Sky News that a pit contained more than 440 bodies was discovered near Izium after Kyiv's forces swept in. He described the grave as "one of the largest burial sites in any one liberated city." "We know that some (of the people buried in the pit) were shot, some died from artillery fire, from so called mine-explosion traumas. Some died from airstrikes. Also, we have information that a lot of bodies have not been identified vet" Bolvinov said.



People queue near Tower Bridge to pay their respects following the death of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in London, Britain

MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Trump coins India-US friendship slogan in Hindi

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Washington, Sept 16: Former US president Donald Trump has coined an India-US friendship slogan in Hindi as part of his efforts to woo the influential Indian-American community before the mid-term elections in November.

Bharat and America sabse achhe dost" Trump is seen rehearsing and saying in a video released by the Republican Hindu Coalition (RHC). The slogan in English means "India and the United States are best friends". In the short 30-second video, Trump is seen seated with his supporter Chicago-based businessman Shalabh Kumar from the Republican Hindu Coalition.

The new slogan is inspired by the phenomenal success of the 2016 slogan of Trump in Hindi "Abki

Baar Trump Sarkar" which had caught the imagination of the Indian-Americans then and had played a key part in his victories in some of the key swing states.

Kumar, who has been instrumental in both Trump's slogans "Abki Baar Trump Sarkar" and "Bharat and America sabse achhe dost", told PTI in an interview this week that he and the RHC plan to run the former president's latest slogan in the ethnic Indian media to gain Indian-American support and vote for Republicans the November 8 mid-term elections.

Political observers and the latest polls indicate that Republicans are most likely to regain the majority in the House of Representatives. "The end goal is to heavily support five (Republican) candidates for Senate" where the margin of victory is going to be



"less than 50,000 votes. Some might be even 10.000 votes or 5.000 votes. Kumar said. These Senate races are in the states of Pennsylvania,

Ohio, Wisconsin, Arizona and Georgia, he said, adding that the small Hindu community in these states can make that difference.

"The Hindu vote will make the difference. That's the biggest block of independent voters," Kumar said in response to a question. "We are going to have a (national) campaign (with focus on these states) which is going to be close to what the 2016 campaign was," he said.

Kumar and the RHC were an important part of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. However, the two fell apart in the 2020 presidential elections.

Kumar says early this year he met Trump at his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida March 21. There have been a few meetings after that as well.

Indian-Americans comprise slightly more than 1 per cent of the total US population and less than 1 per cent of all registered

China sanctions Raytheon, Boeing **Defence CEOs**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing, Sept 16: China announced sanctions Friday against the CEOs of American defence contractors Raytheon and Boeing Defence over a major US arms sale to rival Taiwan.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning did not specify what the sanctions would be against Gregory Haves, chairman and CEO of Raytheon Technologies Corp., and Ted Colbert, president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security. It wasn't immediately clear what impact they would have on the executives or their companies, but such sanctions are often mainly symbolic in nature. The US announced a \$1.09 billion arms sale to Taiwan last week, including \$355 million for Boeing's Harpoonmissiles and \$85 million for Raytheon's Sidewinder missiles.

business



There is a need to widen the pool of women directors. Why do women need to prove they are worthy of being on company boards? Women don't need patronizing. Many women have proved themselves and have been

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

HGS HEALTHCARE REBRANDS AS SAGILITY

Healthcare technology company **HGS** Healthcare has rebranded itself as Sagility and targets to become a \$1 billion firm in terms of revenue by 2026, a top official of the company has said





We believe 9% to 10% (deposit growth) is definitely possible for us, it is a sustainable growth rate, though we have an internal target of 11% to 12%



CHALLA SREENIVASULU SETTY | MD, SBI

We look forward to welcoming CleanMax to our OpenAg network through this partnership and are excited to be joining India's green

JAI SHROFF GLOBAL CEO, UPL

This collaboration with Shell India will help us tackle pressing energy challenges at the

national and international level through cuttingedge technology development that will help reduce the global carbon

GOVINDAN RANGARAJAN DIRECTOR, IISC

SHORT TAKES

JSW Ports repays ₹862 crore debt

Mumbai: The second-largest private sector port operator JSW Ports, which has completed capacity expansion at an investment of ₹4,000crore, eyes to be a net-debtfree company over the next two-three years having already pared ₹862 crore so far this fiscal. The company financed the repayments of higher-cost rupee loans from a consortium of lenders, which were priced at 9.5 per cent, partly with internal accruals and the rest from the \$400-million overseas bond issuance in February this year, Lalit Singhvi, the chief financial officer and a director at JSW Infrastructure, the fully-owned arm of the Sajjan Jindal-run JSW Group and the holding company of the ports business, told PTI Friday.

Hero MotoCorp enters EV segment

New Delhi: The country's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp is all set to foray into the electric segment next month with the launch of its first model in the domestic market. In a regulatory filing, the company said that "a new era in mobility is about to begin" alluding to an event under its Vida brand October 7, 2022. The two-wheeler major has issued invites to its dealers, investors and global distributors for the event to be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Warburg eyes 30% stake in Vistaar

Mumbai: New York-based private equity firm Warburg Pincus LLC is in talks to invest around \$150 million in Indian small-business lender Vistaar Finance, two sources familiar with the matter told Reuters, marking its latest bet in a booming lending market. Warburg's discussions with Vistaar are for a 30% stake in the shadow lender, the two sources said. Deal talks are at an advanced stage and will value Vistaar at roughly \$450 million, said one of the

Mankind Pharma files IPO papers

Bangalore: Mankind Pharma has filed preliminary papers with the markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The company's IPO comprises an offer for sale of 4,00,58,884 equity shares by selling shareholders, including promoters and existing investors, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

37-YEAR LOW

Pound plunges on Black Wednesday anniv

MOST MAJOR CURRENCIES HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING AGAINST THE DOLLAR IN RECENT MONTHS, AND THE GREENBACK WAS GIVEN ANOTHER LEG-UP THIS WEEK AFTER HOTTER-THAN-EXPECTED US INFLATION DATA

London, Sept 16: Sterling marked the 30th anniversary of "Black Wednesday" by falling to a fresh 37year low against the US dollar Friday, and a 19-month trough against the euro, after weakerthan-expected retail sales figures reinforced fears about Britain's

The pound fell more than 1% against the dollar to \$1.1351, its lowest since 1985, and was last trading at \$1.1404. The euro rose to as

On a weekly basis, the

Sensex shed 952.35 points

or 1.59 per cent, while the

Nifty fell 302.50 points or

1.69 per cent

Mumbai, Sept 16: Equity bench-

marks spiralled lower for the third

session on the trot Friday, in lock-

step with a sell-off in overseas

markets as investors fretted over

the global economy slipping into a

recession amid rate hikes by cen-

A weak rupee and foreign fund out-

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked

flows added to the woes, traders said.

1,093.22 points or 1.82 per cent to set-

tle at 58,840.79. During the day, it tum-

bled 1,246.84 points or 2 per cent to

58,687.17. Similarly, the broader

NSE Nifty declined 346.55 points or

1.94 per cent to close at 17,530.85.

laggard in the Sensex pack, slump-

ing 4.51 per cent, followed by Tech

Mahindra, Infosys, M&M, Wipro,

IndusInd Bank emerged as the

With persistent bearish pres-

sole gainer, spurting 2.63 per cent.

sure from global stocks amid ris-

ing yields and dollar index, the

domestic market surrendered to

the global trend despite its strong

decoupling scenario and encour-

aging macroeconomic data. Post

TCS and Nestle India.

UltraTech Cement was the top

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tral banks.



high as 87.71 pence on Friday, its highest level since Feb 2021. It was last up 0.39% at 87.45 pence.

On September 16 1992, Britain crashed out of the Exchange Rate

GLOBAL RECESSION FEARS

Equities tank nearly 2%

BSE Sensex

TOP LOSERS

-3.69 Infosys

-3.58 M&M

-3.19 Wipro

-4.51 UltraTechCement

Investors poorer

by over ₹6.18L-cr

become poorer by over ₹6.18

lakh crore as markets took a

heavy beating Friday. The

market capitalisation of the

BSE-listed firms eroded by

₹2.79.68.822.06 crore Friday. The

BSE benchmark has fallen for

tumbled ₹7,02,371.88 crore.

the third day in a row Friday. In

three days, investors wealth has

which showcased a MoM increase

in inflation, the global market has

been pricing in the likelihood of

a more aggressive policy response

from the Fed," said Vinod Nair,

Head of Research at Geojit

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New Delhi: Investors have

-4.45 Tech Mahindra

Previous day close: 59,934.01

Mechanism - a system designed to reduce currency fluctuations ahead of the launch of the euro - causing a sharp devaluation in the pound. That day, now known as Black Wednesday, saw sterling fall 4.3% to finish the day at \$1.778, well above today's level.

Friday's drop followed data that showed retail sales volumes slipped 1.6% in monthly terms in August - the biggest fall since December 2021 and worse than all forecasts in a Reuters poll of economists that had pointed to a 0.5% fall.

Change -1,093.22

Rupee declined by 7

2.38 per cent.

paise to close at 79.78

In the broader market, the BSE

All the BSE sectoral indices

ended in the negative zone, with re-

alty tumbling 3.53 per cent, fol-

lowed by IT (3.37 per cent), basic ma-

terials (3.05 per cent), teck (3.03

per cent) and auto (2.67 per cent).

close at 79.78 (provisional) against

the US dollar Friday, tracking a

strong dollar in overseas markets.

Foreign institutional investors

ffloaded shares worth a net

₹1,270.68 crore in the domestic mar-

ket Thursday, according to data

available with the BSE.

The rupee declined by 7 paise to

midcap gauge tanked 2.85 per cent

and the smallcap index slipped

This was just the latest bad news for the British economy, which faces slower economic growth and more persistent inflation than any other major economy next year, the International Monetary Fund forecasts.

"The grinding backdrop of everything that's going on is weighing on sterling, with the UK running these massive external deficits and the risks around the new prime minister's policies adding to that,' said John Hardy, head of FX strategy at Saxobank.

FM asks pvt sector to clear MSME dues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Sept 16: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday asked the private sector to clear dues of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) within 45 days.

Conceding that the Centre, state governments and state-owned enterprises have outstanding dues to the MSME sector, FM said the private sector also has dues to such small businesses from where it

She also said the centre too will

Govt revises small

firms' definition

They will not be required to have the mandatory rotation of au-

An auditor of a small company is not required to report on the adequacy of the internal financial controls and its operating effectiveness in the auditor's report, and such companies need to hold only two board meetings in a year, the release said.

Other advantages are that there are lesser penalties for small companies and annual returns of such entities can be signed by the company secretary or where there is no company secretary, by a director of the company.

"Small companies represent the entrepreneurial aspirations and innovation capabilities of lakhs of citizens and contribute to growth and employment in a significant manner. The government has always been committed to taking measures which create a more conducive business environment for law-abiding companies, including reduction of compliance burden on such companies," the re-

In recent times, the government has taken various measures, including decriminalisation of various provisions under the companies law, to further improve the ease of doing business in the country.

lease said.

avails goods and services. Sitharaman said, in her meeting

with big businesses two days ago, she appealed to them to ensure that the dues of smaller businesses - who are the backbone of the economy - are cleared in time.

be taking steps to resolve the issue by ensuring that departments and central public sector enterprises make the payments to small busi-

Windfall tax on domestic crude oil cut

INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES HAVE FALLEN TO SIX-MONTH LOWS THIS MONTH

The revisions will allow

more entities to come

under the category of

small companies

New Delhi, Sept 16: The govern-

ment has revised the paid-up cap-

ital and turnover thresholds for

small companies that will help re-

duce the compliance burden on

The latest decision by the cor-

porate affairs ministry, which is

implementing the companies law,

has again revised the definition

of small companies and is aimed

at further improving the ease of

With the amendments to cer-

tain rules, the threshold for small

companies' paid-up capital has

been increased to "not exceeding

₹4 crore" from "not exceeding ₹2

old has been revised to "not ex-

ceeding ₹40 crore" from "not ex-

ceeding ₹20 crore", the ministry

 $According \ to \ the \ ministry, small$

companies are exempted from the

requirement to prepare cash flow

statement as part of financial state-

ment and can file an abridged an-

said in a release Friday.

Similarly, the turnover thresh-

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more entities.

doing business.

crore"

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New Delhi, Sept 16: The government Friday cut the windfall profit tax on locally-produced crude oil in line with a fall in international rates, and reduced the levy on export of diesel and jet fuel (ATF) with effect from September 17.

At the fifth fortnightly review, the government reduced tax on domestically-produced crude oil to ₹10,500

per tonne from ₹13,300 per tonne. The levy on the export of diesel

was reduced to ₹10 per litre from ₹13.5. Also, the tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) exports was cut to ₹5 a litre from ₹9 with effect from September 17, according to a finance ministry notification.

The basket of crude oil that India buys has averaged \$92.67 per barrel in September as against \$97.40 in the previous month. India first imposed windfall profit taxes July 1, joining a growing number of nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies. But international oil prices have cooled since then. eroding the profit margins of both oil producers and refiners. Export duties of ₹6 per litre (\$12 per barrel) were levied on petrol and aviation_ turbine fuel and ₹13 a litre (\$26 a barrel) on diesel.

A ₹23,250 per tonne (\$40 per barrel) windfall profit tax on domestic crude production was also levied. The duties were partially adjusted in the previous four rounds July 20, August 2, August 19 and September 1, and were removed for petrol.

the release of US inflation data,

sources.

SBI's vision for FY2022-23

giving priority to relationship with the government, and is focused for all sorts of support for 'Make in Odisha' programme. Very recently, Chander Sekhar Sharma, Chairman of SBI and Naveen Patnaik, Odisha Chief Minister had a discussion in Mumbai. SBI has big plans for development of



Financial Services.

the current financial year 2022-23 and till date already disbursed ₹300 crore. This year SBI has set a target of 300% increase in export finance. In exports, focus shall be on prawn, sea food and agriculture item, said Sharma, Chief General Manager, SBI Bhubanesewar Circle. In the current financial year (2022-23), the bank has set a target of disbursing ₹2,000 crore and ₹1,000 crore to SME & Real Estate sectors respectively. Apart from this, the bank has set a growth target of ₹15,000 crore and ₹50,000 crore in Advances and Deposits respectively.



Industries is distributing relief in flood affected areas n Banki, Cuttack and Puri with the help of Odisha Rising Foundation. Sumanta Kumar Pradhan, Branch Head, V-Guard and Odisha Rising Foundation Chief Akhaya Sagar distributed the aid among the

Under its CSR

initiative, V-Guard

Adani now second largest cement player of India

THE ACQUISITION OF AMBUJA CEMENTS AND ACC IS THE LARGEST EVER BUYOUT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MATERIALS SECTOR SO FAR IN THE COUNTRY AND ALSO THE BIGGEST ACQUISITION BY ADANI

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New Delhi, Sept 16: Billionaire Gautam Adani's son Karan will helm the cement firms his group has acquired to become India's second largest cement player and extend his burgeoning empire that spans from ports and energy to airports and telecom

In a media statement, Adani group announced the completion of the acquisition of Ambuja Cements and ACC for a total consideration of \$6.5 billion which includes the buyout of Swiss major Holcim's state in the two firms and subsequent open offers to minority shareholders.

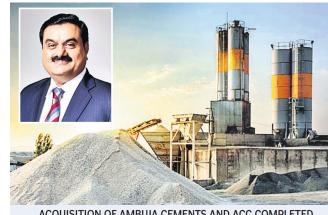
Soon after Adani's takeover, the two cement firms announced the resignation of their board of directors, including the CEOs and CFOs.

Our position as one of the largest renewable energy companies in

the world will help us manufacture premium quality green cement well in line with the principles of a circular economy. All of these dimensions put us on track to become the largest and most efficient manufacturer of cement by no later than 2030

GAUTAM ADANI | CHAIRMAN, ADANI GROUP

The conglomerate named its founder chairman Gautam Adani as the head of the two companies. His son Karan, who currently heads the group's ports business, was named a director of both the cement firms. Adani group also quickly named



ACQUISITION OF AMBUJA CEMENTS AND ACC COMPLETED ADANI NAMES SON KARAN TO RUN CEMENT COMPANIES AMBUJA CEMENTS BOARD OKAYS INFUSION OF ₹20,000CR

independent directors on the boards of the two firms. These included former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Rajnish Kumar on the Ambuja

Cement board and former Shell India head Nitin Shukla on the ACC board.

It named Ajay Kumar as the new CEO of Ambuja Cement in place of Neeraj Akhoury and Sridhar Balakrishnan for ACC.

The new board of Ambuja Cements approved an infusion of ₹20,000 crore in the company by way of preferential allotment of warrants to equip the firm "to capture the growth in the market."

'Post the transaction, Adani will hold 63.15 per cent in Ambuja Cements and 56.69 per cent in ACC (of which 50.05 per cent is held through Ambuja Cements)," the statement said.

The combined market capitalisation of Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd is \$19 billion as of date, it added.

Patanjali to float 4 IPOs in five years

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Sept 16: Swami Ramdev Friday said that Patanjali will float four new IPOs in next five years and has started working on an action plan to achieve ₹5 lakh crore market value of these five to be listed companies.

Swami Ramdev said that after Patanjali Foods Limited, they aim to bring IPOs of four other companies - Patanjali Ayurved, Patanjali Wellness, Patanjali Medicine and Patanjali Lifestyle. 'We have already started work-

ing on the action plan to achieve the target of ₹5 lakh crore market value of these five to-be-listed companies. Along with the movement to make the country self-reliant by promoting Swadeshi, Patanjali is playing a big role in freeing the country from the slavery of Western education introduced by Macaulay and the foreign system of medicines,' Ramdev said.

Patanjali Wellness is providing permanent relief from diseases through Yoga, Ayurveda, Naturopathy and a research-based integrated system of medicines, Swami Ramdev said.

He also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched a scheme of subsidy investment of ₹11,044 crore through the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to make the country self-reliant in edible oils.

He also informed that currently Patanjali's turnover is around ₹40.000 crore and they have set the target to make it ₹1 lakh crore in next 5-7 years.

A never-imagined CR7's first India batters flop as England seal series



NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Cristiano Ronaldo performs his trademark 'Siuu' celebration after scoring his first Europa League goal, while Man United's other scorer in the match rushes in to join the Portuguese, Thursday

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Manchester, Sept 16: Cristiano Ronaldo scored the first Europa League goal of his career to help Manchester United rebound from an opening loss in the second-tier competition with a 2-0 victory over Sheriff Tiraspol.

The Champions League record scorer converted from the spot after Jadon Sancho gave United a 1-0 lead in Moldova. It was the 37year-old Ronaldo's first goal of the season and 699th in club competition. "Happy to score and help the team win! 3 important points!"

Ronaldo tweeted.

After failing to secure a transfer to a club in the Champions League — where he's scored 141 goals — the Portugal striker had to settle for playing in the Europa League for the first time since 2002 with Sporting Lisbon.

Ronaldo was given a second straight start, including last week's 1-0 loss to Real Sociedad at Old Trafford, after he was used as a substitute in four straight wins by United in the Premier League.

Arsenal, another favorite of the competition, had their game against PSV Eindhoven postponed from

Thursday to October 20 because of limited police resources in London during preparations for the queen's state funeral.

Though Chelsea's Champions League game against Salzburg went ahead Wednesday, the visit of a large group of PSV fans traveling from the Netherlands proved more challenging.

Real Betis beat Bulgarian team Ludogorets 3-2 for its second straight win while Jose Mourinho's Roma bounced back from a surprising loss to Ludogorets last week by cruising 3-0 past 10-man HJK

Feyenoord recorded its first win by routing Sturm Graz 6-0, Freiburg won 3-0 at Olympiacos for its second victory, and Monaco was upset 1-0 at home by Hungary's Ferencváros. Braga and Union Saint-Gilloise recorded their second wins also.

West Ham are struggling in the Premier League but shining in the Europa Conference League. The London club beat Denmark's Silkeborg 3-2 for its second victory from two in Europe's third-tier

Villarreal followed suit with a 2-1 win at Hapoel Be'er Sheva and Istanbul Basaksehir kept a perfect record after a 3-0 victory over Fiorentina. Ukrainian club Dnipro-1 registered a 3-1 victory at Apollon Limassol, and Alkmaar beat Vaduz

In the Man United game, Ronaldo shot his spot-kick straight, sending Sheriff goalkeeper Maxym Koval to his right six minutes from halftime. It was awarded after Patrick Kpozo brought down Diogo Dalot. Sancho put United 1-0 ahead in the 17th after collecting a pass from Christian Eriksen at the edge of the

The game was moved from the tiny Sheriff Stadium in its breakaway home region of Transnistria that borders Ukraine after UEFA blocked Sheriff from playing there this season following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It took place in the Moldovan capital, Chisinau, in the center of the country, at the Zimbru Stadium. In the same Group E, Real Sociedad needed substitute Alexander Sørloth's 80th-minute goal to beat Omonoia 2-1.

Alireza Jahanbakhsh scored twice for Fevenoord in Group F to jump to a 4-0 after the first half. The Iranian forward had his third disallowed after a video review. Dávid Hancko, Danilo Pereira, Santiago Gimenez and Oussama Idrissi also scored for the Dutch club to recover from a 4-2 defeat at Lazio in the previous round.

Also in Group F, Denmark's Midtjylland routed Lazio 5-1. Michael Gregoritsch scored twice for Freiburg to move to six points in Group G where Qarabag blanked Nantes 3-0 in Baku.

Luiz Henrique, Joaquín and Sergio Canales netted one apiece for Real Betis to lead Group C with six points. At 41 years and 56 days, Joaquín becomes the oldest goalscorer in the competition history.

Substitute Paolo Dybala and Lorenzo Pellegrini score a goal each in the span of two minutes early in the second half before Andrea Belotti added the third for Roma's first win in the same group. Helsinki captain Miro Tenho was sent off 13 minutes into the game at Stadio Olimpico after a foul on



POINTING SHOW: India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is cleaned up by Sarah Glenn (not in pic) during the third T20I against England Women, Thursday

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Bristol, Sept 16: Indian bowlers put up a valiant effort with a below par total to defend before rookie Alice Capsey held her nerves to guide England to a seven-wicket win in the third women's T20I and also clinch the series 2-1.

India put up an inept batting performance, scoring only 122/8, courtesy wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh's 22-ball 33 and all rounder Pooja Vastrakar's unbeaten 19 off 11 deliveries.

Indian batter were unable to navigate through the England spin bowling as the trio of Sophie Ecclestone (3/25), Sarah Glenn (2/11) and Bryony Smith accounted for six wickets.

England scored the runs in 18.2 overs, courtesy opener Sophia Dunkley's 49 off 44 and 18-year-old Caspey's unbeaten 38-run knock that took the hosts over the line and seal the three-match series 2-1.

Chasing 123, the home side was off to a brilliant start with both openers Dunkley and Danni Wyatt (22 off 23 balls) sharing a 70-run stand before India triggered a mini batting collapse by snaring three quick wickets in as many overs. Spin all-rounder Sneh Rana (1/32) provided the first breakthrough for the visitors as Wyatt miscued

Dunkley followed next as she was cleaned up with an excellent delivery by Vastrakar (1/16). Captain Amy Jones' (3) stay in the middle was then cut short by Radha Yadav

But, Capsey, considered one of England's brightest young talents, continued to attack and played shots all around the ground. She was ably supported by Smith, who remained unbeaten on 13, as the two steered England to victory.

Earlier, India were in all sorts of trouble as they slipped to 75/7 before Ghosh and Vastrakar joined forces to take the visitors to a respectable total.

Both openers, the big hitting Shafali Verma (5) and Smriti Mandhana (9) were dismissed in the first four overs. Verma was first to go as she misjudged the pace of the delivery by Issy Wong (1/24) with the ball deflecting off her pads on to the wicket.

Smith then got the prized wicket of Mandhana as Ecclestone held on to a brilliant catch. Sabbhineni Meghana (0) and Dayalan Hemalatha (0) struggled to open their account while skipper Harmanpreet (5) also had a forgettable day.

Deepti Sharma (24) tried to repair the innings along with Ghosh but the all-rounder too perished as she attempted to sweep left-arm spinner Ecclestone but missed, with Jones completing the stumping.

Ghosh, who slammed five boundaries, and Vastrakar added 43 runs in the last three overs to take India over the 100-run mark.

BRIEF SCORES: India Women 122/8 (Richa Ghosh 33 n o, Deepti Sharma 24; Sophie Ecclestone 3/25) lost to England Women 126/3 (Sophia Dunkley 49, Alice Capsey 38 n o; Radha Yadav 1/14) by 7 wickets.

DAHIYA OUT OF MEDAL **CONTENTION AT WORLDS**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Belgrade, Sept 16: India's Olympic silver medallist Ravi Dahiya was out of medal contention in the Wrestling World Championships after losing to Uzbekistan's Gulomjon Abdullaev in the 57kg qualification round here Friday.

While Dahiya made an early exit. Naveen entered the bronze medal match after beating World No.4 Syrbaz Talgat of Uzbekistan in 70kg opening round of repechage 11-3. World No.2 Dahiya lost by technical superiority (10-0) to the Uzbek in a rather one-sided bout.

Dahiya, who won the silver at the Tokyo Olympics last year, will not be contesting in repechage for bronze as Abdullaev lost to Albanian wrestler Zelimkhan Abakarov.

On the other hand, Naveen's win took him directly to the bronze medal match as his next-round opponent Ilyas Bekbulatov (Uzbekistan) couldn't compete due to an injury

Dahiya had defeated Razvan Marian Kovacs of Romania by technical superiority (10-0) in the first round 10-0. It was never going to be an easy outing for Dahiya as he has lost to World No.30 Abdullaev

Ruud beats Prajnesh



multiple times in the past.

Even though Abdullaev exacted revenge over Dahiya after his loss in the UWW Ranking Series event (Yasar Dogu 2022) in Istanbul in February, the Uzbek could not go past Abakarov, who won by technical superiority (13-2) to book his semifinal spot.

Commonwealth Games champion Naveen will face Ernazar Akmatalieve of Kyrgyzstan in his bronze medal match.

Bishnoi opens up on Arshdeep's dropped catch

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Sept 16: He is all of 22 but Ravi Bishnoi fully understands that cricket indeed is a cruel game and instead of Arshdeep Singh, it could have been him dropping an important sitter against Pakistan during the recently held Asia Cup.

Arshdeep faced an unbelievable backlash on social media after he dropped Asif Ali's catch off Bishnoi's bowling in the Super 4s game that India lost. Bishnoi, however, had impressive figures of 1/28 in 4 overs and was easily the best bowler in his only chance at the continental event.

"Paaji mere sabse acche dost hai (Paaji is a dear friend). We all know that dropped catches are part and parcel of game. It can happen with the best. It could well have been the other way round where he was bowling and I happened to drop the catch,' Bishnoi, who has played 10 T20Is for India in 2022, told PTI dur-

ing an interaction. "Arshdeep is one of the bravest boys that I know. After that catch, you saw how he came and bowled at the death. It never looked as if he was perturbed. That's his mental strength," said the Rajasthan man, who is in the stand-by for the ICC T20 World cup.



Yuzi bhai (Yuzvendra Chahal) hasn't told me anything specific (on leg break bowling). He always tells me that every moment that you are on the ground, you should enjoy and as a pair, we should try and bowl well in tandem which is beneficial for the team

leg break With 16 wickets and an economy rate of 7.08, Bishnoi has been impressive in the chances that he has got for India in the shortest version. But having missed the

agement has pressed it upon me that I have to develop a leg-break," the Jodhpur lad said. In fact, former legspinner Sairaj Bahutule, who also happens to be one of the bowling coaches who travels with the team, told him not to worry.

"I had spoken to Sairaj sir and he said that it's fine as long as I am working on that variation. He told me Yes, you are trying to develop a potent leg-break and someday, you will certainly execute it to perfection. I am working on it and hope it happens sooner than later," Bishnoi said.

In fact, wrist-spin is one of the toughest art in cricket and Bishnoi knows that he can't be afraid of batters giving him the charge. "You shouldn't be scared of getting hit or when the batter is attacking. As per situation, I bowl a lot of flippers and top spinners. You need to analyse the match situation and bowl accordingly." It has now been seven months that Bishnoi has sporadically played for India but being in that dressing room environment with some of the best players in the world has helped him in his learning curve.

"It was the best moment of my life when I got India call-up and my coaches were ecstatic. It has been a great journey so far with the team as we won almost all the bilateral contests and only Asia Cup didn't go our way.'

While he has only played two Ranji Trophy games for Chandigarh, it is understood that the Chetan Sharma-led selection committee's concern is to create back-up for Hardik Pandya, who

and Vijay Shankar not stepping up at the international level, the selectors are keen on creating a pool of back-up seam bowling allrounders.

ing all-rounder options but not many pace bowlers with good lower middle-order hitting prowess. Bawa's all-round abilities will be put to test and the selectors will get an idea if he could be later upgraded at the senior level.

India A squad: Prithvi Shaw, Gaikwad, Rahul Tripathi, Rajat Bharat (wk), Kuldeep Yadav, Shabhaz Ahmed, Rahul Chahar, Tilak Varma, Kuldeep Sen, Shardul Saini & Raj Angad Bawa.

Khordha, ECoR in senior men hockey tourney final

to give Norway lead PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lillehammer (Norway), Sept 16: World No.2 Casper Ruud expectedly was too good for India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran, giving Norway a 1-0 lead in the World Group I First Round Davis Cup tie here Friday.

Ruud, who finished runner-up at the US Open after going down to Carlos Alcaraz Monday, turned up for national duty four days later and did the job for his team. He beat the 335-ranked Indian 6-1, 6-4 in one hour and two minutes.

After being totally outplayed in the first set, Prajnesh lifted his game in the second to make Ruud's task tougher. While the Indian failed to get a break point, his more accomplished opponent converted three out of the five opportunities he got.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Sept 16: Khordha and East Coast Railway sailed into the final of the State Senior Men Hockey Championship after registering contrasting victories over their respective opponents at the KIIT Hockey Stadium here, Friday.

In the first semifinal, Khordha thrashed SAIL 4-0 to ease into the title clash. Three goals came as field goals after opening the scoring through a penalty strike.

After an entertaining start to the match, D Prasad Kujur opened the scoring for Khordha in the 20th minute through a penalty stroke. That was the only goal that was separating both the teams when they headed into the halftime break.

However, after the resumption, Khordha retuned with more attacking approach. Gregore Xess



Players of East Coast Railway and Sundargarh in action during their match

doubled the advantage in the 41st minute. It didn't take long to bury the game. Two minutes later: Roshan Kujur was on target to extend the

SAIL tried desperately to find something out of the match, but failed to do so as Akash Soreng's

goal in the 60th minute proved to be the final nail in the coffin.

Working on developing a potent

T20 World Cup bus to a much sen-

ior and accomplished Yuzvendra

Chahal, the common question is

that if he is becoming a one-di-

mensional option with googly as his

"No one from the team man-

only potent weapon.

The second semifinal saw East Coast Railway pip Sundargarh 4-3 in an entertaining contest. ECoR dominated the match for the opening 20 minutes scoring as many as three goals. But, Sundargarh fought back reducing the deficit to one goal.

However, ECoR scored again to regain momentum. Although Sundargarh found a goal, but they couldn't find the equaliser as some impressive defending helped ECoR set up the title battle with Khordha.

JJ Munda opened the scoring for ECoR as early as in the second minute of the game from a penalty corner. This goal not only allowed ECoR to gain momentum, but also push Sundargarh on backfoot. Then goals by skipper Arbin Barla

in the 10th minute and Rajin

Kandulna in the 19th through a penalty stroke and a field goal respectively helped ECoR stamp their authority.

However, it seemed the third goal led to a lack of concentration which the Sundargarh side capitalise on and reduced the deficit to two goals in the very next minute through a penalty corner by Matuyas Dang. The scored remained 3-1 at the halftime.

After the break, Sushant Toppo found the second goal for Sundargarh in the 36th to make the game more interesting. However, Suman Beck restored the two-goal deficit in the 47th from a penalty corner.

Adrohit Ekka made it 3-4 for Sundargarh to give some hope for his side, but it was to no avail as ECoR held their nerves and didn't allow

Sundargarh to breach their defence.

Selectors see Raj Angad Bawa as Hardik's back-up



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New Delhi, Sept 16: Young allrounder Raj Angad Bawa has earned his maiden India A call-up in the Sanju Samson-led team for the three-match One-day series against New Zealand A, starting September 22 in Chennai. The second and third matches are scheduled for September 25 and 27 respectively. Prithvi Shaw, who has been in

fine form in the Duleep Trophy, is back in the mix along with most players, who were part of the ODI series in Zimbabwe. Bawa, hero of India's U-19 World

Cup winning campaign, is a fast medium bowler and left-handed hard-hitting middle-order batter.

would time and again need to focus on workload management. With the likes of Shivam Dube

India have too many spin bowl-

Abhimanyu Easwaran, Ruturaj Patidar, Sanju Samson (C), KS Thakur, Umran Malik, Navdeep

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