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Actress Alia Bhatt is loving her exploration behind the camera, post her debut as a producer in *Darlings*

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## India abstains on UNSC resolution against Russia

AGENCIES

**United Nations, Oct 1:** India has abstained itself from voting on a Security Council resolution condemning Moscow's annexation of parts of Ukraine while saying it was "deeply disturbed by the recent turn of developments" there.

The resolution, which sought to declare as illegal the referendum Moscow said it held in those areas to annex them, was vetoed by Permanent Member Russia, although it received 10 votes with four abstentions in the 15-member Council Friday.

India's abstention came a fortnight after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had emphatically spoken to Russia's President Vladimir Putin against the invasion and External Affairs Minister told the General Assembly last week that New Delhi was on "the side that respects the UN Charter and its founding principles".

While explaining the abstention, India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj told the Council, "India is deeply disturbed by the recent turn of developments in Ukraine. We have always advocated that no solution can ever be arrived at the cost of human lives."

"India's Prime Minister has also emphasised that this cannot be an era of war," she added highlighting his public statement to Putin in Samarkand in September, which has been welcomed by Washington and interpreted as a shift from India's presumed neutrality.

US Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield did not attach much weight to the abstentions by India, along with China, Brazil and Gabon.

Speaking to reporters outside the Council chamber after the vote, she said, "Their abstentions clearly were not a defence of Russia. They were not in support of Russia and they made clear their condemnation of Russia."



**MAJESTIC GRANDEUR:** A replica of Jodhpur Palace erected by Baramunda Durga Puja Committee in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

PHOTO: BIKASH NAYAK

## Blazing headlamps bane of road safety

High-beam headlights coupled with lack of streetlights and median plantation prove to be deadly for commuters

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** Although the Central Motor Vehicle (CMV) rules prescribe for safe use of high-beam headlights, many drivers continuously use such lights making it extremely difficult for vehicles and even pedestrians coming from the opposite end to negotiate the road. Absence of streetlights, lack of median plantation and potholed roads also add to the woes of the commuters.

The consequences of this temporary blindness due to high-watt lights can be horrific, especially when one is driving at a high speed. Though high beam headlights majorly pose a threat at the night time, it is as dangerous if used in fog and rains.

"It is very difficult to drive on the road in Bhubaneswar, especially during night as high-beam LED headlights used by many four and two-wheelers dazzle the commuters coming from opposite side. Such headlights directly hit the eyes leaving the commuter on the other side blind for some moment. However, traffic police are



**The use of high-beam LEDs and halogen lights are completely illegal as per the traffic rules**

LALMOHAN SETHI | ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER, STA

busy only collecting fines for not wearing the helmets," said advocate Dhitabrata Nayak.

"The state government boasts of scoring high (66 per cent) in implementing road safety measures and has ranked as a 'high performer' state on this front, but the irony is that this is not reflecting on the ground," said a local on condition of anonymity.

Some are of the opinion that the government should consult

with qualified road safety monitoring units while formulating rules and designing roads.

Meanwhile, an State Transport Authority (STA) official claimed that they are carrying out drives against violations of CMV rules, but lack of equipment is proving to be an obstacle.

"The use of high-beam LEDs and halogen lights are completely illegal as per the traffic rules. We have carried a drive against the illegal use of such lights or defective headlights, indicators, damaged mirrors Friday," said Lalmoohan Sethi, additional commissioner of STA.

"We are yet to provide equipment like light meters or luminance meter or lux meter to the local RTO officials to check the persons using high-beam lights. The use of extra head lamps in the vehicles is also violation of traffic rules. However, we have recently established Model Inspection & Certification Centre at Cuttack which will check such blatant misuse of high beam headlights on road in the state," he added.

## INDIA ENTERS NEW ERA OF 5G

The services rolled out in eight cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi and Bangalore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Oct 1:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday launched the 5G telephony services that promise to provide ultra high-speed internet on mobile phones, saying it marks the beginning of a new era and presents an infinite sky of opportunities.

The fifth generation or 5G services started with India's No.2 operator Bharti Airtel rolling out the services in eight cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi and Bangalore.

Reliance Jio, the country's top operator with most subscribers, is to launch its services in four met-



ros sometime this month, while Vodafone Idea Ltd, the third operator, has so far not indicated any fixed timeline for its 5G rollout.

### SCHOOL SET UP BY MURMU PARTICIPATES IN LIVE DEMO

**BHUBANESWAR:** Nearly 100 students and teachers of a school in Mayurbhanj founded by President Droupadi Murmu Saturday became a part of the live demonstration of 5G telephony services. Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio connected a teacher from a school in Mumbai with students in three different locations in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Odisha. Modi interacted with schoolchildren in the demo case, asking them about their favourite subject and how the use of technology has helped in learning. The SLS Memorial Residential School at Pahadpur village in Mayurbhanj district became the first school in Odisha to participate in the live demonstrative class through the Jio True5G network. Pahadpur is 340 km from the state capital Bhubaneswar. Local people also assembled at the school started by Murmu in 2016 in memory of her husband and two sons who died between 2009 and 2014.

Launching the services at the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2022, Modi said today is a special day for the world's fifth largest economy. "Today, 130 crore Indians are getting a wonderful gift in the

form of 5G from the country and from the telecom industry of the country," he said, adding 5G is the dawn of a new era. "5G is the beginning of an infinite sky of opportunities." **Continued on P4**

## Free rice in state for 3 more months

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** The state government has extended distribution of rice free of cost to the beneficiaries covered under its own State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) for a period of another three months.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has directed the officials concerned to extend distribution of additional 5 kg of rice per month free of cost to beneficiaries of the SFSS from October 2022, Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a statement Saturday. The benefit of 5 kg free rice was earlier extended for the benefi-

aries of the SFSS from December, 2021 to March, 2022 and again for another six months (April to September, 2022).

About 9.05 lakh beneficiaries of 2.92 lakh families covered under the scheme will be benefited from this move. For this purpose, the

state government will distribute 13,575 tonne rice from the state pool with an expenditure of ₹49 crore from its own fund, it said.

This will facilitate beneficiaries enrolled in the SFSS to remain at par with beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA), sources said.

Notably, the Union Cabinet September 28 had approved the proposal to extend the free foodgrains distribution scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for three more months - October to December, 2022.

## Tractor-trolley falls into pond; 22 killed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kanpur, Oct 1:** At least 22 people were killed and several critically injured when a tractor-trolley overturned and fell into a pond near a village in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh Saturday, an official said.

The tractor-trolley, carrying about 50 people, was on its way to Ghatampur after the passengers attended a 'mundan' ceremony at the Chandrika Devi temple in Fatehpur, the official said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have expressed grief over the incident.

## Esplanade's entry, exit points cause traffic snarls

Due to the traffic jams during peak as well as normal hours, vehicles entering and exiting the Rasulgarh Industrial estate face inordinate delays

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** The entry and exit points for vehicles at Nexus Esplanade Mall in Rasulgarh are giving nightmarish experience to commuters and people living in the locality by causing traffic snarls.

The vehicles approaching and leaving Esplanade Mall are creating traffic snarls, thereby hampering the functioning of several business houses operating in Rasulgarh Industrial Estate. The traffic jams are also holding up other vehicles passing through the area and plying on the Cuttack-Puri road.

Due to the traffic jams during peak as well as normal hours, vehicles entering and exiting the Rasulgarh Industrial Estate face inordinate delays. Situated on Cuttack-Puri road, the Esplanade Mall has different entry and exit points. Vehicles enter the mall through

gates situated close to the Bomikhal flyover. The exit point however is located within the Industrial Estate.

Traffic is always heavy on the Cuttack-Puri road and also on the lane leading to various companies situated inside the Industrial Estate. Heavy vehicles use the road on which the mall exit point is located to reach their destinations. Now with the increase in mall-leaving vehicles, traffic jams take place with monotonous regularity and causes problems for the other offices situated in the locality.

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions this year, footfall to the mall and to two big puja pandals in the locality will certainly increase. Plying of vehicles, both small and large will also spike, both on the Cuttack-Puri Road and the lane leading to the Industrial Estate. So, one cannot rule out persistent traffic snarls in the coming days.



The traffic snarl outside Nexus Esplanade Mall in Rasulgarh, Saturday OP PHOTO

It should also be stated here that the use of mall security guards to control the traffic, adds to the trouble. Untrained in handling heavy traffic, they only increase the plight of the people and delay vehicular movement.

Urban planner Piyush Ranjan Rout blamed the entire situation on

bad planning. He said had the Bomikhal flyover connected directly to Vani Vihar Square, it would have eased traffic woes. He also suggested the setting up of traffic control kiosk and signals at an appropriate place close to the mall. He pointed out that this would prevent the mall security

guards from controlling the traffic.

Moreover, a number of food vans and other stores have come up on the lane inside the Industrial Estate. These have added to the chaos as the width of the lane has considerably narrowed. Such is the situation that there are many occasions when a heavy 16-wheeler truck and a four-wheeler cannot pass side by side.

The office of the Odisha Small Industries Corporation is located within the Industrial Estate. General manager Lenka Prasad informed that vehicles travelling with the company's products face immense problems while moving in the locality.

A similar opinion was expressed by Gagan Bihar Nayak, the GM of District Industries Centre. He informed that many companies complain to them regarding the traffic problems they face on a regular basis. "We have informed the state

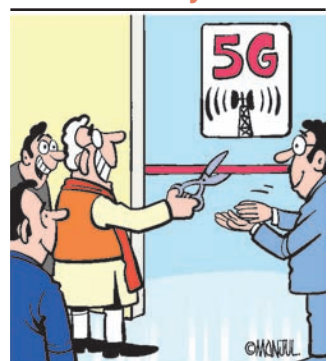
government about this situation. Vehicles belonging to various industrial houses face delays due to the exit of various types of automobiles from the mall.

Even local residents have grown frustrated due to the continuous traffic jams. While Jagabandhu Ratha pointed out that life becomes very difficult for pedestrians during the weekends, Pramod Sahoo, a shopkeeper stated that he has lost a lot of customers, since the opening of the Esplanade Mall.

Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Swastik Panda said that the state government has started the process to rectify faulty road designs and the Rasulgarh-Esplanade stretch would be corrected in the first phase.

However, till then due to the faulty planning of exit and entry points, there seems to be no signs of immediate relief from the chaotic traffic snarls.

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MIN	25.4°C	25.5°C	
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# leisure



## DAVE GARDNER DATING VS'S MODEL JESSICA

Dave Gardner (47) a year old sports agent who was previously engaged to actress Liv Tyler has reportedly been dating model Jessica (29), since the summer. A source revealed "Their relationship's at a very early stage. They're just having fun and taking things slowly, but things are going well."

## ANDREW HUNT TO DIRECT SCI-FI HORROR PIC 'DEADMEN'

Deadmen' will now be helmed by Andrew Hunt from a script that he also wrote. Additionally, Zero Gravity Management has a representation agreement with the filmmaker.



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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#### ARIES

You will pay attention to the voice of your inner self today. This will help you implement all your plans perfectly. You will not only be jovial, but you will also not let disappointments cow you down. Ganesh says not only today, but you can summon this quality whenever you like.

#### TAURUS

This day, Ganesh sees you brimming with pep and vigour. You'll be feeling playful and frisky and will want to amuse yourself, keep others amused. You are likely to hang out with old friends and cronies and will love very second of it. Long breezy drives on the wide open roads, jungle treks are distinctly in the cards.

#### GEMINI

Today, you will realise that close relationships need care and concern to grow, predicts Ganesh. You will have new responsibilities and achieve huge profits in all your dealings. Pay special attention to your personal health.

#### CANCER

There is every possibility that today, you will be probing and prying about your future, predicts Ganesh. A visit to a well-known astrologer cannot be ruled out. Also, you are likely to consult a doctor. It is all due to your bad lifestyle and habits.

#### LEO

Fortune smiles on but a few, and when it does, it can take you to places you have never even dreamt of. Today is an exceptional day, in the sense that Lady Luck is backing you in all earnestness. So go with the flow and take your chances. You will find, much to your delight, that success is easy to achieve when you are willing to work hard and have luck guiding you.

#### VIRGO

If being humanitarian needed a definite physical form, you are most likely to be nominated. Such is the mix of values and practicality today, says Ganesh. Devise strategies to achieve more productivity. See the bigger picture, says Ganesh. This is not difficult considering you have a broad vision - with or without the glasses.

#### LIBRA

All things passionate seem to engulf you today. It is one of those moments when chance dictates every possibility of a new romantic love episode in your life. The last time a moment like this came by, Romeo met Juliet. Ganesh expects you to try hard to please your heartthrob.

#### SCORPIO

A happening day where a lot may happen today, suggests Ganesh. Grey hairs will teach valuable lessons, so keep your ears open to bosses and elders. Seniors will extend their best possible cooperation to you. Stay clear of courtrooms, warns Ganesh, lest the legalities sink you deep.

#### SAGITTARIUS

Personal grooming will be on your mind today. A small fortune may be spent on enhancing the way you look, especially on a new hair-do. Retail Therapy is on the cards, and you may indulge spending on clothes and jewellery.

#### CAPRICORN

It's difficult to keep calm and have a control over your temper in times of distress, but today, you will prove all who surrendered to the whims of adversity wrong, foresees Ganesh. You will be unfaltering in dealing with problems, and will overcome them with ease.

#### AQUARIUS

The day seems normal as you are unlikely to encounter unpleasant situations, says Ganesh. The high point of the day will be your consummate skill with which you will handle mundane tasks. Ganesh reminds you of the saying, "Success is one percent inspiration and 99% perspiration."

#### PISCES

Fear is a part and parcel of life, and while it can not be eliminated, it can certainly be tamed, and that is what you will be doing today. All your suppressed audacity will be on full display, says Ganesh.

## MAHIRA SHUTS TROLLS

Canada: Pakistani actor Mahira Khan was one of the celebs, who were criticised for attending the awards event given the floods situation in Pakistan. Now, the actor has responded to the 'unkind commentary'.

Mahira took to Twitter and responded to a user, who had sarcastically said that if the actor gave the dresses that she wore for the event to the flood-affected people of Pakistan, everything would be okay. In response, Mahira, who wore a black saree-inspired gown for the red carpet event, said it was 'never ok' for artists to do anything. The actor added that she would take pictures of her doing her part towards the flood victims, but added that then she would be criticised for 'showing off doing charity'.

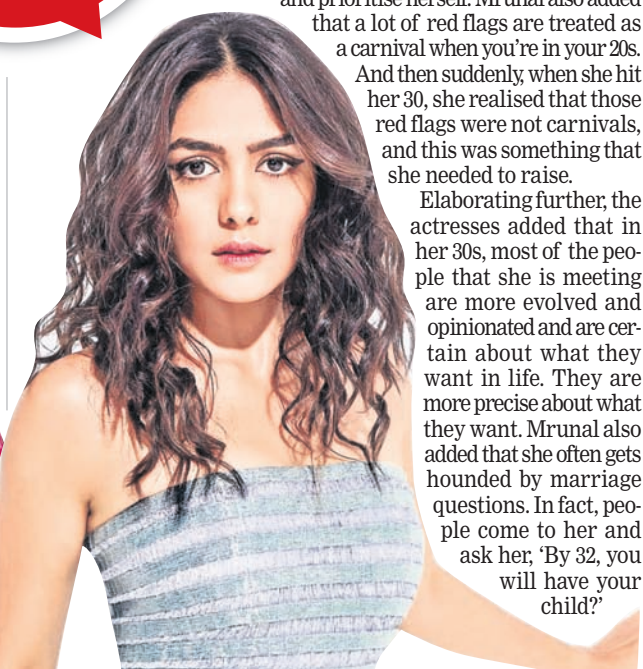
Mahira tweeted, "It's never ok for us - the artists of your country (Pakistan)! I have and will continue to do my part. If it makes you happy, I can take some pictures while at it. Oh, but then it'll be - showing off doing charity. The unkind commentary never ends. You do you. I will do me."

## Alia wants inclusivity behind camera

Mumbai: Actress and mum-to-be Alia Bhatt, who made her debut as a producer with 'Darlings', speaking at Forbes India Tycoons of Tomorrow 2022, said that she will set out goals with shows, movies, or podcasts to create content that connects with an extremely high emotional core and added that she wants to be a part of the process behind the camera.

The Brahmastra actress said, "It seemed to be financially the right thing to do. I wouldn't want to load the production and wanted to take a back-end perspective. That led me to realise how interested I am behind the camera. Ten years into this industry, I made my first movie, 'Darlings'. The experience has been so substantial that it has strengthened my motto to continuously grow."

She added, "Mine is still a boutique production house. I'll set out goals with shows, movies, or podcasts to create content that connects with an extremely high emotional core. I want to be a part of the process behind the camera."



MRUNAL OPENS UP ABOUT DATING IN 30s

Mumbai: Actress Mrunal Thakur opening up about the challenges of dating in her 30s revealed how the idea of a relationship has changed for her over the years.

The Sita Raman actress said that she believes dating in her 30s is different from dating in her 20s. According to her; in your 20s, you don't think about the basics. It is just 'he likes me and I like him' concept. However, in 30s, she has realised that she needs to like that person as much and prioritise herself. Mrunal also added that a lot of red flags are treated as a carnival when you're in your 20s. And then suddenly, when she hit her 30, she realised that those red flags were not carnivals, and this was something that she needed to raise.

Elaborating further; the actresses added that in her 30s, most of the people that she is meeting are more evolved and opinionated and are certain about what they want in life. They are more precise about what they want. Mrunal also added that she often gets hounded by marriage questions. In fact, people come to her and ask her: 'By 32, you will have your child?'

## PUSHPA changed people's perception of me

Tamil Nadu: South actor Rashmika Mandanna, talking about the films that changed her career said, "First is 'Kirik Party', which is my debut Kannada film, next is 'Geeta Govindam' which got so many eyes on me as a performer and after that is 'Pushpa'. It changed the perception of me as an actor across the country." "I was never an actor. I am still in a phase where I am exploring myself. So for me, being a public figure is still a new concept," she added.

Rashmika became an overnight sensation with her character of 'Srivalli' in Puspaa: The Rise and her hook step of 'Saami Saami', which is still a viral sensation after 9 months of release.

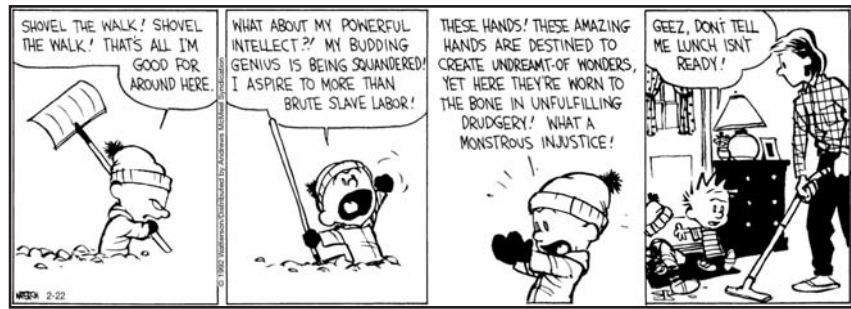
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### PEANUTS



### CALVIN AND HOBBS

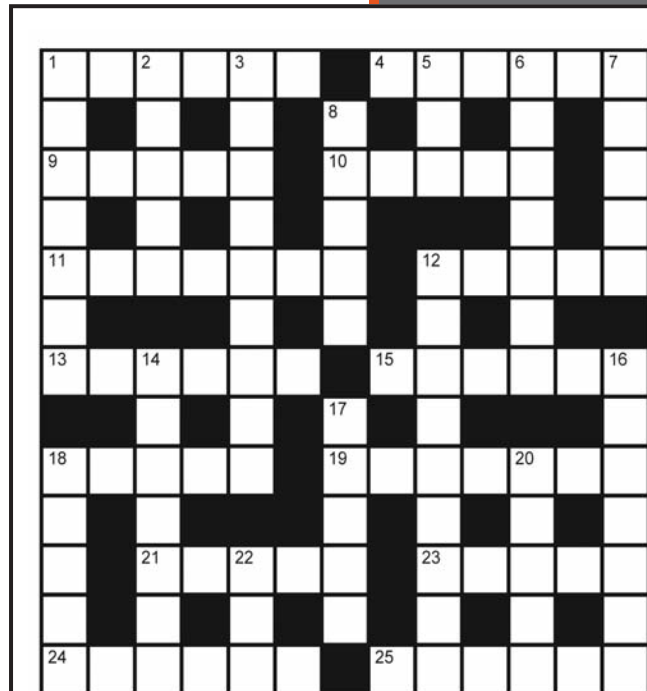


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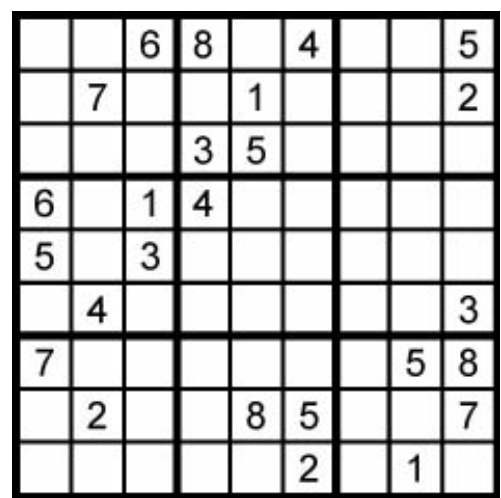
### CROSSWORD



- Across
- 1 Cluttered
  - 4 Dover's are white
  - 9 Young hooter
  - 10 Mayhem
  - 11 Contributes
  - 12 They go with fish
  - 13 Italian tourist centre
  - 15 Anise flavoured liqueur (name)
  - 18 Spread
  - 19 Xylophone kin
  - 21 Transparent gem
  - 23 Mother-of-pearl
  - 24 Stoat
  - 25 Flower parts
  - 7 Novi Sad residents
  - 8 Kind of board
  - 12 Department store event
  - 14 Spectre
  - 16 Knickers
  - 17 Astonish
  - 18 Part of a healthy diet
  - 20 Coffee shop order
  - 22 Go for the gold?
- Down
- 1 Perfect in every way
  - 2 Garden bulb
  - 3 Laundry need
  - 5 Actress
  - 6 Library section

### SUDOKU

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

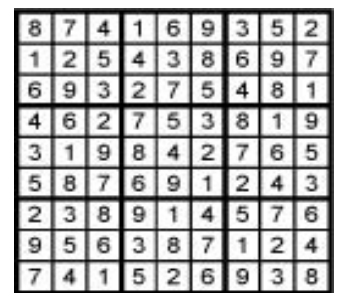


### SOLUTIONS

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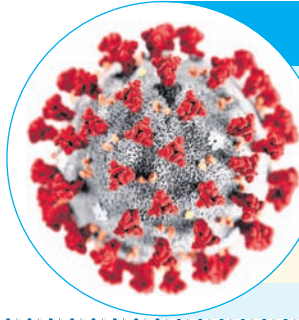


CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

# downtown

## COURTESY CALL

NCC DG Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh calls on Governor Ganeshi Lal at Raj Bhawan in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



## COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	62,30,82,992	60,28,36,328	65,49,662
India	4,45,91,112	4,40,24,164	5,28,655
Odisha	13,34,236	13,23,646	9,194

# A VISUAL TREAT FOR PANDAL HOPPERS

Durga Puja in the Capital City has been a low-key affair for the last two years owing to Covid-19 pandemic. This year, with the virus burden gradually waning, the festive spirit will certainly go up a few notches as community Durga pujas will be conducted without any curbs. Devotees in large numbers are expected to hop the popular pandals and admire the beauty thereof. **Orissa POST** takes a close look at the top pandals and their designs...

### SAHEED NAGAR



### JHARPADA



### NAYAPALLI



### RASULGARH



OP PHOTOS

# Cops roll up sleeves for hassle-free puja

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Oct 1: The state police have made elaborate arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of Durga Puja, an official said Saturday.

As many as 230 platoons of force in addition to district police personnel have been deployed to maintain law and order, regulate traffic and control crowd throughout the state during the weeklong celebrations.

Around 50 platoons of force have been deployed in Cuttack, 40 platoons in Bhubaneswar, 13 platoons in Bhadrak, 11 platoons in Rourkela and 8 platoons in Sambalpur to assist the respective district police in maintaining law and order during the festive season, according to an official at the state police headquarters.

ADGP (Law and Order) RK Sharma said that adequate security arrangements are being made in sensitive areas to ensure hassle-free celebration of Durga Puja, Dussehra, Ravan Podi and the idol immersion in the state.

"SPs/DCPs have been instructed to maintain sharp vigil on communal fanatics, anti-socials, criminals and mischief mongers for smooth culmination of the festival. Puja organisers have been asked by the respective SPs/DCPs to install CCTV cameras in the pandals from safety and security point of view," said Sharma.

Meanwhile, police commissioner Saumendra Priyadarsi, during a meet at JN Indoor Stadium here, said that they are leaving no stone unturned for a hassle-free puja



## Rain may dampen festive spirit

Bhubaneswar: Rain may play a spoilsport during Durga Puja this year as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Saturday predicted heavy rain in many parts of the state between October 2 and 5 under the influence of cyclonic circulation over the westcentral Bay of Bengal off Andhra Pradesh coast.

in Cuttack.

Officials including 40 DSPs/ACP, 55 police inspectors, 297 sub-inspectors and assistant sub-inspectors, 84 havildars, 624 traffic constables, 694 home guards and 706 volunteers will be deployed for the puja, the police commissioner said.

Loudspeakers will not be allowed beyond midnight. Puja committees have been asked to take requisite permission from respective police stations.

"So far, we have installed around 2,000 CCTV cameras in several nook and corner of the Silver City with assistance of the locals. Efforts are on to install more CCTV cameras," the police commissioner said.

## Brown sugar worth ₹1 crore seized

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Brown sugar worth Rs 1 crore has been seized by the Odisha Police during a raid at Havelipadia under Khurda Town police, an official said Saturday.

Based on an input, a team of special task force (STF) of Odisha Crime Branch conducted the raid Friday, and seized the contraband weighing a little over a kilogram from the possession of a drug peddler.

The accused, identified as Sidhartha Nayak, 23, of Khurda district, has been arrested. The police also seized a motorcycle and other incriminating materials from Nayak's possession.

# Minister in soup for 'comparing' CM with Lord Jagannath

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Industries Minister PK Deb has courted controversy by comparing CM Naveen Patnaik with Lord Jagannath, sparking a statewide hue and cry and prompting opposition parties to demand an unconditional apology.

During a BJD meeting Friday, Deb had said that Odisha is now identified by the name of Patnaik, but earlier it used to be known for Lord Jagannath.

"There was a time when people knew Odisha because of Lord Jagannath. But now, if you say that you come from Odisha, people across India will immediately identify it as the place of CM Naveen Patnaik," the minister had said.

His comments drew widespread condemnation from opposition parties and religious bodies.

"It's 'Arrogance' to the hilt when a minister in Odisha, Pratap Keshari Deb says that while earlier people recognised Odisha in the name of Lord Jagannath... now it's the CM who's become more famous than the Lord... & Odisha now is known because of Naveen Patnaik & not Jagannath ji," said BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra.

"This is demeaning the faith of 4.5 crore Odias and all the Hindus across the Globe. We all would like to know whether the CM too con-

**BJP STATE GENERAL SECRETARY PRITHVIRAJ HARICHANDAN SLAMMED INDUSTRIES MINISTER PK DEB AND SAID THAT HIS COMMENTS REFLECT THE 'HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE'**

**REACTING, DEB SAID THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE PLAYING UNNECESSARY POLITICS**

curs with the statement of Shri Deb... if not will the CM reprimand the said Minister?" tweeted Patra, who had lost the previous Lok Sabha election from Puri.

BJP state general secretary Prithviraj Harichandan also slammed the minister and said his

comments reflect the 'height of ignorance'.

"The BJD has crossed all limits of pride and arrogance. They have started seeing their party leaders as the alternative to Lord Shri Jagannath," he said.

Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee president Sarat Pattnayak dubbed the minister's remarks as unfortunate.

The opposition members also sought an unconditional apology from Deb, who could not be contacted for comments.

Meanwhile, the Shree Jagannath Sena staged a demonstration in Puri, criticising Deb for his statement.

A senior servitor of the Shree

Jagannath Temple in Puri, Binayak Dasmohapatra, said the minister made such a comment because of the BJD's "overstay" in power.

"How can anyone dare to compare the Lord with any human being, even if he is the CM," he said.

Reacting, Deb took to Twitter to say that the opposition parties are playing unnecessary politics.

Deb said, "It is unfortunate to see Oppn parties trying to split hairs and playing unnecessary politics over my yesterday's speech. I meant that nationally people have started recognizing Odisha for #ShriNaveenPatnaik's clean and good governance. I urge Oppn parties to stop misinterpreting. (sic)"

## Woman kills self

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: A 28-year-old woman has ended her life by hanging herself from the ceiling fan of her room at Nua Sahi under Nayapalli police limits here, an official said Saturday.

The deceased identified as Kabita Barik, who hailed from Dhenkanal, used to work as a caretaker of a 93-year-old woman in Nayapalli area. She used to stay with the elderly woman in the same room. The incident came to the fore Saturday afternoon when Barak did not come out of the room. Later, family members were taken back to find her hanging from the ceiling fan. Police sources claimed that she committed suicide after the lady got asleep late Friday night.

## 18TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF KIIT

# Knowledge key to social devtpt & economic growth, says Naveen



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: "Currently, we are living in a geo-economic world and knowledge is recognised as a key resource for achieving economic growth and social development", Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik told the batch of 2022 at the 18th Annual Convocation of KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar Saturday.

Wishing the graduates a bright future, he expressed confidence that they would make their mark in society with their ideas and innovations.

"In the last 25 years, KIIT has carved a niche for itself in the realm of technical and professional education in the country. It has achieved many milestones by getting prestigious national and international accreditations and it stands out in community outreach programmes", the CM said about the institution which is also celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year.

Naveen also mentioned the institu-

tion's significant contributions in the field of sports.

In her convocation address delivered virtually, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Laureate, urged the graduates to do something for those who are less privileged than them, even as they pursue their professional career. The Guest of Honour, John Desmond Forbes Anderson (Lord Waverley), Member of British Parliament, UK, stated that India is an economic powerhouse and shares much in common with the United Kingdom. He advocated expanding the areas of cooperation between the two countries, through more Free Trade Agreement.

On the occasion, KIIT-DU conferred Honoris Causa D Litt Degrees upon six eminent persons from across the world: Himanshu Gulati, Member of Parliament, Norway; Bishow Parajuli, representative and country director, WFP India; Andreas Jahn, senior foreign policy advisor, Germany; Deepa Malik, Padma Shri, Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awardee, and

president, Paralympics Committee of India; K Subramanian, executive vice chairman, AFCONS Infrastructure; and Prabodh Mohanty, managing director, SN Mohanty Group.

As many as 8,123 students received degrees at the convocation ceremony. These include 6,330 bachelors, 1,627 masters, 163 Ph.D. and 3 MPhil degrees. Achyuta Samanta congratulated the batch of 2022 for their outstanding performance despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. "The University stood along with the students in these difficult times, supporting them all the way in their quest for academic excellence", said Samanta in his message.

In his presidential address, Ashok Kumar Parjia, Chancellor, KIIT-DU said, "KIIT-DU is contributing to the development of India by empowering its students, creating alumni that are building the nation, and by supporting the growth trajectory of millions of indigenous students. But what stands tall is its mentoring and supporting gesture, quite unmatched in the annals of philanthropy in India".

Medals were awarded to 71 students for their outstanding academic performances. Three students were awarded Founder's Gold Medals for their outstanding all round and academic performances, while 34 students were awarded Chancellor's Gold Medals, and 30 students got Vice Chancellor's Silver Medals. Nanibala Memorial Gold Medal, Shri Krushna Chandra Panda Memorial Gold Medal, PK Bal Memorial Gold Medal and PPL Gold Medal were also given away on the occasion.

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis" on 20.10.2022, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

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(1) Mr. Jasobanta Swain, S/o- Babaji Swain, (2) Mr. Babaji Swain, S/o- Late Duryodhan Swain, All are resident of Village: Jiunti, PO: Kahal, PS: Kakatpur, Dist.: Puri, Odisha, PIN-752109.	₹15,77,495.52 as on 30.06.2022 with further interest, costs and expenses

**Property No.-1:** All that piece and parcel of the property (Land & Building) situated at Khata No.: 441, Plot No.: 787, Area: Ac.0.05dec., Plot No.: 798, Area: Ac.0.02dec., Plot No.: 797, Area: Ac.0.06dec., Plot No.: 799, Area: Ac.0.01dec., Village/Mouza: Jiunti, PS: Kakatpur, Dist.: Puri, State- Odisha, PIN- 752109, standing in the name of Mr. Babaji Swain, S/o: Late Duryodhan Swain, property is bounded by- North: House of Purna Chandra Nayak, South: Road, East: House of Udayanath Swain, West: House of Iswar Swain.  
Reserve Price: ₹12,62,800/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,30,000/-

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(1) Smt. Jayashree Mohapatra, W/o- Ajit Kishore Mohapatra, Surangi Math Lane, Harachandi Sahi, Puri, Odisha, PIN-752001, (2) Sri Ajit Kishore Mohapatra, S/o- Late Jugal Kishore Mohapatra, Hajuri Lane, Harachandi Sahi, Puri, Odisha, PIN-752001, (3) Sri Biswajit Mohapatra, S/o- Ajit Kishore Mohapatra, Manikamika Sahi, Hajuri Lane, Banamber Temple, Puri, Odisha, PIN-752001	₹8,25,660.64 as on 30.06.2022 with further interest, costs and expenses

**Property No.-2:** All that part and parcel of Land with building bearing Plot No.: 51, Khata No.: 149, Area: Ac.0.018dec., Mouza: Manikamika Sahi, Harachandi Sahi, Surangi Math Lane, Puri, Odisha, standing in the name of Smt. Jayashree Mohapatra, W/o- Ajit Kishore Mohapatra Bounded by- East: Road, West: Jagannath Rana, North: Road, South: Bana Khuntia.  
Reserve Price: ₹19,15,600/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,92,000/-

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**Property No.-3:** All that piece and parcel of Land and Building at Khata No.: 122, Plot No.: 734, Area: Ac.0.044dec., Village/Mouza: Kanthapada, PS: Pipili, Dist.: Puri, State: Odisha, PIN-752104, standing in the name of Mr. Sarat Kumar Dash and Mrs. Swetaparna Mishra & bounded by- North: Ganesh Pradhan, South: Dilip Parida, East: Narayan Acharya, West: Delanga Kanas Road.  
Reserve Price: ₹42,96,300/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,30,000/-

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# Address farmers' issues quickly: CM to officials



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Saturday advised officials of Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation (OLIC) to understand farmers' issues and address those on priority basis so as to enhance their confidence in the system. The Chief Minister said this while attending the 50th foundation day celebration of OLIC at the Lok Seva Bhawan here. Patnaik also said that in the last 50 years, OLIC has become an indispensable organisation of the state. It has played a significant role in providing to farmers water, a critical requirement for agriculture. He hoped that all the officers and staff will work with commitment as a team to become the most efficient and dependable organisation in the state for farmers. It may be mentioned here that the OLIC was established October 1, 1973. Over the last fifty years, it has contributed to 30 per cent of the total

According to Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, OLIC has set up over one lakh bore wells till now and will install additional one lakh in the next five years

ity and improve livelihood of our farmers. We have conceptualized various irrigation projects in the state to achieve our objective in this direction," he stressed. The Chief Minister also said that providing irrigation facilities in the minimum possible time and that too with minimal expenditure in all the 30 districts require hard work and commitment. He expected the organisation to follow the 5T Principles in bringing out transformation in the lift irrigation sector. On this occasion, the Chief Minister launched e-lift and ERP automation for the OLIC. He also dedicated a toll free number for customer relationship centres. Speaking on the occasion, Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu said that OLIC has achieved phenomenal success in providing irrigation facilities. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said that OLIC has set up over one lakh bore wells till now and will set up another one lakh in next five years. The corporation has a significant role in enhancing the income of farmers in the state, he added.



**AHIMSA RATH:** Representatives of BMC and Housing and Urban Development department welcomed the Ahimsa Rath near the statue of former Chief Minister Nandini Satpathy at Surya Nagar in Bhubaneswar, Saturday

# Special trains for Durga Puja by ECoR

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the festive occasions, East Coast Railways (ECoR) has made elaborate arrangements to run some additional Special Trains towards different destinations for the convenience of the passengers. In view of this, some special trains will run from ECoR jurisdiction towards different parts. The special trains are 03101 Sealdah-Puri Special Express, 02809 Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Special

Super Fast Express, 02837 Santragachhi-Puri Special Super Fast Express, 02832 Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad Special Express, 08439 Puri-Patna Special Express, 07431 Nanded-Brahmapur Special Express. 03101 Sealdah-Puri Special Express from Sealdah will leave at 2350hrs (11:50pm) every Saturday from October 1-29. This train will have stoppages at Bhattanagar, Andul, Kharagpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar & Khurda Road between Sealdah & Puri from

both the directions. 02809 Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Special Super Fast Express from Bhubaneswar will leave at 1330hrs (01:30pm) every Saturday from October 1-29. 02837 Santragachhi-Puri Special Super Fast Express from Santragachhi will leave at 2035hrs (08:35pm) every Friday from September 30 to October 28. 02832 Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad Special Express from Bhubaneswar will leave at 2025hrs (08:25pm) on every Tuesday, Friday & Sunday till December 30. This train will

have stoppage at Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Talcher Road, Angul, Sambalpur City, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Hatia, Ranchi, Muri & Bokaro Steel City between Bhubaneswar & Dhanbad from both the directions. 08439 Puri-Patna Special Express from Puri will leave at 1455hrs (02:55pm) every Saturday till 26.11.2022. This train will have stoppages at Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Balasore, Hijli, Adra, Asansol, Jaidih, Jhajha, Kiul between Puri & Patna from both the directions.

# 'Mahatma Gandhi Samman' to Odia entrepreneur in UK

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** Based in the UK, the Odia Entrepreneur and Military veteran Arun Kar has been honoured with 'Mahatma Gandhi Samman' at the House of Commons, British Parliament, London, to commemorate the 153rd birth anniversary celebrations of Father of the Nation (India). The event was attended by some of the senior MPs and Lords of the UK parliament and business tycoons. Arun is an eminent achiever who



has made a place for himself in his entrepreneurial journey of innovations. He has achieved excellence in various diversified fields like Information Technology, Environmental Sustainability and his contribution to solving some of the world's pressing problems by using technology.

# Physiotherapy Centres for senior citizens in 30 districts: Minister

The SSEPD Department is working with the UNDP to expand digital literacy among the senior citizens in the state

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** Mobile Medicare Units and Physiotherapy Centres will be started in 30 districts for senior citizens. Training will be imparted for geriatric care giving, said Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister, Social Security and Empowerment of PwDs. Addressing a virtual programme organised by Department of SSEPD, on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons, Minister Panda said that facility of online grievance registration and redressal under 5-"T" initiative is being provided for senior citizens. In addition, the Department



is working with the UNDP to expand digital literacy among the senior citizens in the state. Bhaskar Sarma, Commissioner, SSEPD Department outlined the theme of International Day of Older Persons 2022 "Resilience of Older People in a Changing World" and emphasized on mental health of the elderly people. Bratati Harichandan, Director of the Department informed

about the "Abadana" Scheme meant for the welfare of senior citizens. Representatives from various Senior Citizens' Association in the state were connected while Bharati Chakra of Helpage India, Krupasindhu Sahoo, Ramakant Nayak and Umakant Swain, Madhumita Nayak, Additional Secretary, Sonia Behera, Joint Director of the Department also participated in the discussion.

# Fish in diet can defeat malnutrition: Shakuntala

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, 2021 World Food Prize Laureate, the first woman of Asian heritage and the global leader for nutrition visited ICAR-CIFA, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar Saturday and delivered a talk on "Aquatic Food Systems for Nourishing People and Planet". She shared her ground-breaking research experience on the small native fish species with the scientists, technical officers, researchers, students and staff. Her innovative and path-breaking research on nutrition-sensitive approaches to food production have improved the diets, nutrition and livelihoods of millions of vulnerable women, men and children living in low- and middle-income countries across Asia, Africa, and the Pacific. She said that food security is the main path to develop the socio-economic status in any country in the world to defeat malnutrition and this can be achieved through increasing



aquaculture production, and incorporation of fish in the diets. Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA briefed about the breeding of wide variety of fish, species diversification, introduction of new feed for different life stages of fish, various disease diagnostic kits, CIFA- BROOD, CIFA- GI Scampi and many other advanced technologies developed by the ICAR-CIFA. He also informed her about the prestigious ranking of the ICAR-CIFA in the top 10 institutes within the ICAR system. This is the second lecture series arranged by the Science club of the ICAR-CIFA.

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By virtue of an affidavit in the Court of Executive Magistrate, Angul, I, Ishwar Behera, At/p.o.- Sankhapur, P.S.- Bantala, Dist.- Angul do hereby state that the Date of birth of my son Deepak Behera has wrongly mentioned as 30.12.1991 in place of 12.08.2000, similarly my second son namely Sagar Behera is 17.12.2000 instead of 18.03.2001 in my service record. Hence this affidavit produce for Army authority to correction the Original Date of Birth of my son Deepak Behera is 12.08.2000 and Sagar Behera is 18.03.2001.

By virtue of an affidavit before Executive Magistrate, Jharsuguda on dated 24.06.2022. I Manoj Gej have changed my surname from Gej to Patra and since then I am known and called as Manoj Patra, S/o- Ashok Patra, resident of Chaukipada, PO/Dist.- Jharsuguda, Odisha for all purpose.

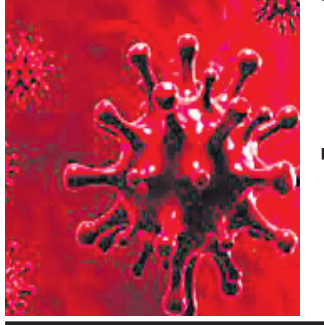
## CONTINUED FROM P1 India enters new era of 5G

With speeds multiple times faster than 4G and lag-free connectivity, 5G can enable billions of connected devices to share data in real time. It holds the promise of revolutionising sectors from healthcare and education to agriculture and disaster monitoring. The 5G services will progressively cover the entire country over the next couple of years -- Jio promises to do that by December 2023 and Bharti Airtel by March 2024. Modi said while the nation was dependent on foreign countries for technology for 2G, 3G and 4G telecom services, India has created history with indigenous technology playing a major role in 5G. "With 5G, India is setting a global standard in telecom technology for the first time," he said. The Prime Minister said his government's vision for 'Digital India' was founded on four pillars -- the cost of devices, digital connectivity, data cost and the digital-first approach. This approach has led to mobile manufacturing units in India increased from just two in 2014 to over 200 now, bringing down the cost of handsets. Also, India now has the world's lowest data charges, as tariffs fell from a high of Rs 300 per 1 GB of data in 2014 to just Rs 10 per GB. Going by the average consumption of 14 GB of data per month, the data cost has come down from Rs 4,200 to Rs 125-150, he said.

# New drug may turn Covid virus against itself

Scientists in the US have developed a new drug that can turn SARS-CoV-2 against itself, and prevent the deadly virus from infecting humans. The researchers from The Scripps Research Institute believe that the drug, called NMT5, is likely to be effective against the emerging variants of SARS-CoV-2. The drug, described in the journal Nature Chemical Biology coats SARS-CoV-2 with chemicals that can temporarily alter the human ACE2 receptor -- the molecule the virus normally latches onto to infect cells. When the virus is near, its path into human cells via the ACE2 receptor is blocked. In the absence of the virus, however, ACE2 can function as usual, the researchers said. "What's so neat about this drug is that we're actually turning the virus against itself," said study senior author Stuart Lipton, a professor at The Scripps Research

Institute. The team tested a library of compounds and pinpointed NMT5 as having two key properties: It could recognise and attach to a pore on the surface of SARS-CoV-2, and chemically modify human ACE2 using a fragment of nitroglycerin as the warhead. The researchers realised this could turn the virus into a delivery vehicle for its own demise. They characterised and tested NMT5 in isolated cells as well as animals. The study showed how NMT5 attaches tightly to SARS-CoV-2 viral particles as the viruses move through the body. The researchers then revealed the details of how the drug adds a chemical, similar to nitroglycerin, to certain molecules if it gets close enough. When the virus gets near ACE2 to infect a cell, that translates into NMT5 adding a "nitro group" to the receptor. When ACE2 is mod-



ified in this way, its structure temporarily shifts -- for about 12 hours -- so that the SARS-CoV-2 virus can no longer bind to it to cause infection. "What's really beautiful is that this only knocks down availability of ACE2 locally when the virus is coming at it. It doesn't knock down all the function of ACE2 elsewhere in the body, allowing for normal function of this protein," said Lipton.

In cell culture experiments testing how well the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 can attach to human ACE2 receptors, the drug prevented 95 per cent of viral binding. In hamsters with Covid-19, NMT5 decreased virus levels by 100-fold, eliminated blood vessel damage in the animals' lungs, and ameliorated inflammation, the researchers said. The drug also showed effectiveness against nearly a dozen

other variants of the virus, including Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta strains, they said. Most anti-viral drugs work by directly blocking part of a virus which can pressure it to evolve resistance to the drug. Since NMT5 is only using the virus as a carrier, the researchers think the drug is likely to be effective against many other variants of SARS-CoV-2. "We expect this compound would continue to be effective even as new variants emerge, because it doesn't rely on attacking parts of the virus that commonly mutate," said Chang-ki Oh, a senior staff scientist and first author of the research. Though the researchers have only studied the compound in animal models, they are now making a version of the drug to evaluate for human use, while carrying out additional safety and effectiveness trials in animals.

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CYBER CRIMINALS ON PROWL IN GANJAM

# Fraudsters dupe man of ₹5 lakh in Silk City

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Berhampur, Oct 1:** With a rise in frequency of cyber crimes, cyber criminals have swindled a whopping ₹122.48 crore from Odisha over the last four years. This was informed by the state government in the last session of the state Assembly.



Ganjam was witnessed a spate of such crimes in past few months. In the latest case, cyber criminals defrauded a person of ₹5.70 lakh where the caller allegedly urged him to make purchases on his credit card or use them in payment of dues as he will soon run out of the points he had earned on his card, police said.

The victim was identified as Arjun Swain of Harsha Vihar in the Silk City. The matter came to the fore after Swain lodged a complaint at the cyber police station in the city. Police registered a case and started an investigation.

Police said Swain got a call from an unknown number where a woman caller told him to make purchases by using his credit card or use them in payment of the dues as the points he had earned on the card will expire soon.

She then asked him to tell the last four digits on his credit card and inform her about the OTP he will

# Locals seek jobs in iron plant

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Keonjhar, Oct 1:** People of three panchayats under Sadar block in Keonjhar district are sore over little scope of employment for the locals in Odisha Sponge Iron Plant (OSIP) at Palaspanga.



Hundreds of people from Palaspanga, Raikala and Khandarapasi staged protests in front of the plant Saturday demanding employment for affected people. They warned of continuing their agitation for an indefinite period. Zilla Parishad member Lilabati Mohant, Palaspanga sarpanch Basanti Nayak, samiti member Sanjay Nayak, Raikala sarpanch Pramod Nayak, samiti member Droupadi Mohant,

However, he said that he can give written assurance on the demands only after taking the top officials of the plant management into confidence in this connection. The protesters continued their agitation and resolved that they would carry on their peaceful agitation until written assurance from the plant management is given. Police were deployed at the place to maintain law and order. The plant had earlier created a scope of direct and indirect employment for local people. But eight years ago, the plant was closed, affecting livelihood of the people. A month back, the plant was re-operationalised, but it has given short shrift to employment of local people, it was alleged.

# Youth detained by police dies in mysterious circumstances

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Chhatrapur, Oct 1:** A youth detained by police at Chamakhandi police station in Ganjam died under mysterious circumstances Saturday. The deceased was identified as CH Trilochan Reddy of Chamakhandi village.

Police told media that the youth had tried to commit suicide in police custody. He had been taken to MKCG Medical College and Hospital where he succumbed. However, his family members did not make any allegations against police in this connection. Contacted, Ganjam SP Brijesh Ray said that Trilochan committed suicide and an investigation into the incident is on as per the provision of the protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Trilochan was creating nuisance in drunken state at home. His father CH Raja Reddy had filed a complaint against him September 15. Police detained him and later released him with warning. He again created ruckus at home and his father filed another complaint. Police detained the youth Friday evening at the police station where Trilochan hung himself by tying a cloth around his neck from a railing. He later died at the hospital.

# 3 days after minor's death, sister kills self

POST NEWS NETWORK



**Jeypore, Oct 1:** Three days after the death of a 12-year-old boy, his elder sister was found dead under mysterious circumstances on the terrace of their residence at Parabedha Srirammagar in this town of Koraput district, Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Rashmita Nayak, 24, the eldest daughter of Gadadhar Nayak. Family members suspected that she committed suicide. Rashmita was working in Bhubaneswar and had come home to Jeypore after hearing about her younger brother's death. On being informed, Town police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem to Jeypore headquarters hospital. Earlier, her younger brother

# BSF jawans play Good Samaritans for elderly

POST NEWS NETWORK



**Malkangiri, Oct 1:** In a show of humanity, BSF jawans of 151 Battalion engaged in anti-Maoist operations played Good Samaritans for a critical elderly patient in Khairiput area of this district. Sources said, the BSF jawans were returning from Jamadguda panchayat after carrying out a combing operation in the area. As they reached Dabuguda village, they found that a 70-year-old man identified as Damodar Sisa was down with severe fever and in immediate need for medical help. Ambulance could not reach the village to carry the patient to

Khairiput community health centre (CHC). The elderly man was too weak to walk to the hospital which is 12 km away. The jawans were moved by the miserable condition of the helpless man. They, though weary from hours of combing operation, did not flinch back from such a situation. They happily carried the elderly man on a cot for the entire 12 km distance to Khairiput CHC where doctors provided treatment to the elderly man. The yeoman's service of the BSF jawans to a septuagenarian man in distress drew appreciation from various quarters.

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Email: cb8832recovery@unionbankofindia.bank,  
Mob.: 8249176744

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLE PROPERTIES**

(E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Movable/Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/symbolic/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is" and "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 20.10.2022, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

**JAJPUR ROAD BRANCH-2, Dist.: Jajpur,**  
Ph. No.: 8601714666, Email: ubin0802751@unionbankofindia.bank

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-Borrower / Co-obligant:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Mr. Abhay Parida, S/o: Nrusingha Parida, At/P.O.: Barundi, P.S.: Korei, Dist.: Jajpur, PIN-755025, Co-Borrower: Mrs. Bikasini Parida, W/o: Abhay Parida, At/P.O.: Barundi, P.S.: Korei, Dist.: Jajpur, PIN-755025 / Co-obligant: Mr. Keshaba Chandra Sahoo, S/o: Bhagaban Sahoo, At: Tarakote, G.P./Town: Barundi, P.S.: Korei, Dist.: Jajpur, PIN-755025	₹ 17,41,452/- as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.1:** Residential Land and Building belonging to Mr. Abhay Parida (Owner of the Property) situated at Khata No.: 31, Plot No.: 580/1164, Area: Ac.0.064Dec., Corresponding to Khata No.: 59, Plot No.: 106(P), Area: Ac.0.03.6Links, Khata No.: 6, Plot No.: 105(P), Area: Ac.0.006Links, Khata No.: 59, Plot No.: 106(P), Area: Ac.0.02.8Links, Total Area: Ac.0.07Dec., Mouza: Dolipur, P.S.: Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha.

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹71,45,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹7,14,500/-**

Name & Address of Borrowers:	Amount Due
<b>Borrowers:</b> 1) Badajena Iron and Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd., Rep. by it's Director: Ranjit Kumar Badajena, 2) Ranjit Kumar Badajena, S/o: Pratlula Kumar Jena, 3) Aiswarika Badajena, W/o: Ranjit Kumar Badajena, All are at Plot No.: HIG-165, Kanan Vihar, Phase-1, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Dist.: Khurda	₹ 2,68,95,508/- as on 03.10.2019 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.2:** Land and Building - Residential belonging to Ranjit Kumar Badajena (Owner of the Property), situated at Semi Urban Residential Land & Building, Area: Ac.1.63dec. at Mouza: Mangarajpur, P.S.: Byasanagar, Dist.: Jajpur, Khata No.: 199/69, Plot No.: 18, Area: Ac.0.140Dec., Plot No.: 34/975, Area: Ac.0.030Dec. & Plot No.: 33/974, Area: Ac.0.130Dec., Khata No.: 113, Plot No.: 11, Area: Ac.0.080Dec., Plot No.: 14, Area: Ac.0.040Dec., Plot No.: 25, Area: Ac.0.040Dec., Plot No.: 29, Area: Ac.0.060Dec., Plot No.: 30, Area: Ac.0.490Dec., Plot No.: 38, Area: Ac.0.080Dec. & Plot No.: 42, Area: Ac.0.300Dec., Khata No.: 199/72, Plot No.: 10, Area: Ac.0.060Dec., Plot No.: 15, Area: Ac.0.030Dec. & Plot No.:32, Area: Ac.0.060Dec., Khata No.: 160, Plot No.: 31, Area: Ac.0.090Dec. and Bounded by East: NH-215, West: Self, Ranjit Badajena, Pabitra Rout & Govt. Land, North: Bhaskar Mallick, Tiliotma Mallick, Raghu Mallick, Sara Mallick, Krishna Chandra Swain, Pond Embankment, South: Sankarshan Behera, Bhaskar Mallick

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹2,39,89,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹23,98,900/-**

**KEONJHAR BRANCH-2, Near Thana Chowk, Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar-758001,**  
Ph.: 7567438448, Email: ubin0812994@unionbankofindia.bank

Name & Address of Borrower/Co-applicant/Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Chitta Ranjan Giri, S/o: Pradeep Kumar Giri, At: Dhanurajpur, Old Town, Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar-758001 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mr. Pradeep Kumar Giri, S/o: Kamalakant Giri, At: Dhanurajpur, Old Town, Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar-758001	₹ 21,62,168/- as on 26.10.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.3:** All that part and parcel of the Residential Land and Building in the name of Chitta Ranjan Giri, S/o: Pradeep Kumar Giri, At/P.O.: Dhanurajpur, Unit No.: 4, P.S.: Keonjhar Sadar, Dist.: Keonjhar, PIN-758001, Khata No.: 313/240, Plot No.: 492/1452, Total Area: Ac.0.050 Dec., Bounded by North: Pond Embankment, South: Private Road, East: Property of Rabindra Das, West: Property of Debendra Mohanty

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹40,00,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,00,000/-**

**KEONJHAR BRANCH-1, Dist.: Keonjhar, Ph. No.: 8569947676, Email: ubin0553808@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrower/Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Mr. Bijay Kumar Barik, Prop. of M/s. Maa Bhubaneswari, S/o: Bholanath Barik, At: VIP Road, Near Ajanta Lodge, New Market, Keonjhar / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mr. Ashok Kumar Barik, S/o: Bholanath Barik, At: VIP Road, Near Ajanta Lodge, New Market, Keonjhar	₹ 45,58,300/- as on 01.09.2019 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.4:** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building at Khata No.: 120/145, Plot No.: 449/684, Area: Ac.0.100 dec. & Plot No.: 451/685, Area: Ac.0.010 dec., Total Area: Ac.0.110dec., KISSAM: Gharabari, Mouza: Madhapur, P.S.: Sadar, Keonjhar, in the name of Mr. Bijay Kumar Barik and Mr. Ashok Kumar Barik within the registration Sub-District: Sadar, Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar, Bounded by North: Road, South: Govt. Land, East: Shyam Sunder Barik, West: Nirmal Chandra Mohapatra

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹70,00,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹7,00,000/-**

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> M/s. S. M. Fashion, Prop.: Hafizur Rehman, S/o: Fazlur Rehman, At: Magurgadia, P.O.: Keonjhar, P.S.: Town, Dist.: Keonjhar - 758001 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Bushra Tabasum, At: Magurgadia, P.O.: Keonjhar, P.S.: Town, Dist.: Keonjhar - 758001	₹ 30,17,369.53 as on 31.07.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.5:** EM of Land and Building for Area: Ac.0.025 Dec., Khata No.: 176/402, Plot No.: 291/1807, Mouza: Magurgadia, Dist.: Keonjhar, in the name of Hafizur Rehman, Bounded by North: Gitanjali Patra, South: Road, East: Harihar Das, West: Govt. Land

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹43,97,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,39,700/-**

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Mr. Sunil Kumar Padhi, S/o: Mr. Chaitanya Padhi, At: Magurgadia, P.O.: Keonjhar, Dist.: Keonjhar-758001 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mr. Rabin Chandra Rana, S/o: Mr. Rama Chandra Rana, At/P.O.: Nelung, P.S.: Keonjhar Town, Dist.: Keonjhar-758002	₹ 23,07,270/- as on 30.06.2018 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.6:** All that part and parcel of the Land and the Building situated at Plot No.: 168/2041, 180/2233, 180/2234 & 168, Khata No.: 276/245 at Mouza: Nelung, Dist.: Keonjhar, in the name of Mr. Sunil Kumar Padhi, Area: Ac.1.22 dec., Plot No.: 168/2041 is Bounded by North: S. Patra, South: P. Naik, Plot No.: 180/2233 is Bounded by North: Jungle, South: P. Bani

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹44,50,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,45,000/-**

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Anil Kumar Padhi, S/o: Chaitanya Padhi, At: Kashipur, P.O.: Keonjhar, P.S.: Town, Dist.: Keonjhar, Odisha-758001 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Sunil Kumar Padhi, At: Kashipur, P.O.: Keonjhar, P.S.: Town, Dist.: Keonjhar, Odisha-758001	₹ 49,62,185/- as on 28.02.2019 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.7:** All that part and parcel of the Open Land in the name of Anil Kumar Padhi, Plot No.: 180, 181, 181/2240, Khata No.: 276/244, Area: Ac.1.22 Dec. at Mouza: Nelung, SRO: Keonjhar

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹48,80,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹4,88,000/-**

**SATHIPUR BRANCH, P.O.: Dulakhpatna, Via: Barundi, Dist.: Jajpur-755025,**  
Ph. No.: 9368855121, Email: ubin0810045@unionbankofindia.bank

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-obligants / Mortgages:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Manasi Khandai, D/o: Gobinda Charan Khandai, At: Rumaposi, P.O.: Rudhia, Dist.: Jajpur / Co-obligants/Mortgages: 1) Bimala Khandai, W/o: Gobinda Charan Khandai, 2) Gobinda Charan Khandai, 3) Maheswar Mahapatra, S/o: Iswar Mahapatra, All are At: Rumaposi, P.O.: Rudhia, Dist.: Jajpur	₹ 4,29,034/- as on 27.10.2011 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.8:** All that part and parcel of the Land and Building - Residential Land in the name of Bimala Khandai situated at Mouza: Sathipur, Thana No.: 2, Khata No.: M.S. 207, Plot No.: 1431, Area: Ac.0.05 Dec., Bounded by East: Road, West: Gopal Chandra Khandai, North: Kanhu Chandra Khandai, South: Tenu Sahoo

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹5,30,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹53,000/-**

**SAHADA BRANCH, Dist.: Bhadrak,**  
Ph No.: 7008781376, Email : ubin0821349@unionbankofindia.bank

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Maa Kantimangala Variety Store, Prop.: Mr. Nihar Nutan Das, Both are At: Nuanand, P.O.: Serapur, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756126 / Guarantor: Mrs. Sanjukta Das, At: Nuanand, P.O.: Serapur, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak-756126	₹ 6,53,330/- as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.9:** Land and Building belonging to Nihar Nutan Das @ Niranjan Mallik, Measuring Area: Ac.0.110 dec., situated at Plot No.: 557 of Khata No.: 609, Mouza: Nuanand, P.S.: Tihidi, Dist.: Bhadrak, Bounded by North: Jadei Jena, South: Khati Dei, East: Road, West: Banamali Jena

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹4,86,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹48,600/-**

**BALASORE BRANCH-2, OT Road, Bhaskarganj, Dist.: Balasore,**  
Ph No.: 8002235853, Email : ubin0810223@unionbankofindia.bank

Name & Address of Borrower / Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Mr. Manas Ranjan Sethi, S/o: Narayan Sethi, At/P.O.: Srikona, P.S.: Chandipur, Dist.: Balasore, PIN-756025 / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mrs. Gitanjali Sethi, W/o: Manas Ranjan Sethi, At/P.O.: Srikona, P.S.: Chandipur, Dist.: Balasore, PIN-756025	₹ 3,18,857/- as on 18.03.2020 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.10:** All that part and parcel of the Residential Land and Building belonging to Gitanjali Sethi (owner of the Property), W/o: Manas Ranjan Sethi, bearing Khata No.: 1478/1436, Plot No.: 1579/8341, extent of Area: Ac.0.04 Dec. situated at Mouza: Srikona, P.O.: Srikona Via: Chandipur, P.S.: Chandipur, Dist.: Balasore-756025, Bounded by North: Pravas Ranjan Sethi, South: Raghupati Devnath, East: Self Plot, West: Road

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹38,14,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹3,81,400/-**

**JAJPUR ROAD BRANCH-3, Plot No.: 1394/2632, Sethi Complex, Bank Street, P.O.: Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, Ph No.: 8860700230, Email : ubin0914347@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor / Co-obligant:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> M/s. Sahoo Variety Store, Prop.: Mr. Sanatan Sahoo, Sahoo Market, Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, PIN-755019, Prop.: Mr. Sanatan Sahoo, S/o: Late Laxmidhar Sahoo, At: Radhanagar Patna, P.O.: Sankhachilia, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, PIN-755015 / Guarantor / Co-obligant: Mr. Banamali Sahoo, S/o: Late Laxmidhar Sahoo, At: Radhanagar Patna, P.O.: Sankhachilia, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, PIN-755015	₹ 10,26,032/- as on 27.09.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.11:** Residential Land and Building belonging to Mr. Sanatan Sahoo, S/o: Late Laxmidhar Sahoo & Mr. Banamali Sahoo, S/o: Late Laxmidhar Sahoo, situated at Mouza: Unit No.: 11, Biramanipur, Thana No.: 16, Tahasil: Vyasanagar, Jajpur Road, SRO: Dolipur, Jajpur Road, P.S.: Jajpur Road, Dist.: Jajpur under Vyasanagar Municipality, Khata No.: 121, Plot No.: 54, Area: Ac.0.07Dec.(3045 Sq.ft), Bounded by North: Plot No.:53, South: Plot No.: 55, East: Plot No.: 52 & 48, West: Plot No.:19 and Road

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹65,36,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹6,53,600/-**

**KEONJHAR BRANCH - 3, Dist.: Keonjhar, Ph. No.: 7978738752, Email: ubin0929701@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> M/s. Star Enterprises, Prop.: Mr. Biswajeet Bej, At/P.O.: Jail Road, Nuasahi, Keonjhar, PIN-758001 / Guarantor: Chandrakala Bej, At/P.O.: Jail Road, Nuasahi, Keonjhar, PIN-758001	₹ 35,18,663/- as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.12:** All that part of the property consisting Residential Land belonging to Chandrakala Bej, situated over Khata No.: 73/81, Plot No.: 222/407, Area: Ac.0.050dec., Mouza: Mochigaoon, Taluk: Keonjhar Sadar, Bounded by North: Radha Sahoo, South: Road, East: Srikanta Sahoo & others, West: Srikanta Sahoo & others

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹52,60,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹5,26,000/-**

**DUBURI BRANCH - 2, Dist.: Jajpur, Ph. No.: 7008781334, Email: ubin0814113@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrowers / Co-applicant / Guarantor:	Amount Due
<b>Borrowers:</b> 1) Mr. Subrata Mohanta, S/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 2) Mr. Shibaji Mohanta, S/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 3) Dula Mohanta, W/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 4) Ms. Sumitra Mohanta, D/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 5) Ms. Sabitree Mohanta, D/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 6) Ms. Indumati Mohanta, D/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, 7) Ms. Sushmita Mohanta, D/o: Late Harihar Mohanta, All are at Kainjira, Oila, Tahasil: Sukinda, Dist.: Jajpur-755026, Odisha / Co-applicant/Guarantor: Mr. Shishir Kumar Barik, S/o: Mr. Arjun Charan Barik, P.O.: Duburi, Danagadi, Dist.: Jajpur-755026, Odisha	₹ 8,54,394/- as on 31.01.2019 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.13:** All that part and parcel of the Land Measuring Area: Ac.0.55dec. and Building thereon at Khata No.: 187, Plot No.: 591/968, KISSAM: Gharabari situated at Mouza: Oila, Tahasil/P.S.: Sukinda, SRO: Sukinda, Dist.: Jajpur, Odisha, in the name of Mr. Subrata Mohanta, Mr. Shibaji Mohanta, Dula Mohanta, Ms. Sumitra Mohanta, Ms. Sabitree Mohanta, Ms. Indumati Mohanta & Ms. Sushmita Mohanta, Bounded by East: Road, West: Owner Self, South: Hare Krishna Mohanta, North: Road

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹55,43,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹5,54,300/-**

**BHADRAK BRANCH - 1, BHADRAK, Dist.: BHADRAK, Ph No.: 7381782969, Email: ubin0538591@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrower:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> M/s. Dharitri Trading Agency, Prop.: Mr. Pawan Kumar Bagaria, At: AK-163, Saltlake City, Near Tank No. 08, Sector-2, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, West Bengal, Partners: Mr. Pawan Kumar Bagaria, S/o: Late Nandlal Bagaria, Mrs. Gayatri Devi Bagaria, W/o: Late Nandlal Bagaria, Both are At: Chandan Bazar, PS.: Puruna Bazar, PO/Dist: Bhadrak-756100, Odisha	₹ 1,44,90,000/- as on 31.05.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.14:** Existing EM of freehold homestead land in the name of Mr. Pawan Kumar Bagaria & 848 sq.ft RCC building, Khata No.: 660/16 and Plot No.: 960 & 961 of Area: 4.3 dec at Mouza: Muruna, Dist: Balasore.

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹3,16,00,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹31,60,000/-**

**BHADRAK BRANCH - 2, BHADRAK, Dist.: BHADRAK, Ph. No.: 9693980986, Email: ubin0818127@unionbankofindia.bank**

Name & Address of Borrower & Guarantors:	Amount Due
<b>Borrower:</b> Binayak Nursing Homes Pvt. Ltd., At: Sainita, P.O.: Gopalpur, Via: Chandabali, Bhadrak-756131, Director: Dr. Mukhtikanta Sahoo, At: Sainita, P.O.: Badaostia, Bhadrak / Guarantors: 1) Mr. Srikanta Sahoo, 2) Mr. Ratikant Sahoo, Both are At: Sainita, P.O.: Gopalpur, Via: Chandabali, Bhadrak, 3) Mrs. Saraswati Sahoo, At: Bareipur, P.O.: Chandabali, Bhadrak-756133, 4) Mrs. Padmabati Sahoo, At: Bhatapada, P.O.: Chandabali, Bhadrak	₹ 3,88,52,654.95 as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, Cost and expenses

**Property No.15:** Vacant land situated at Khata No.: 170/72, Plot No.: 367, Area: Ac.0.60 dec., at Mouza: Sanaostia, P.O.: Gopalpur, Chandabali, Bhadrak in the name of Srikanta Sahoo, Ratikant Sahoo, Mukhtikanta Sahoo, Padmabati Sahoo, Saraswati Sahoo, All are S/o and D/o Late Indramani Sahoo, Bounded by East: Vacant Land, West: Plot of Sukhdev Sahoo, North: Pani Nala & Road, South: Plot of B Sahoo.

**Type of Possession: Symbolic / Reserve Price: ₹1,20,00,000/- / Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹12,00,000/-**

**BID INCREMENT AMOUNT FOR EACH PROPERTY : ₹10,000/-**

**DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 20.10.2022 between 01:00 P.M. to 05:00 P.M.**  
(with 10 minutes unlimited auto extension), e-Auction Website : www.mstcecommerce.com

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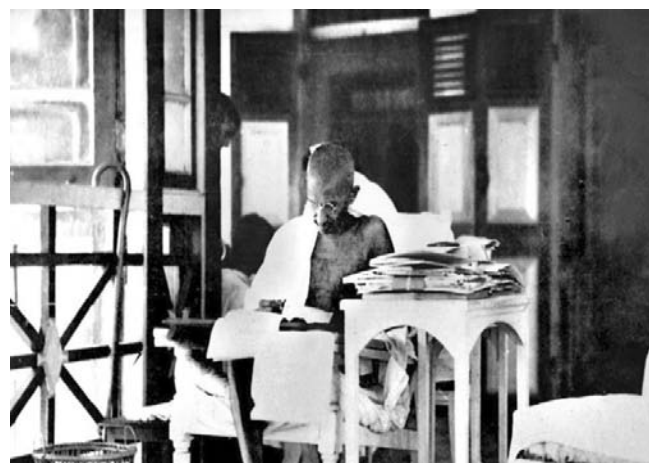
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**Place : Balasore Date: 01.10.2022** **Sd/- Authorized Officer Union Bank of India**

FOCUS CULTURE

# BOOKS THAT SHAPED GANDHI



**Gandhi's unequivocal adherence to the ideals of John Ruskin and firm conviction that there is "enough for everybody's need and not for everybody's greed" found resonance in nurturing small and cottage industry and flagging the importance of sustainable development**

credit to the effort of Indian reformers to end these evils and completely exonerated the British authority from any responsibility. The British were delighted with the book and a free copy was presented to every Member of Parliament. Gandhi described the book as "the report of a drain-pipe inspector endowed with one purpose of opening the drains of the country." Gandhi charged Mayo with a selective representation of facts. At the same time, he insisted we must not overlook the dark side of the picture.

Gandhi's unequivocal adherence to the ideals of Ruskin and firm conviction that there is "enough for everybody's need and not for everybody's greed" found resonance in nurturing small and cottage industry and flagging the importance of sustainable development. His commitment to social justice, concern for villages where majority of Indians lives, eschewing greed and mindless pursuit of wealth have made Gandhian ideals extremely relevant to the present times.

One of the most definitive biographies written early on Gandhi was by Romaine Rolland, the French novelist. Rolland heard of Gandhi in 1920 from the Bengali mystic Dilip Roy and the Nobel laureate Tagore. His book was published in 1924, and covered the period ending with Gandhi's arrest in 1922. He wrote, "His body is walled in as in a tomb, but Gandhi's invisible soul still animates India's vast body." Albert Einstein wrote "Generations to come will scarce believe that such a person in flesh and blood walked upon this earth." Indeed, Gandhi is not merely an insignia of our national currency but also is India's contribution to an alternative ideology that reiterates the importance of sustainable development and abdicates violence as a weapon of power.

*The writer is a Trustee in Sarvodaya Foundation.*

Non-violence and passive resistance were the lessons Gandhi learnt from Tolstoy's book. Kingdom of God was a philosophical treatise where Tolstoy wrote that all those who waged war are an affront to the teachings of Christ. He was anguished that the Russian Orthodox Church supported state's policy for war. In 1908 Tolstoy wrote to Gandhi, "Only by using love as a weapon through passive resistance, the native Indian people can overthrow the colonial British empire." Gandhi wrote "Before the independent thinking, profound morality and truthfulness of this book, all the books seemed to pale into insignificance."

When Gandhi wrote to Tolstoy as to whether he can name the farm after the great novelist, he wrote back "I have known about your work in leading the Satyagraha movement in South

Africa and your quest for equality. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than my name being associated with the community farm and high idealism that you propose to build." The two major ideas in these two books - dignified living for all, and nonviolence as an unshakable article of faith - remained the two lynchpins of Gandhian philosophy throughout his movement in South Africa and struggle for independence of India thereafter.

Gandhi was at the zenith of his political career in the 1920s, when he read Katherine Mayo's book 'Mother India' in 1927. This book was a scathing attack on India's religion, retrograde customs, pernicious practice of early child marriage, and lack of medical care for pregnant women. While many of the practice depicted by Mayo undoubtedly existed in India, she did not give

Mahatma Gandhi was an obsessive letter writer, penning thousands of epistles. Asked as to what ideology he follows he replied: "I have not read Smith, Mill or Karl Marx...When in doubt...a little voice within us tells us, 'You are on the right track, move neither to your left nor right, but keep to the straight and narrow way.'" It's a surprising statement as Smith was the father of classical capitalism, who wrote in his magnum opus Wealth of Nations (1776) that "market forces, as if by an invisible hand, will promote welfare of all." JS Mill added the pleasure principle to wealth creation. Karl Marx, on the other hand, saw "seeds of destruction contained in capitalism" as it was exploitative of labour. Though Gandhi was witness to the Russian Revolution (1917), he was more attracted by the work British philosopher John Ruskin and his book 'Unto This Last' and the Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy and his book 'The Kingdom of God Is Within You'. Both these books went against the tide of those times and were proscribed.

Ruskin was deeply critical of the market economics and wealth creation dictum of Smith and pleasure principle of Mill. He was deeply concerned about the plight of working class after the industrial revolution and strongly pitched for equitable sharing of riches, where men are treated and paid justly. He strongly believed that an economy must be based on the consideration of humanity and economics must have its roots in ethics. This philosophy sowed the seeds of Tolstoy Farm, which was founded by Gandhi near Johannesburg in South Africa in 1910, where the residents lived self-sufficiently, devoting their bodies to hard manual labour; their minds to the ideals of truth, and non-violence, and children exposed to the beauty of vocational education.



Satya Narayan Misra

**NON-VIOLENCE AND PASSIVE RESISTANCE WERE LESSONS GANDHI LEARNT FROM TOLSTOY'S BOOK 'THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU'**



Aakar Patel

**There is no letting up on the assault against bowlers. Every new innovation seems to undermine them**

True knowledge is not attained by thinking. It is what you are; it is what you become.

SRI AUROBINDO



## Bat Over Ball

The British media and cricketers continue to whine about India's victory at Lord's over their women's team. The controversy is about our Deepti Sharma running their last batter out at the non-strikers' end because she was leaving the crease. The law is quite clear here.

Indeed, it was clarified as recently as 2017 in bowler R Ashwin's favour. Under the previous MCC rule, bowlers were permitted to attempt to run out the non-striker only before entering their delivery stride. Now, bowlers at all levels of cricket will be able to run-out the non-striker up to the instant at which they "would be expected to deliver the ball."

Deepti Sharma was condemned for following the rule. The British sentiment is that she should have offered her opponent a warning before running her out. Of course batters have no obligation to warn or inform bowlers or keepers if they plan to step out of the crease on the next ball to clout it. Why is the bowler obliged to "warn"?

The answer is of course that the bowler is a second class citizen in the commonwealth of cricket. The rules are written and rewritten to undermine and deter the bowler. We are often told that it's a batsman's game. But the alacrity and enthusiasm with which the ICC is making life difficult for bowlers is disturbing.

The bowler can claim an LBW if the batsman's body comes between the ball and the stumps but the law saves the batsman if the ball pitches outside leg stump or hits him outside off stump (a rule brought in the 1970s).

The front foot rule for fast bowlers changed in the 1960s, pulling the bowler further back into the crease. The limitation on bouncers is more recent. The bowler is warned after the first one though dangerous injuries in top flight cricket have been very rare. All sorts of field restrictions are imposed on bowlers, through the 30 yard circle and Power Plays and leg side limits. ODIs have two balls, one at either end, to keep them harder and therefore making it easier to hit them farther.

Batsmen are constantly rewarded and bowlers punished through new rules like free hits, first for front foot no-balls and then, after 2015, all no-balls. The rules punish errors by bowlers immediately - no ball, wide ball etc - but not those of batsmen (running on the pitch) who receive a couple of non-punitive warnings. Batsmen can get runners, can come back immediately after retiring hurt, but bowlers cannot. Bowlers can only bowl fixed numbers of overs in ODIs and T20s but there's no limit on how many overs a batsman can bat.

There is no letting up on the assault against bowlers. Every new innovation seems to come specifically to undermine them. The DRS system may be seen as a bowler's friend but it is not. A 2017 study showed that bowlers got a DRS decision in their favour 20% of the time, versus 34% for the batters. Even the protocols of the system itself favour the bat over the ball: the batsman has to autonomy to ask for a review, but the bowler must appeal to his captain.

Batting tactics of all sorts - switch hits, reverse hits - are acceptable and indeed celebrated. Bowling tactics are looked as cheating. Greg Chappell was within the law when instructing his brother to bowl underarm against New Zealand but he was excoriated and vilified. Where the rules do not damage the bowler, the associations do. Australia banned the doosra in 2009, saying it was a chuck. The other aspect is technology which is allowed unchecked when it comes to bats and other batting gear. Dennis Lillee was criticised for coming out with an aluminium bat, but the modern bat is a bludgeon very different from the wood used by Bradman, Sobers and even Gavaskar.

Modern pads have an outer shell designed to ping the ball off them to maximise leg byes. Cricket balls have remained the same for a century. Indeed, bowlers have been begging in recent times to be allowed to play with the Duke's ball in Test cricket, because it is of higher quality and retains a strong seam even after wear. But India continues to use another manufacturer; whose product our bowlers say does not meet the standard they expect.

The changes in bats and rules have punished the bowler in terms of the number of sixes hit in international cricket. The most devastating batsman of the modern era, according to the greats who played him, is Sir Vivian Richards, who over a 15 year career hit 210 sixes. It may surprise and dismay readers to know that he is only ranked 22 in the list of all time six hitters. All the 21 batsmen who have hit more sixes than Richards have played after him. In fact the next most recent batsman on that list retired 15 years after Richards (who left in 1991). The man immediately above Richards, and who is 21st on that list, is Marlon Samuels, hardly a player of the same calibre but helped along by tech and rule tinkering.

All this has produced damage. We must not think it has not. Bowling has been looked down on from the time of Harold Larwood (it was Jardine who devised Bodyline but shamefully it was Larwood who was punished for it) to the Dalit cricketer Balu Palwankar.

In our country, where manual labour is despised, bowlers and bowling have suffered. India has for long led the world in looking down on the bowler and the data here is absolutely clear. Try making an all time Indian XI. The batting is world class (Gavaskar; Sehwag, Kohli, Tendulkar; Dravid), and the bowling is pedestrian. Kapil Dev, Kumble, Harbhajan and Ashwin are our highest wicket takers. The first three of them average around 30 runs a wicket, and are not in the same league as the Australians or the West Indians or the Pakistanis. In the list of best all time Test bowling averages, the highest placed Indian bowler is ranked 35 (Jasprit Bumrah) the next one is ranked 72 (R Ashwin).

If we have not been world beaters in cricket for the longest time, here is the reason: we look down on our bowlers and deity batsmen. We have been brought up on the cliché that the benefit of doubt must always go to the batsman. But why?

## SPECTRUM FINANCIAL MARKETS

# The rising interest rate regime



Sourajeet Pradhani

**WITH CHANCES OF AN IMMINENT RECESSION IN US HIGH, THE INDIAN IT SECTOR HAS TAKEN THE BIGGEST HIT**

Last Wednesday, the Federal Reserve of the US hiked the interest rate by another 75 basis points and modified its stance from 'dovish' to 'hawkish'. The trigger for such an action is the difference between the expected (8.1%) and the actual inflation (8.3%) numbers.

The decision of the Federal Reserve will have a ripple effect across the globe, including India. This is the third time that the Fed has hiked the interest rate this year. The retail inflation in US stands at an all time high in the last forty years. The idea behind raising the interest rate is to squeeze out the liquidity from the economy and dampen the consumers' disposable income to reduce the demand pull inflation.

The high inflation rate in US is primarily due to the 'quantitative easing' through printing of notes and pumping it into the financial system (post the pandemic). The US wanted to provide the requisite impetus to the market and corporates by keeping the interest rates low. Now the Fed wants to take back the money by increasing the interest rates. This is not just targeting the short term rates, but gradually rationalising the interest rates in the long run as well.

The high inflation rate was mostly due to the supply side con-

straints owing to the COVID pandemic. Also during the Ukraine-Russia war, the oil and commodity prices went soaring. But the supply chain woes have been restored. The semiconductor issue has also been resolved to a great extent. But, during this phase, the retail credit rate also went up by 7.7% in the month of July. This was purely because of the low interest rates, leading to higher inflation.

Interest rate is a double-edged sword. Increasing interest rates will have a detrimental effect on the growth projections and market sentiments. The primary role of any central bank is to manage growth and inflation. The US is pretty clear that their goal at this point of time is to curb inflation. This will lead to lesser growth. This will definitely have a big impact on other markets, since US contributes almost 25% to the entire global financial market.

The unemployment rate in US is at its lowest point. The demand for skilled labour is at an all time high. This has led to high wage inflation as well. Higher retail inflation will lead to workers demanding higher wages as well. This is a chain reaction that ultimately leads to higher inflation.

The cycle of inflation needs to be broken. This is only possible when the consumer demand and

disposable income is reduced. This will lead to corporate and companies to hire fewer people and the unemployment rate inadvertently goes up.

With higher inflation rates in US, the biggest beneficiary will be the US dollar. In a phase of global volatility, the FPIs (Foreign Portfolio Investors) and FIIs (Foreign Institutional Investors) will withdraw their money from the emerging markets and park it in the US. The USD will appreciate further, while the currencies of emerging markets will depreciate. To prevent the outflow of foreign funds, emerging countries need to increase their interest rates as well.

The higher interest rate in US will result in rupee depreciation. The INR has already touched an all-time low of 81 vis-à-vis the US dollar. The rupee is expected to depreciate further and that will affect the Indian exporters dearly. The Indian exporters will benefit though. The economists aren't bothered about the rupee depreciation, since it is an economic phenomenon. But the currency of any sovereign country is a matter of national pride and strength in the global forum. It will be interesting to see at what point, the RBI will take adequate actions to arrest the rupee depreciation. Already, our foreign reserves have

depleted by more than 80 billion USD to prevent the rupee depreciation.

With the chances of an imminent recession in US high, the Indian IT sector has taken the biggest hit. The IT index has corrected by more than 30%. The Indian stock market has already corrected by almost 7% since the announcement of rate hike. The FIIs and FPIs are in a "sell off" mode in the last few days.

But on the contrary, the story which is being sold is that the Indian stock market is 'decoupled' from the foreign global market scenario. All the government released data show positive sentiments and growth forecast. But the bigger question now is that whether the "decoupling" will continue or whether the Indian stock market will come in sync with the global market.

Venture capitalists and unicorn startups are also facing the wrath of the global downturn. Their profitability has also come down drastically with higher interest rates. Hence we might witness a paradigm shift, wherein these companies will go for profitability rather than focusing on growth.

Is recession imminent and inevitable? Only time will tell.

*The writer is an investment banker.*

## WISDOM CORNER

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

DESMOND TUTU

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.

DALAI LAMA

## WORDSWORTH

### Cabal

This term for a semi-secret political clique is sometimes said to be an acronym, from the initials of five leading members of Charles II's government of 1667-73 that covered the period of the third Anglo-Dutch war. The five members were Sir Thomas Clifford, Henry Bennet (Lord Arlington), George Villiers (the Duke of Buckingham), Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury) and John Maitland (Earl of Lauderdale). Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley and Lauderdale - CABAL. Even without detailed knowledge of word history this should cause your mental eyebrows to rise in scepticism. The earliest known acronyms date from around the time of the First World War (the military slang AWOL, "Absent Without Leave", is among the earliest, which newspaper reports around 1918 demonstrate was being said as a pronounceable word) and yet the source of cabal is dated on this theory to an acronymic origin some 250 years earlier.

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

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### Keep tabs on SDPI

Sir, This refers to "PFI leaders, cadre go into hiding after ban," Orissa POST, September 29. Following nationwide raids on the offices of the Popular Front of India (PFI) and the detention of scores of its members, the Centre has banned the Islamist group and its associates/affiliates for five years, citing their involvement in "serious offences, including terrorism and its financing, and targeted gruesome killings." The government has thus reaffirmed its zero-tolerance stand on organisations fuelling anti-national sentiments and radicalising a section of society with the intention of disturbing peace and public order. The move is welcome in the interests of India's internal security, but it's only a job half done. The rabble-rousing outfit's over-ground political wing, the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), has not been outlawed yet. The SDPI has been quick to condemn the action against the PFI, alleging that "freedom of speech, protests and organisations have been ruthlessly suppressed by the regime against the basic principles of the Constitution." The PFI can continue to pursue its nefarious agenda as long as the SDPI enjoys leeway to conduct its operations. Central agencies would have to constantly keep tabs on this party; any laxity can have adverse consequences for social harmony as well as law and order.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

### Inculcate Gandhianism

Sir, October 2 every year is a significant day for India as well as the world. On this day India celebrates the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the world observes International Day for Non-violence. Gandhi was an ardent believer in truth. In fact, the very naming of his autobiography, "My Experiments with Truth" reflects his life-long observance and experimentation with truth. Irrespective of time, geographical space, and cultural background, his values such as truth, non-violence, human dignity and respect, and the love for fellow beings are more relevant today. Like John Ruskin, he considered 'man' is the most important to bring a peaceful and harmonious society. The name of Mahatma Gandhi transcends the limits of race, religion and nation-states, and has emerged as the prophetic voice of the 21st century. The present generation is waiting for a leader who will make it relearn the ethical values, and who will inculcate in the people, as Gandhi did, a sense of the responsibilities which concern every citizen of a free society.

Bhagaban Nayak, BERHAMPUR

# national

## of the day quote

Our prime objective is to make the lives of farmers associated with this dream fabric better and to ensure uniqueness, beauty, and ingenuity, which are the hallmark of J-K's crafts, dominates the global market

The BJP-JPP government is pushing the youth of Haryana into the quagmire of unemployment. During the last eight years, instead of giving jobs, the government has only been firing employees. Today, every youth of Haryana is suffering because of the policies of the government

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## SHORT TAKES

### Student shot dead

**New Delhi:** Not keeping the promise of selling an iPhone despite taking money from a friend proved costly for a 17-year-old Class 12 student, who was allegedly shot dead by his friend in Delhi's Batia House area, the police said. A senior police officer said that the deceased has been identified as Abdullah, who was shot dead on Friday afternoon.

### Teacher thrashed

**Davanagere, (Karnataka):** A teacher was stripped and thrashed for allegedly sexually harassing a girl student of a village school in this district of the state Saturday. According to police, the accused teacher has been identified as Lokesh Hodigere. The accused was allegedly harassing the girl student after the classes. On learning about it, the parents, relatives of the girl and villagers barged into the school and questioned the accused teacher about his acts.

### Two girls injured

**Jaipur:** Two unidentified bikers threw acid on two girls in Jaipur Saturday. The girls were attacked separately at a distance of 2 km from each other. They sustained minor burn injuries and have been discharged from the hospital after treatment. The girls said that they did not recognise the attackers. The police are scanning the CCTV footage from the nearby areas, and are believed to have spotted the bike in one of the clips.

# Divided house, demoralised workers: Gujarat Cong presents a sorry picture

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Gandhinagar, Oct 1:** While differences and groupism in the Rajasthan Congress are visible in public, in the Gujarat Congress the infighting has not become public so far. But it is deep rooted and is eroding the confidence of party workers and demoralising them, affecting the party's poll prospects, is the general feeling of party workers and political analysts.

The Gujarat Congress had planned to appoint only two working presidents, but in the name of caste equations went on to appoint five working presidents to keep different groups happy. The fear of desertsion has gripped the party so much that it has failed to appoint 70 state secretaries, media spokesperson and team. The party has also almost decided to renominate its 64 sitting MLAs

# With polls nearing, Himachal Cong minus Virbhadra on a slippery slope

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Shimla, Oct 1:** With the passing away of six-time Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, who literally 'ruled' the political landscape single-handedly for almost six decades, the somnolent Congress in Himachal Pradesh seems fractured and divided in his absence. No other leader enjoys the mass appeal and popularity that he had.

Political observers believe the ruling BJP, which is facing anti-incumbency, has somehow managed an edge over its rival Congress by making it clear that the party will go to the upcoming polls, just weeks away, under the leadership of first-time Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. Most probably, the party is likely to retain him for the post, if the BJP comes back to power.

In contrast, the main Opposition Congress, which is confident of clawing back to power and banks largely on a trend to sweep the polls alternatively as both arch rivals ruled the state from 1985, is facing a leadership crisis, resulting in veterans jumping ship to the BJP. The latest high-profile exit from the Congress party was loyalist and three-time legislator Harsh Mahajan, who for over a decade played a crucial role in strengthening the party's organisation at the grassroots under Virbhadra Singh.

Mahajan, 66, also close to Congress loyalist-turned-rebel Ghulam Nabi Azad, was president of the state Youth Congress for nine years, the longest serving president so far, and served as a cabinet minister and a parliamentary secretary for 10 years. Before Mahajan, the other prominent leaders who defected were five-time legislator Ram Lal Thakur,



who resigned as vice-president of the party committee citing "displeasure" over its working, and two sitting legislators — Lakhwinder Rana and Pawan Kajal. Interestingly both Mahajan and Kajal were appointed the state working presidents, along with two others, Rajinder Rana and Vinay Kumar, when the three-term MP Pratibha Singh, the widow of Virbhadra Singh, was appointed the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president in April. "The Congress at the national level stands directionless and lacking in vision, faced with a crisis of leadership, tainted by sycophancy and corruption. This has translated into a diminishing of its numbers, with some of the tallest leaders and stalwarts of the grand old party being compelled to leave its

# DALIT BOY TIED TO POLE, THRASHED

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

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According to police, the incident took place in the limits of Chintamani Rural Police Station. The accused, belonging to the upper caste, had allegedly assaulted the Dalit boy suspecting him of theft. Yashwanth, a resident of Kempadenahalli, was playing with other boys and girls of his age. It was alleged that Yashwanth had stolen gold earrings of a girl belonging to the upper caste. Suspecting the boy's role, the upper caste group had dragged the victim boy and tied him to an electrical pole and thrashed him. His mother was also beaten up when she came running to rescue her son.

Yashwanth and his mother have been admitted to a government hospital. The incident had taken place on Thursday and it came to light now. Chintamani Rural Police have recorded the statements of the victim boy and his mother. They have lodged a police case against 10 persons belonging to the upper caste and are investigating the matter. Notably, upper caste people had imposed a fine of Rs 60,000 to a Dalit boy's family for touching the idol of Hindu God in Chikkaballapur district. The boy's family was also boycotted and the issue was resolved after intervention of government agencies.

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# Student killed for eating apple



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Patna, Oct 1:** A six-year old student was allegedly beaten to death for picking up and eating an apple that was kept for offering to goddess Durga during puja at his school in Bihar's Gaya district, an official said.

The incident happened Tuesday while it was reported to the police Friday. The Gaya police arrested a couple in this matter, who were running a residential school named Little Leaders Public School in Baki Bigha village under Wazirganj block in Gaya. Ram Balak Prasad, the grandfather of victim child Vivek, in a statement to the police said: "The school has organised Durga Puja inside the premises. There were some fruits (prasad) on a table and Vivek picked an apple from it and consumed it. Following the incident, the owners of the school kept Vivek in a room and brutally assaulted him. After the physical assault, they threw him

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outside the premises." "My grandson went unconscious outside the gate of the school. An auto driver, from my village, spotted Vivek in an unconscious state, brought him home in Ukhra village under Wazirganj block and handed him over to us. As his condition was serious, we immediately took him to a local hospital. Looking to his condition, the doctors of the hospital referred him to Magadh Medical College. Vivek succumbed on the way to the medical college," Prasad added. "Vivek had narrated his ordeal and told us that Vikas Singh and his wife had thrashed him on the chest," Prasad said. Ram Ekbal Yadav, the SHO of Wazirganj said: "We have registered an FIR and arrested the accused. The family members of the deceased claimed that the student Vivek was studying in Little Leaders Public School and staying there in the hostel. He was brutally assaulted by the accused named Vikas Singh and his wife who are the owners of the school.

## BIG CATCH

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Volunteers take a selfie during Wildlife Week in Gorakhpur

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**  
Tender No. M.CSW-CAMC-FR-22-23-10  
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Approximate Value: ₹4,90,000/-, EMD: ₹9,800/-, Completion Period: 24 Months.  
Bidding Start Date: 08.10.2022, Date & time of Tender Closing: 22.10.2022, 1200 hrs.  
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Tender Closing Date & Time: 17.10.2022, 1200 hrs.  
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The Superintending Engineer, Burla Irrigation Division, Burla on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites bid in Single Cover System according to the norm of "e" procurement systems in online mode from the eligible contractors as per individual bid documents.  

1	Name of the work	Improvement to Canal Structure & Canal Service Road
2	No. of work (Tender)	16 (Sixteen) Nos.
3	Estimated cost	From Rs. 3.43 lakh to Rs. 16.27 lakh (approximate)
4	Period of completion	As per DTCN (120 days)
5	Document download start date	10.10.2022 at 11.00 (A.M.)
6	Online bid submission closing date in the portal	20.10.2022 upto 05.00 P.M.
7	Date of opening of bid	21.10.2022 at 11 A.M. in the O/o the Superintending Engineer, Burla Irrigation Division, Burla
8	Name & address of the Officer inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer, Burla Irrigation Division, Burla, Dist.-Sambalpur

  
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which has demoralised other aspiring leaders. Because of such decisions, local leaders have started quitting the party, for example Mahisagar district vice president Udesinh Chauhan resigned from the party and is now going to contest on the AAP symbol. Senior party leader Arjun

Modhwadia admits, "There are differences among state leaders, but these differences are confined to within the party, none of us ever made any allegations or targeted each other in public. Leaders have buried their differences in the party interest and have taken decisions with unity." The differences between the Congress leaders are overplayed by the opposition BJP and the RSS to tarnish the party's image before the voters, claims Paresh Dhanani, former Leader of Opposition. Unfortunately the Congress is not able to counter this propaganda effectively, which is why the differences look more than they are, he adds. There is not a single political party that does not face groupism, but the difference between the BJP and the Congress is that groupism in the Congress is visible in public. It should

be within the party forums only, whereas in the BJP it is invisible. In the Congress groupism hurts the party's prospects, in the BJP individual leaders can't harm it much. In the BJP you can learn about groups and differences only after the event is over, whereas in the Congress it begins before the event and it affects the workers and demoralises them, says political analyst Dilip Gohil. His study of the Congress reveals that the old Janata Dal group led by Siddharth Patel has lost political weightage in the party, whereas late Ahmed Patel's two staunch supporters Shaktisinh Gohil and Arjun Modhwadia are heading two small groups in Saurashtra. Till recently there was only one group led by Bharatsinh Solanki, but after Jagdish Thakor was made GPCC president, the Congress OBC group is now divided into the Thakor and Solanki groups.

# What the PFI was up to in Kerala

There are 50,000 active cadres and around 1,50,000 sympathisers of the organisation and the ideology will likely survive even after the ban

The PFI's allied organisations like the Campus Front of India, Rehab Foundation of India, Women's Front of India, National Confederation of Human Rights Organisations, Imams Council, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation Kerala were also banned.

Interestingly the political arm of the Popular Front of India, the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) has not yet been banned and it seems that the government is waiting for a report from the Election Commission of India.

The government while issuing the ban order stated that the organisation has links with international terror organisations and it was closely associated with terror outfits in Turkey as well as the LeT and the Hizbul.

It was involved in the killing of several RSS/ABVP leaders as well as SFI leader Abhimanyu who was stabbed to death at Maharajas College in Ernakulam, Kerala. Abhimanyu was a Dalit and a SFI and CPI-M leader and this debunks the claim of the Popular Front that it was for the uplift of the down-trodden and backward classes including Muslims, Dalits, and other marginalized groups.

Another of its aims is to oppose the RSS. Abhimanyu was a CPI-M man and a Dalit and this proves that the PFI was aiming for something



else and clearly, it is for an Islamist country. The PFI and SDPI leaders had openly stated that by 2047 they will rule India.

While discussing the PFI and its activities one has to go back a few decades to the emergence of this movement which has its roots in the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

In January 1986, graffiti appeared on the walls from Kasargod in North Kerala to Thiruvananthapuram in the South. It read, "India's liberation through Islam." The fonts used were similar; it was in black and white and the organisation behind it was the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

The organisation was formed at Aligarh Muslim University in April 1977. SIMI's avowed aim was to convert India into 'Dar-ul-Islam' (Land of Islam) by converting

everyone in the country to Islam either by persuasion or by violence.

SIMI was banned by the Union government in 2001 after the 9/11 incident in the United States. While the ban was lifted in 2008, the Supreme Court reinstated it in the same year on grounds of national security.

One of the founding members of SIMI, P.Koya, an Islamic ideologue and professor of English language in a government college of Kerala, was instrumental in forming the 'Nadapuram Defence Force' (NDF) after there were some issues with the CPI-M in Nadapuram, the CPI-M bastion in North Kerala.

There were killings and counter killings and the NDF became a feared organization in the area after it took up the Islamic cause and killed and maimed anyone who opposed it.

Later the Nadapuram Defence

Force changed its name to the National Development Front (NDF). The organization took up the issue of Islam and started to represent the rights of Muslims by gaining confidence in the community.

By 1997, the NDF floated a human rights arm and termed it the Confederation of Human Rights Organizations in which many former journalists were roped in with late Mukundan C. Menon, a former naxalite and journalist, heading it.

The NDF tried to make inroads into Kerala society by taking up the cause of Islam with Muslims being the 'victims'.

The bloodiest day in the history of the NDF was alleged to be the 2002 Marad massacre when eight Hindu fishermen were brutally hacked to death while they were resting at Marad beach in Kozhikode.

The Justice Thomas P. Joseph commission constituted by the Kerala government in its report stated that "activists of Muslim League and NDF, a Muslim outfit, were actively involved in the massacre."

It remains to be seen whether the ideology of the PFI will be wiped out with this ban. There are 50,000 active cadres and around 1,50,000 sympathisers of the organization and the ideology will likely survive.

# Kharge poised to be 2nd Cong prez from Karnataka

If elected, he will be the second AICC president from Karnataka after S Nijalingappa, and also a Dalit leader to hold the post after Jagjivan Ram



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Bangalore, Oct 1:** Popularly known as "Solillada Saradara" (a leader without defeat) in his home-State of Karnataka Mapanna Mallikarjun Kharge, who Friday filed nomination for the Congress' presidential polls, is a hardcore loyalist of the Gandhi family.

If elected, he will be the second AICC president from Karnataka after S Nijalingappa, and also a Dalit leader to hold the post after Jagjivan Ram.

A leader with more than 50 years of experience in politics, 80-year-old Kharge, who was elected MLA for nine times in a row, has seen a steady rise in his career graph from humble beginnings as a union leader in his home-district of Gulbarga, now Kalaburagi.

In 1969, he joined the Indian National Congress and went on to become president of the Gulbarga City Congress Committee.

That Kharge was unconquerable at the hustings was mirrored until 2014 Lok Sabha polls in which he bucked the Narendra Modi wave that swept Karnataka, particularly Hyderabad-Karnataka region, and had won from Gulbarga with a margin of over 74,000 votes.

He has won from Gurmalkal Assembly constituency nine times in a row before he plunged into the Lok Sabha poll arena in 2009 and has been a two-time MP from Gulbarga parliamentary segment.

However, in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls the veteran leader was defeated by BJP's Umesh Jadhav in Gulbarga by a margin of 95,452 votes. That was the first electoral loss in Kharge's political life spanning several decades.

A hardcore Congressman loyal to the Gandhi family, Kharge has played multiple roles in different ministries that have enriched his experience as an administrator.

He has also served as the Leader of the Opposition in Karnataka Assembly and at the central-level

as also in the party where he had served as KPCC chief during the 2008 Assembly polls.

Kharge, who was leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha from 2014 to 2019, could not become the Leader of Opposition as the grand old party could not get the post as its numbers were less than the mandated 10 per cent of the total number of seats in the Lower House.

He has served as Union Cabinet Minister-Labour and Employment, also Railways and Social Justice and Empowerment in the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government.

He had also held various portfolios in successive Congress governments that governed the State and was also president of Karnataka Congress and Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly.

In June 2020, he was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka, and is currently the 17th Leader of the Opposition in Upper House of Parliament succeeding Ghulam Nabi Azad in February last year.

He was several times seen as a top contender for the Chief Minister post in Karnataka, but could never occupy the post.

"Why do you keep saying Dalit again and again? Don't say that. I'm a Congressman," Kharge has said several times in the past, whenever the Dalit CM topic cropped up with him as the contender.

Sober by temperament and nature, Kharge has never landed in any major political trouble spot or controversy.

Born in a poor family at Varavatti in Bidar district, he did his schooling and BA as well as Law in Gulbarga. He was into legal practice for some time before plunging into politics.

He is a follower of Buddhism and is the founder-chairman of Siddharth Vihar Trust that has built the Buddha Vihar complex in Gulbarga.

# Will Shashi Tharoor's Antony 'Chettan' turn out to be his nemesis?



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 1:** With the dye now cast for the election to the post of Congress president and for sure from South India, all eyes are not on the presidential candidates - Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor, but on 81-year-old veteran leader AK Antony.

According to sources in the know of things, it was Antony who with his political acumen, managed to get the support of the G23 group in favour of the Gandhi family and got them to sign Kharge's nomination papers.

For Tharoor, Antony has always been 'Antony Chettan' (chettan in Malayalam means elder brother). Antony is now lock stock and barrel tied up with the Gandhi family which was more than evident when he remarked that Tharoor never mentioned his candidature to him.

The reason for Tharoor's strong stance is that he knows that the Nehru/Gandhi family happens to be the spinal cord of the party and any aberration to it will weaken the organisation.

He knows that, even though one reason why this political career got a huge boost was when he parted ways with Indira Gandhi and after his return to the party, a few years later, he realised that nothing should weaken the Gandhi family and since then has been its staunchest supporter.

Antony's Delhi visit a few days back that the official Congress candidate selection became easy and Kharge's name got the nod.

Moreover, it was another Keralite - AICC general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal who did the initial spadework and was able to get Antony on board for the final kill.

Though Tharoor sprang a surprise when he managed to get 15 leaders from various age groups and factions to ink his nomination paper from Kerala, with 9,100 voters to decide the new president, Kharge at the moment appears to be in pole position.

Tharoor, however, is no mood to relent as he knows that he has nothing to lose and everything to gain as he has started his journey to solicit votes and will first arrive in Mumbai.

But even though a huge majority of the voters have a soft corner for the Gandhi family, many among them are in a fix trying to decide whether an 80-year-old Kharge rejuvenates the party better and faster than the 66-year-old dynamic personality Tharoor.

It is being observed that the AICC voters in the below-50 age category are cheering for Tharoor and it is to be seen whether he emerges as a dark horse or a black sheep in the grand-old party.

Interestingly, even Antony's son also is rooting for Tharoor and that could be a sweet revenge of Tharoor to Antony Chettan.

# 'Ayush' projects worth ₹ 97.77cr in Kerala

AGENCIES

**Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 1:** Kerala Health Minister Veena George Saturday said developmental projects worth Rs 97.77 crore would be implemented in the 'Ayush' sector in the State this year.

Compared to the previous years, a three-fold increase has been made in the allocations to the sector, which comprises streams, including Ayurveda and Homeopathy, she said.

In addition to the existing 240 units as new projects, 280 new Ayush dispensaries would be up-

graded as "Aysuh Arogya Swasthya Kendras", the Minister said here in a statement.

A 50-bed Ayush-integrated hospital would be set up at Attappadi, one of the most backward tribal settlements, at a cost of Rs 15 crore, she said adding that similar integrated hospitals would be set up in Kottarakkara and Adoor by spending Rs 10.50 crore and Rs 7.5 crore respectively, George said.

Schemes worth Rs 5.25 crore have been given approval to make two Government Ayurvedic Medical Colleges and two homeopathic government medical colleges patient-friendly.

# Kerala govt to make anti-drug campaign part of curriculum

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 1:** In its battle on drug menace, the Kerala government has said it plans to start an anti-narcotic campaign as a part of the curriculum to create awareness on addiction among students.

Ahead of the launch of the awareness campaign October 2, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan met representatives of religious and community organisations here seeking their support to efforts to prevent the young from drug abuse.

During the meet, the Chief Minister said making the campaign a part of the curriculum was under consideration of the government, a CMO release said. All religious and communal organisations have expressed support to the campaign, the release said.

In the light of new methods being discovered for addiction, the Chief Minister said in addition to the anti-narcotic drive being carried out by the enforcement agencies of the government, public participation was essential to tackle the menace.

He appealed to the religious organisations to mobilise people in



great numbers for the campaign.

The Chief Minister urged such organisations to spread anti-drug messages on special occasions and to students attending Sunday schools, madrassas and other moral educational institutions.

"Everyone should come together without any prejudice to secure the future of the country and its children," he said.

Vijayan said counsellors would be appointed in the schools and efforts would be made to find teachers capable of addressing the drug menace. "If you see that any child under

the influence of drugs, you should inform the concerned people without concealing about the addiction. Victimised children should be encouraged to live with self-respect. Active participation of students and youth organisations will also be ensured in the fight against drugs," the Chief Minister said.

More de-addiction centres would be opened in the State, he said. Details of people providing information about drug addicts would be kept confidential.

He directed the artiste community, too, not to give a heroic colour to drug-users in any form of art.

# Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra energises Karnataka Cong

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Bangalore, Oct 1:** Unfazed by criticism that the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra is failing to resonate with people, Congress party workers in Karnataka are upbeat about the outcome of the 21-day padyatra being led by their leader Rahul Gandhi.

Once again, the Gandhi scion has displayed his negotiating skills by brokering peace between warring factions of state president D.K. Shivakumar and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah.

Candidature of Mallikarjun Kharge for the post of AICC chief has also created a favourable vibes across the oppressed communities, which are now with the BJP.

The response that the yatra is generating among the party workers and commoners is giving anxious moments to the ruling BJP, insiders say.

Rahul Gandhi's interaction with the families of the victims of the oxygen tragedy that claimed 24 lives in Chamarajanagar has also not gone unnoticed. Moved by the children's account of their lives without their fathers, the Congress leader empathetically assured government jobs to family members of the deceased has also touched people. Recalling the human tragedy, the organisers slammed the saffron party over its apathy for the victim families. They expressed their ire against the party for trying to brush the issue under the car-



pet and refusing to accept that oxygen shortage had led to the fatalities.

Videos of children recounting the trauma and emotional breakdown of the affected families during the interaction have gone viral on social media triggering a barrage of comments lambasting the BJP.

According to sources in Congress, the party which gained public attention with the PayCM campaign, offending the ruling BJP and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will go much more offensive in days to come. Deriding the Bharat Jodo

Yatra as "Bharat Todo yatra", chief minister Bommai has announced to embark on a state-wide tour with party old horse B.S. Yediyurappa immediately after Dussehra festivities.

With its mega event in Daddaballapur on the completion of one year term, the ruling party tried to get its roots in south Karnataka where Congress and regional party JD (S) dominate.

BJP which has never gained a simple majority in Karnataka in general assembly elections and managed to get to power only

through operation lotus, was hopeful of breaking the jinx and attaining simple majority.

Winning assembly seats in south Karnataka is crucial to attain the dream but the Bharat Jodo Yatra will prove to be a big roadblock to the saffron party according to political pundits.

However, byoued by the response, Rajya Sabha Member and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh has asserted the with the Yatra, the party will gain momentum like it managed to get with the victory of late former PM Indira Gandhi

in Karnataka's Chikkamagalur parliamentary constituency after the emergency.

Prithvi Reddy, President of Aam Aadmi Party in Karnataka, told IANS that the Congress has been the biggest strength of ruling BJP. The present mess in the state is not only the failure of ruling party BJP but has stemmed from the failure of the opposition party.

The ruling BJP which is blatantly corrupt asks the Congress party whenever it is questioned on corruption that how about you? When Shivakumar talks about corruption there are no takers. Congress has failed to raise people's issues, he explained.

On the pretext of Bharat Jodo Yatra, the Congress is actually trying to unite the party and hence it is a "Congress Jodo yatra". People of Karnataka are fed up with three parties, BJP, Congress and JD (S). The people don't see hope in the Congress party. The response from the people is also lukewarm, Prithvi Reddy explained.

Taking a dig at the grand-old party, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of regional party JD (S) said that he did not know when the country got divided for the Congress party to organise a Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The state is dogged by many crisis situations. Is it possible for the Congress party to resolve this crisis situation through the Bharat Jodo Yatra and PayCM campaign?, he wondered.



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## of the day quote

I have held several positions for the past 50 years with the blessings of the Gandhi family. Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi have showered their blessings on me. For me, it is not the position that matters, but what matters is how to strengthen the party. I will make every effort towards it

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## SHORT TAKES

### CRPF, ITBP get new chiefs

New Delhi: Senior IPS officers Sujay Lal Thaosan and Anish Dayal Singh have been appointed as the new directors general of the CRPF and ITBP respectively, a government order said Saturday. Thaosan, a 1988-batch officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, is working as the director general (DG) of the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and holding the additional charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. Anish Dayal Singh, also a 1988-batch officer (Manipur cadre), is currently serving as a special director in the Intelligence Bureau.

### Man kills wife

New Delhi: A man stabbed his wife to death in front of their nine-year-old daughter in Dwarka's Mohan Garden here, a police official said Saturday. According to the official, on Friday evening, they got a call regarding a fight between a couple and that wife was seriously injured. "On reaching the spot in Nawada Kakrola Housing Complex area, police found the woman lying in a pool of blood and the husband missing. Their nine-year-old daughter confirmed that there was a fight between the couple and in a fit of rage, her father stabbed her mother with a knife," the police said.

### Cocaine seized

New Delhi: The Mumbai zone of the NCB has busted an international drugs syndicate and arrested its two members including a Bolivian woman and a Nigerian national who were smuggling 'Black Cocaine' valued at Rs 13 crore, an official said Friday.

## No PUC certificate, no fuel in Delhi

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: Refuelling at petrol pumps in the national capital will not be possible without Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate from October 25, the AAP government said Saturday.

"In a bid to curb vehicular pollution, the government in Delhi has decided that petrol and diesel will not be provided without PUC certificate at petrol pumps in the national capital from October 25", Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said here.

Rai said that a notification in this regard will also be issued soon. He said that a meeting of officials from environment, transport and traffic departments was convened on September 29 to discuss the implementation and modalities where it was decided to go ahead with the plan from October 25.

The minister further said no proposal for odd and even is being considered by the Government this time. But, the government is focussing on GRAP formula which will be applicable on AQI basis.

He also said that the Delhi government will launch its 24x7 war room on October 3 to combat pollution and ensure effective and serious implementation of amended Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).



A view of a community Durga Puja pandal in Kolkata

PTI PHOTO

# Will the desert storm wipe out Cong?

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Jaipur, Oct 1: Will the desert storm wipe out the Congress in Rajasthan? Can the divided Congress infuse fresh energy in its demotivated workers? Will the party be able to beat the opposition which is already fragmented? Can it cash in on the divided opposition to change the trend persisting in the state since four decades where power gets shifted to alternate hands every five years?

These are the questions being discussed by the Congress as well as the opposition parties. The Congress workers are already fed up with discussing rebels, political camps, infighting and finally the party's future after the last four years since the Congress has been in power in Rajasthan. They agree that the party has failed to strengthen its presence at the booth level in these four years and the voters' trust in the Congress remains shaken, said a senior leader. The ongoing political crisis has hit the workers hard and they have lost trust in their leaders.

However, a ray of hope emerged after former deputy CM Sachin



Pilot spoke of returning the party to power in the 2023 polls after meeting Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi Thursday. "We need to discuss strategies to bring back our government, however no one is interested in thinking about it, but all seem interested in saving their chairs," said a senior leader.

It is because of these senior and selfish leaders that chief minister Ashok Gehlot had to say sorry in front of everyone in Delhi, said another leader. "We are glad that amid the ongoing crisis, someone used the word together" in these testing times. This word is sacrosanct

today as the party stands divided in three factions: there is one group loyal to the high command, another to CM Ashok Gehlot and a third to Sachin Pilot," he added.

Meanwhile, questions are being raised about the conduct of Assembly speaker CP Joshi who silently accepted the resignations of 92 Congress MLAs and is staying silent amid all this drama when the MLAs themselves are saying that they were made to resign forcefully.

The WhatsApp calls of all senior leaders are busy discussing if a new CM will come or if Gehlot will manage to hold on to his chair.

The million dollar question is, "Will the desert storm wipe out the Congress in Rajasthan?"

This is the question being discussed because the Gehlot camp MLAs are now questioning his right hand men, UDH Minister Shanti Dhariwal, PHED minister Mahesh Joshi and RTDC chairman Dharmendra Rathore on why they called an unofficial meeting parallel to the CLP meeting last Sunday. These are the three leaders who were issued show-cause notices on Sunday.

Now all are waiting for the decision of the high command on the CM face. There will be a ray of light, says Vedprakash Solanki from the Pilot camp who termed Dharmendra Rathore a 'Dalal' when he called Pilot a traitor. "We are ready to go for mid-term elections but we want CM Gehlot to remain our leader, says minister Parsadilali Lal Meena. We are with the high command, says Divya Maderna, grand-daughter of Parasram Maderna who could not become CM under similar conditions as are existing today. So with three factions in the party, all eyes are now on the high command.

## BRIJLAL NEW UP CONG CHIEF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Congress Saturday appointed Dalit leader Brijlal Khabri as its Uttar Pradesh unit chief and named six regional chiefs as part of efforts to revive its fortunes in the politically crucial state ahead of the 2024 general elections.

The appointments come months after Ajay Lallu resigned as the state unit chief following the party's crushing defeat in the 2022 Assembly polls. Congress president Sonia Gandhi appointed Khabri, a former BSP leader, as the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee president, along with naming Nasimuddin Siddiqui, Ajai Rai, Virendra Chaudhary, Nakul Dubey, Anil Yadav and Yogesh Dixit as regional chiefs in the state unit, a party statement said.

Party sources said that as part of its strategy to strengthen the organisation, the UP Congress has divided the entire state into six parts -- Paschim, Braj, Awadh, Bundelkhand, Prayag and Purvanchal -- on a politico-cultural basis.



National Secretaries have already been posted in every zone by party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Now each zone will have a president. The party has also sought to balance caste equations with the new appointments. The UP Congress has given a message to the Dalit society by appointing Khabri as its president. The regional heads include two Brahmins, a Muslim, a Bhumihar and two from backward castes, the sources said.

Chaudhary will head the Purvanchal region, Ajay Rai would head Prayag, Nakul Dubey Awadh, Anil Yadav (Etawa) Braj, Siddiqui will look after Paschim and Dixit after Bundelkhand, they said. Khabri quit the BSP in 2016 and joined the Congress. In March, Khabri's predecessor Lallu stepped down from the post of UP Congress president after the party bagged just two seats out of 403 in the Assembly polls despite an aggressive campaign by Vadra.

## PROFESSORS OF PRACTICE

# Varsities to hire experts as 10% faculty

The maximum duration of service at a given institution should not exceed three years, extendable by one year in exceptional cases, the guidelines said

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: Universities and higher education institutions will now be able to hire distinguished experts as faculty members under the "Professors of Practice (PoP) in Universities and Colleges" category for which formal

academic qualification and publication requirements will not be mandatory.

According to new guidelines notified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) Friday, experts from fields such as engineering, science, media, literature, entrepreneurship, social sciences, fine arts, civil services, and armed forces among others will be eligible to be hired under the category.

"Those who have proven expertise in their specific profession or role with at least 15 years of service or experience, preferably at a senior level, will be eligible for Professors of Practice. A formal academic qualification is not con-



sidered essential for this position if they have exemplary professional practice in lieu," read the guidelines.

PoP is a common practice across the world. PoPs, who are primarily non-tenured faculty members, are in vogue in many universities such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard University, Stanford University, SOAS

University of London, Cornell University, University of Helsinki to name a few.

In India too, PoPs are appointed at Indian Institutes of Technology in Delhi, Madras and Guwahati. According to the guidelines, the number of PoPs in a higher education institute (HEI), at any point in time, should not exceed 10 per cent of the sanctioned posts and be engaged in three categories -- funded by Industries, funded by HEIs from their own resources, and on honorary basis.

The maximum duration of service at a given institution should not exceed three years, extendable by one year in exceptional cases, the guidelines said.

# BOY SODOMISED IN DELHI, DIES



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: A 10-year-old boy who was sodomised by three of his minor friends, including a cousin, on September 18 in Delhi's Seelampur area, has passed away due to complications from his injuries. While two of the accused have been apprehended, the third is currently absconding.

Of the two apprehended, one was even produced before a Juvenile Justice Board. According to an official, although the incident took place on September 18, information was only received on September 22 from the LNJP Hospital that a boy aged around 10 years was admitted on account of major physical assault.

"Immediately, a police team reached the hospital and met with the parents of the child, but they refused to give any statement," Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast district) Sanjay Kumar Sain said. The DCP said that the family did not give a statement till September 24 while the Investigative Officer, to whom the call was marked, contacted them regularly.

On September 24, a counsellor from "Sakhi" was arranged by the police and counselling of the mother

'On extensive counselling, the mother of the child disclosed that on September 18 her son was physically assaulted and sodomised by his three friends,' the DCP said

of the injured child was done. "On extensive counselling, the mother of the child disclosed that three days back i.e. on September 18 her son was physically assaulted and sodomised by his three friends," the DCP said.

Accordingly, the police registered an FIR under section 377 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code read with section 6 of the POCSO Act and began probing the incident. During investigation, it emerged that the victim and the accused boys were neighbours and friends and they are of the same age category i.e. 10-12 years.

"One of the accused is in relation (cousin) to the victim. Also, they are from the same community and residents of New Seelampur Jhuggis," a senior official added. The incident was first brought to the light by Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chairperson Swati Maliwal.

Taking cognizance of the incident, Maliwal, in a notice to the Delhi Police, said the complainant has submitted that their child was gangraped on September 18 by three people who even "inserted a rod" in his private parts. The DCW chief demanded a detailed action report taken by the Delhi Police along with the copy of FIR.

# Indore declared 'cleanest city' for 6th time in a row

IN THE CATEGORY OF BEST PERFORMING STATES IN 'SWACHH SURVEKSHAN AWARDS 2022', MADHYA PRADESH HAS SECURED THE FIRST POSITION, FOLLOWED BY CHHATTISGARH AND MAHARASHTRA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the



sixth time in a row, while Surat and Navi Mumbai followed it on the next two spots in the Central government's annual cleanliness survey, the results of which were an-

nounced Saturday.

In the category of best performing states in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022', Madhya Pradesh has secured the first po-

sition, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Indore and Surat retained their top positions in the big cities category this year, while Vijaywada lost its third spot to Navi Mumbai.

Among the states having fewer than 100 urban local bodies, Tripura has bagged the top rank, according to the survey results. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday gave away the awards to the winners at an event here also attended by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and others.

In the category of cities having population fewer than one lakh, Maharashtra's Panchgani was ranked number one, followed by Chhattisgarh's Patan (NP) and Maharashtra's Karhad. Haridwar

was adjudged the cleanest Ganga town in the category of more than 1 lakh population, followed by Varanasi and Rishikesh.

Bijnor was ranked the first among Ganga towns with less than one lakh population. Followed by Kannauj and Garhmukhteshwar respectively. In to the survey, Maharashtra's Deolali was adjudged the country's cleanest Cantonment Board.

The 7th edition of Swachh Survekshan was conducted to study the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and rank the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) based on various cleanliness and sanitation parameters. The Survekshan has evolved from being an assessment of 73 cities in 2016 to covering 4,354 cities this year.

# international

## of the day quote

American liquefied natural gas suppliers should be celebrating the manifold increase in LNG supplies to Europe

The experiences and intergenerational trauma of these so-called schools continue to live on for Indigenous Peoples across the country every single day

Russia's mobilisation has exposed the mounting pressure the Kremlin is under as its armed forces show signs of increased weakness and frailty in the war in Ukraine

## SHORT TAKES

### Latest coup rocks Burkina Faso

**Ouagadougou:** As Islamic extremists intensified their attacks in Burkina Faso earlier this year, coup leader Lt Col Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba urged the West African nation's people to give him until September to improve things as interim president. A group of junior officers held him to just that Friday evening: calling his time up in a new coup launched on the last day of the month. Burkina Faso's new junta leadership announced on state television that it will effectively restart the clock on the road back to democracy, erasing much of the recent diplomacy between Burkina Faso and the West African regional bloc known as ECOWAS.

### US Army misses recruiting goal

**Washington:** The Army fell about 15,000 soldiers — or 25% — short of its recruitment goal this year, officials have confirmed, despite a frantic effort to make up the widely expected gap in a year when all the military services struggled in a tight jobs market to find young people willing and fit to enlist. While the Army was the only service that didn't meet its target, all of the others had to dig deep into their pools of delayed entry applicants, which will put them behind as they begin the next recruiting year Saturday.

### Pak Twitter handle withheld in India

**Islamabad:** Pakistan government's Twitter account has been withheld in India due to a "legal demand", the media reported. The account displayed a message that said: "@GovtofPakistan's account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand." In June, Pakistan media had reported that India blocked the flow of information by banning the official Twitter accounts of several Embassies, journalists and prominent personalities, under India's Information Technology Act, 2000.

### 19 killed, 32 hurt in Iran attack

**Dubai:** An attack by armed separatists on a police station in a southeastern city killed 19 people, including three members of Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported Saturday. The assailants in Friday's attack hid among worshippers near a mosque in the city of Zahedan and attacked the nearby police station, according to the report. The outlet said 32 Guard members, including volunteer Basiji forces, were also wounded in the clashes.



I recognise there has been disruption. But it was really, really important that we were able to get help to families as soon as possible – that help is coming this weekend

LIZ TRUSS | PRIME MINISTER, UK

## MAHATMA GANDHI AT UN

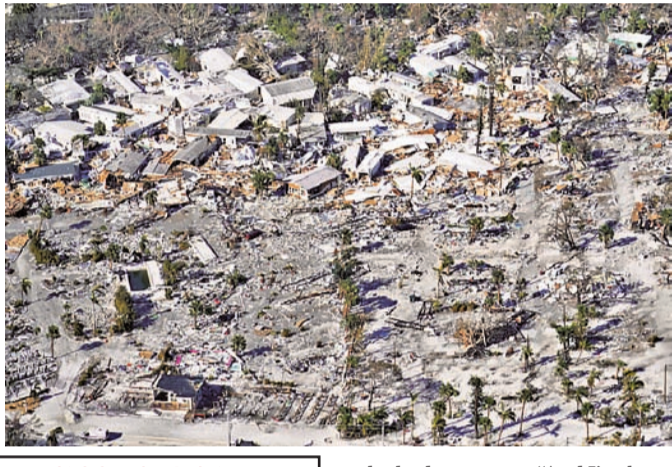
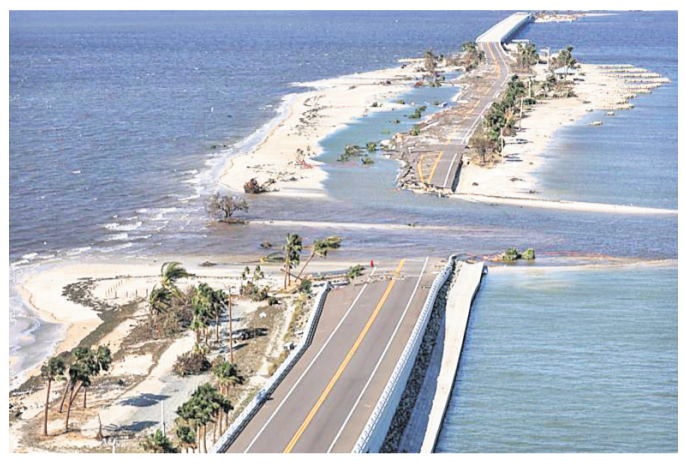
In a first, Mahatma Gandhi made a special appearance at the United Nations Trusteeship Council chamber with the message of holistic education. A holographic avatar of Gandhi was portrayed, to animate a discussion on 'Education for Human Flourishing' at the UN's observance of the International Day of Non-violence



## ONE OF STRONGEST, COSTLIEST US STORMS

# Florida, Carolinas count cost of Ian

Hurricane Ian left a broad swath of destruction in Florida, flooding areas on both of its coasts, tearing homes from their slabs, demolishing beachfront businesses and leaving more than 2 million people without power



REUTERS

**Charleston, Oct 1:** Florida, North and South Carolina were Saturday trying to recover from the destruction wrought by Hurricane Ian, after one of the most powerful storms ever to hit the US mainland caused tens of billions of dollars in damage and killed more than 20 people.

Ian, now a post-tropical cyclone, was weakening but still forecast to bring treacherous conditions to parts of the Carolinas, Virginia and West Virginia into Saturday morning, according to the National Hurricane Center.

"The dangerous storm surge, flash flooding and high wind threat continues," it said.

The storm struck Florida's Gulf Coast Wednesday, turning beach towns into disaster areas. On Friday, it pummeled waterfront Georgetown, north of the historic city of Charleston in South Carolina, with wind speeds of 85 mph (140 kph).

Roads were flooded and blocked by trees while a number of piers were damaged.

Around 1.7 million homes and businesses were without power in the Carolinas and Florida at 2:30 am ET (0630 GMT), according to tracking website PowerOutage.us.

Both the number of casualties and repair costs remain unclear, but the extent of the damage was becoming apparent as Florida entered its third day after Ian first hit.

There have been reports of at least 21 deaths, Kevin Guthrie, director of the state's Division of Emergency Management, said Friday morning, stressing that some of those remained unconfirmed.

Some 10,000 people were unaccounted for, he said, but many of them were likely in shelters or without power.

"Those older homes that just aren't as strong built, they got washed into the sea," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "If you are hunkering down in that, that is something that I think would be very difficult to be survivable."

Meanwhile, insurers braced for a hit of between \$28 billion and \$47 billion, in what could be the costliest Florida storm since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, according to US property data and analytics company CoreLogic.

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BIDEN DECLARED AN EMERGENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA SATURDAY

US President Joe Biden has approved a disaster declaration, making federal resources available to counties impacted by the storm.

"We're just beginning to see the scale of that destruction. It's likely to rank among the worst in the nation's history," he said.

### 'DEVASTATING'

The Florida city of Fort Myers, close to where the eye of the storm first came ashore, absorbed a major blow, with numerous houses destroyed. Offshore, Sanibel Island,

she had ever seen. "And I've been in hurricanes since I was a child!" said Chambers, who moved to New York as a teenager.

At a mobile home park on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach, trailers had been pushed together by the wind and water. A boat lay on its side at a local marina, where another boat had come to rest in a tree. Hundreds of miles north in Georgetown, residents were also trying to put their lives back together.

With a population of about 10,000, the town is a tourist destination known for its oak tree-lined streets and more than 50 sites on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was heavily damaged by Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

A city-commissioned report released in November 2020 found that about 90% of all residential properties were vulnerable to storm surge flooding.

her other training that involved Japan. North Korea views such military exercises by the allies as an invasion rehearsal and argues they reveal US and South Korean "double standards" because they brand the North's weapons tests as provocation.

On Saturday, South Korea, Japanese and US militaries said they detected the two North Korean missile launches. South Korea said the liftoffs occurred from North Korea's capital region.

## North Korea conducts 4th round of ballistic missile tests in 1 week

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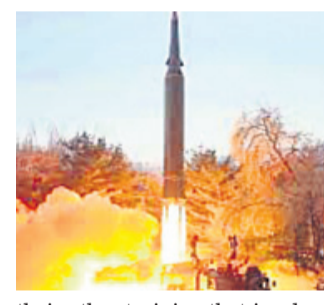
**Seoul, Oct 1:** North Korea Saturday test-fired two short-range ballistic missiles, its neighbors said, the fourth round this week of weapons launches that prompted quick, strong condemnation from its rivals.

In an unusually strong rebuke of North Korea's weapons programs, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said North Korea's "obsession" with nuclear weapons is deepening the suffering of its own people, and warned of an "overwhelming response" from South Korea and US militaries should such weapons be used.

"North Korea hasn't abandoned its obsession with nukes and missiles despite the persistent international objection in the past 30 years," Yoon said during an Armed Forces Day ceremony at the military headquarters in central South Korea. "The development of nuclear weapons will plunge the lives of North Korean people in further pains."

"If North Korea attempts to use nukes, it'll face a resolute, overwhelming response by the South Korea-US alliance and our military," Yoon said.

The North's testing spree this week is seen as a response to recent naval drills between South Korea and the United States and



## Pakistan death toll from historic flood nears 1,700

The threat of waterborne diseases is adding to the travails, making it one of the world's deadliest crises this year

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**Islamabad, Oct 1:** The death toll from the cataclysmic floods in Pakistan neared 1,700, officials said Saturday, a disaster that has displaced over 33 million and caused economic damages to the tune of \$40 billion, fanning fears that the cash-strapped country may not be able to meet its debt obligations.

At least 15 people have died in the last 24 hours, taking the toll to 1,693, with 12,865 being injured, according to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the chief national organisation tasked to deal with natural calamities.

Record monsoon rains and melting glaciers in northern mountains submerged nearly one-third of the country wiping off fertile agricultural lands, destroying property and putting more than 33 million or one-seventh of Pakistan's population



without access to food and water. The floods have destroyed 13,074 km of roads, 410 bridges and 2,045,349 while killing 1,160,078 livestock, according to the NDMA estimates. Till date, 81 districts across five of Pakistan's six provinces have been declared 'calamity hit' by the Pakistan government — with Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces being the worst hit.

## UKRAINE ANNEXATION

# Reckless Putin can't intimidate us: Biden

BIDEN SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT ANY EFFORT BY UKRAINE TO RETAKE THE ANNEXED TERRITORIES BY FORCE, SETTING THE STAGE FOR FURTHER HOSTILITIES



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**Washington, Oct 1:** The United States and its allies hit back at Russia's annexation of four Ukrainian regions Friday, slapping sanctions on more than 1,000 people and companies including arms supply networks as President Joe Biden warned Vladimir Putin he can't "get away with" seizing Ukrainian land.

The Russian annexation, though

## Russia withdraws troops from key city

**Kyiv:** After being encircled by Ukrainian forces, Russia pulled troops out Saturday from an eastern Ukrainian city that it had been using as a front-line hub. It was the latest victory for the Ukrainian counteroffensive that has humiliated and angered the Kremlin. Russia's withdrawal from Lyman complicates its internationally vilified move to annex four regions of Ukraine and paves the way for Ukrainian troops to potentially push further into land that Moscow now illegally claims as its own. Russia's Defense Ministry claimed to have inflicted damage on Ukrainian forces in battling to hold onto Lyman, but said outnumbered Russian troops were withdrawn to more favorable positions. The Russian announcement came soon after Ukraine's air force said it had moved into Lyman and the Ukrainian president's chief of staff posted photos of a Ukrainian flag being hoisted on the town's outskirts.

ritory and get away with it."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's announcement that Russia is incorporating four Ukrainian cities and areas was not unexpected following referendums this week that the West had denounced as shams. And the US and Western allies had previewed what their reaction would be.

But the developments dramatically increased tensions to a point not seen since the Cuban Missile Crisis 60 years ago during the Cold

War: Biden had spoken out against the annexation plans last week at the UN General Assembly, he used the moment to reiterate that the US and NATO allies would not allow Russia to attack any of the nearby NATO members without facing a strong military response.

"America is fully prepared, prepared with our NATO allies to defend every single inch of NATO territory. Every single inch," Biden said. "And so, Mr. Putin, don't misunderstand what I'm saying. Every inch."

## Flag raisings, burnings in Taiwan as some mark China's nat'l day

October 1 marks when Mao Zedong proclaimed the People's Republic of China in 1949, with the defeated Republic of China government fleeing to Taiwan at the end of that year and where it remains to this day, neither recognising the other

REUTERS

**Tainan, Oct 1:** Two small Taiwanese groups at far ends of the debate over relations with Beijing marked China's national day Saturday with flag raisings and flag burnings, very opposite responses at a time of rising tension over the Taiwan Strait.

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end of that year and where it remains to this day, neither recognising the other.

China's national day is not officially marked in any way in democratically-governed Taiwan, which celebrates its national day, the founding of the Republic of China, October 10.

But some small groups in Taiwan do mark China's national day, with either pride at being Chinese or fury at Beijing's threats against the island, especially after China staged war games near Taiwan in August.



In a rural part of Tainan in the south, the Taiwan People's Communist Party gathered about

200 people, mostly elderly, to sing China's national anthem and raise the country's flag on what the party

referred to in a news release as "a sacred part of China's territory".

Lin Te-wang, the chairman of the party which has no elected officials and is very fringe, told Reuters that China was no threat, despite the recent war games which were condemned by all of Taiwan's mainstream parties.

"Military exercises are good for Taiwan because they show the majesty of China's military force internationally," Lin, 67, said.

At the other end of the spectrum, the pro-independence Taiwan State building Party burned a Chinese flag Saturday on a boat off Taiwan's south coast in an area of the sea where China staged its August drills, shouting slogans including "protect Taiwan to the death".

Party Chairman Chen Yi-chi

told Reuters on the boat in the Taiwan Strait that burning the flag was not provocative.

"How can burning the flag be extreme? If you want to show your resistance to defending Taiwan now, if burning the flag is extreme, what will you do when the artillery fire comes?"

China considers Taiwan to be part of the People's Republic, over the strenuous objections of the government in Taipei, which says Beijing has no right to claim it or speak for the Taiwanese people.

In Beijing, crowds of spectators watched a 96-member honour guard raise the Chinese flag on Tiananmen Square in the heart of the capital. There were no parades or other public events after authorities called on the public to avoid holiday travel.

# business

## of the day quote

With a huge unsatiated appetite for freedom of exit, the insolvency law is changing the way society perceives business failures and striving to build confidence among creditors



**ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA** | CHIEF, COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

We are at an exciting stage in the market wherein demand and supply are ramping up. Tech companies and flex operators together accounted for about 50 per cent of the total demand during the first three quarters this year



**RAMESH NAIR** | CEO, COLLIERIES INDIA

Majority of organisations have pivoted rapidly toward a digital-centric modus operandi to adapt to new ways of operating, working, and selling products and services amid various disruptions



**ESTELLE QUEK** | SENIOR RESEARCH MANAGER, CLOUD SERVICES

## SHORT TAKES

### Deadline for filing tax audit extended

**New Delhi:** The income tax department has extended the due date for filing tax audit report for fiscal 2021-22 by 7 days till October 7. "On consideration of difficulties faced by the taxpayers and other stakeholders in the filing of various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2022-23, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date for filing of various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2022-23, which was September 30, 2022, to October 7, 2022," an official statement said Friday night. Under the income tax act, those taxpayers who need to get their accounts audited by a chartered accountant are required to file the tax audit report with the I-T department by September 30.

### NTPC clocks 15.1% growth in output

**New Delhi:** State-run power giant NTPC said it has logged 15.1 per cent growth in power generation at 203.5 billion units (BU) during April-September 2022. The high generation growth indicates improved performance and an increase in demand for power in the current year, it added. "NTPC group companies recorded a generation of 203.5 BU from April to September 2022, registering an increase of 15.1% from 176.8 BU generated in April to September 2021," the company said in a statement. NTPC Rihand (3,000 MW) in Uttar Pradesh was the top performing thermal power plant with 90.22 per cent Plant Load Factor (PLF or capacity utilisation) between April to September 2022.

### UPI transactions up over 3% in Sept

**New Delhi:** UPI transactions grew by over 3 per cent to 6.78 billion in September from a month ago, data from NPCI showed Saturday. In August 2020, the total number of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) based digital financial transactions stood at 6.57 billion (657 crore). In value terms, 6.78 billion (678 crore) transactions in last month corresponds to transactions worth ₹11.16 lakh crore, up from ₹10.73 lakh crore in August, as per the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) data. In July, India processed 6.28 billion UPI transactions worth ₹10.62 lakh crore. UPI is becoming a preferred mode among users and it is simple to use, fast and a secure payment method.



**We cannot afford to lose sheen of IBC (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India). We cannot have stress signals go unnoticed**

**NIRMALA SITHARAMAN** | UNION MINISTER

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS

India's unemployment rate has drastically dropped to 6.43 per cent in September due to an increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). During August, India's unemployment rate surged to a one-year high of 8.3 per cent as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million



# Sept GST mop-up at ₹1.47trn

**WITH THE FESTIVE SEASON COMING UP, THE GST COLLECTIONS CAN FURTHER BE EXPECTED TO GO UP IN THE COMING MONTHS**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Oct 1:** GST collections remained above ₹1.40 lakh crore for the seventh month in a row at ₹1.47 lakh crore in September, a 26 per cent increase over last year, reflecting buoyancy in tax collection and stability of the GST portal, the finance ministry said Saturday.

"The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September 2022 is ₹1,47,686 crore, of which Central GST is ₹25,271 crore, State GST is ₹31,813 crore, Integrated GST is ₹80,464 crore (including ₹41,215 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹10,137 crore (including ₹856 crore collected



**G**ST collections rise 26% in September YoY

**C**ollections above ₹1.40trn for the 7th month in a row

**S**ept witnessed the second highest single day collection

**With the pandemic behind us, further reduction in e-invoicing threshold from October 1, 2022 and the recent amendments to extend year-end compliance due dates, we expect the last quarter of 2022 to witness even higher collections**

**MAHESH JAISING** | PARTNER, LEADER (INDIRECT TAX), DELOITTE INDIA

on import of goods," it said.

The GST collections had touched a record ₹1.67 lakh crore in April, while in August it was over ₹1.43 lakh crore.

The revenues for the month of September 2022 were 26 per cent higher than those recorded in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods were 39 per cent higher, while from domestic transaction (in-

cluding import of services) the mop-up was 22 per cent more than the amount collected from these sources in the year-ago month.

The growth in GST revenue till September 2022 over the same period last year is 27 per cent, thus continuing to display very high buoyancy.

In August 2022, a total of 7.7 crore e-way bills were generated, which was marginally higher than

## Sebi tightens IPO disclosure norms

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**Mumbai, Oct 1:** Sebi Friday decided to tighten IPO disclosure norms, bring mutual fund transactions under insider trading rules ambit, introduce new option for appointment of independent directors and modify the Offer For Sale (OFS) framework.

Besides, easing the open offer price calculation for PSU divestments and facilitating online bond platform providers were among the proposals approved by the board of Sebi during its meeting held here.

The watchdog has decided to tighten disclosure norms for companies going for initial public offers, insisting that they should share more details on pricing. These include the requirement for disclosures about the price at which the institutional investors have bought shares going back to up to 18 months before the Initial Public Offering (IPO).

The new norms, which follow heavy erosion of investor wealth in recent IPOs like Paytm and Zomato that led to concerns about the offer prices, will be applicable for all issuances.

Against the backdrop of the Franklin Templeton episode that had rattled many mutual fund investors, Sebi has cleared a proposal to bring buying and selling of mutual fund units under the ambit of insider trading rules.

A proposal for the introduction of a new option for appointment and removal of independent directors from the boards of companies has been cleared by the regulator.

Once the amended rules are in place, the appointment and removal of independent directors could be done by way of two parameters -- threshold for ordinary resolution and threshold for majority of minority shareholders.

Meanwhile to bring in more flexibility in the OFS framework, the watchdog will modify the relevant norms, including doing away with the minimum shareholding requirement for non-promoter shareholders.

## BIZ BUZZ

### Reliance Jewels re-launches Janpath showroom

**Bhubaneswar:** Reliance Jewels Saturday re-launched its flagship showroom at Janpath, Bhubaneswar. This is one of its top performing and oldest showrooms till date. Sunil Nayak, CEO Reliance Jewels and renowned Odia actress Elina Samantray were present at the re-launch of the flagship showroom. This premium flagship showroom with a mesmerising new interior and a completely dazzling new look is all set to elevate the new jewellery shopping experience in Janpath, Bhubaneswar. The new revamped showroom will treat its patrons with new designs that spell grandeur and will also showcase exclusive Gold & Diamond collection. The customers can avail up to 25% off on Gold Jewellery making & Diamond Jewellery Invoice. It's that time of the year when diyas meet dazzle and dazzle meets delight, to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Reliance Jewels will be giving Free Gold Coins for first 100 customers & Free Silver Coins for first 500 customers in their new revamped showroom in Janpath, Bhubaneswar. To make this Diwali and the re-launch grander, Reliance Jewels brings to their customers the new Mahalaya Collection. Sharing his thoughts on the re-launch of the showroom, Reliance Jewels CEO Sunil Nayak said, "We are extremely happy to have re-launched our flagship showroom in Janpath, Bhubaneswar. I would like to invite everyone from the beautiful city, Bhubaneswar to come, be a part of the Reliance Jewels family and experience the exclusive showcase of jewellery we have curated specially for all of you. Jewellery is a creative expression of one's individuality and style. We at Reliance Jewels have a wide array of jewellery collections to cater to the unique needs of our customers from formal, contemporary, traditional to everyday wear across price range and styles with the promise of quality assurance and purity of a national jewellery brand."



## ATF price cut by 4.5%, commercial LPG ₹25.5

*This is the sixth reduction in price of commercial LPG since June, in step with softening international energy prices*

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**New Delhi, Oct 1:** Jet fuel (ATF) price Saturday was slashed by 4.5 per cent and that of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants by ₹25.5 per 19-kg cylinder.

The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder was cut to ₹1,859.50 in the national capital from ₹1,885, according to a price notification from state-owned fuel retailers.

In all, rates have come down by ₹494.50 per 19-kg cylinder. However, rates of LPG used in household kitchens for cooking purposes remained unchanged at ₹1,053 per

14.2-kg cylinder.

This because the rates of domestic cooking gas were way lower than cost and now with a drop in international prices, they are at breakeven, industry sources said.

Commercial LPG rates, on the other hand, have largely been aligned with cost and so they have moved in tandem with rise and fall in international prices.

Simultaneously, the rates of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) were cut marginally by 4.5 per cent. Jet fuel price was cut by ₹5,521.17, or 4.5 per cent, to ₹115,520.27 per kl in the national capital.

Rates differ from state to state depending on incidence of local taxes.

While commercial LPG rates are revised once a month, ATF prices are changed every fortnight. There was no change in jet fuel prices September 16. Prior to that, they were cut marginally by 0.7 per cent September 1.

## SMOOTH CHIP SUPPLIES

# Auto sales on ascending track

*The industry registered an on-year increase of 91%, enabling the second quarter sales to cross the 10-lakh sales mark*

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Oct 1:** Robust festive demand coupled with better production due to easing of semiconductor supplies helped the domestic passenger vehicle industry post its best-ever monthly sales performance in September.

The industry volumes in September stood at 3,55,946 units, registering an year-on-year increase of 91 per cent, enabling the second quarter sales to cross the 10-lakh sales mark.

Leading automakers Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors were able to improve their dispatches to dealers last month on the back of improved production with the easing of chip shortage situation.



The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said its total domestic passenger vehicle wholesales stood at 1,48,380 units last month as compared to 63,111 units in September last year.

Rival Hyundai Motor India reported domestic wholesales of 49,700 units last month, 50 per cent more than 33,087 units sold in September 2021.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Managing Director Shailesh Chandra said the company attained

its highest ever monthly sales of 47,654 last month led by record sales of Nexon and Punch.

Similarly, Kia India also reported its best-ever sales performance last month with dispatches of 25,857 units to dealers.

Japanese carmaker Honda Cars India said its domestic wholesales increased by 29 per cent to 8,714 units last month as compared with 6,765 units in September 2021.

Similarly Toyota Kirloskar Motor reported a 66 per cent increase in wholesales last month at 15,378 units. The Bangalore-based automaker had dispatched 9,284 units to its dealers in September 2021.

Similarly, Skoda Auto India said its sales increased by 17 per cent to 3,543 units in September.

# Musk unveils Tesla humanoid robot; waves but can't walk, yet

*Tesla's push to design and build mass-market robots that would also be tested by working jobs in its factories sets it apart from other manufacturers that have experimented with humanoid robots*

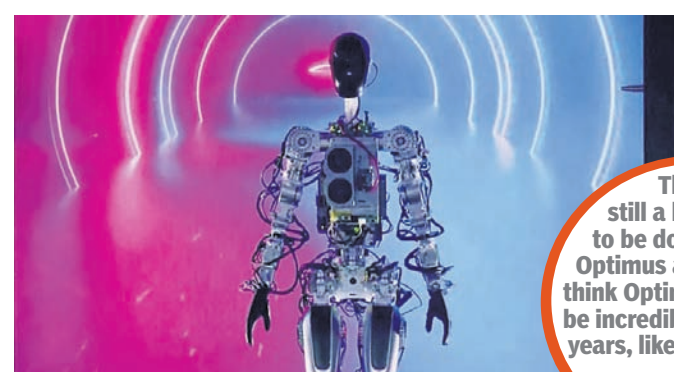
REUTERS

**San Francisco, Oct 1:** Tesla CEO Elon Musk showed off Friday a prototype of its humanoid robot 'Optimus', predicting the electric vehicle maker would be able to produce millions and sell them for under \$20,000 - less than a third of

the price of a Model Y.

Musk said he expected Tesla would be ready to take orders for the robot in three to five years, and described an effort to develop the product over a decade or more, the most detailed vision he has provided to date on a business he has said could be bigger than Tesla's EV revenue.

The eagerly awaited reveal of prototype robots at Tesla's office in Palo Alto, California was also part of what Musk has described as an effort to have Tesla seen as a leader in fields like artificial intelligence, not just a company that makes "cool cars." An experimental test robot that Tesla said was developed in February walked out to wave at the crowd Friday, and Tesla showed a video of it doing simple



tasks, such as watering plants, carrying boxes and lifting metal bars at a production station at the company's California plant.

But a more streamlined current one, which Musk said was closer to what he hoped to put into production,

the ability to solve problems on their own. By contrast, he said, Optimus would be an "extremely capable robot" that Tesla would aim to produce in the millions.

Other automakers, including Toyota Motor and Honda Motor, have developed humanoid robot prototypes capable of doing complicated things like shooting a basketball, and production robots from ABB and others are a mainstay of auto manufacturing.

But Tesla is alone in pushing the market opportunity for a mass-market robot that could also be used in factory work.

**There's still a lot of work to be done to refine Optimus and prove it. I think Optimus is going to be incredible in five or 10 years, like mind blowing**

**ELON MUSK** | CEO, TESLA

The next-generation Tesla bot will use Tesla-designed components, including a 2.3-kWh battery pack carried in its torso, a chip system and actuators to drive its limbs. The robot is designed to weigh 73 kg.

By developing a robotics business, Musk said, Tesla is shifting the terms of a well-known mission statement that has become part of its appeal to investors and climate activists by committing to "accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy."

"Optimus is not directly in line with accelerating sustainable energy," Musk said. "I think the mission does somewhat broaden with the advent of Optimus to - you know, I don't know: making the future awesome."

# Jemimah, bowlers script win

INDIAN WOMEN BEGIN ASIA CUP CAMPAIGN WITH THUMPING 41-RUN VICTORY OVER SRI LANKA

AGENCIES

**Sylhet (Bangladesh), Oct 1:** Jemimah Rodrigues (76, 53b, 11x4, 1x6) played the role of an enforcer to perfection with a career-best knock in T20Is before the bowlers produced a clinical display to power India to a 41-run win against Sri Lanka in their women's Asia Cup opener here Saturday.

Riding on the knock by Rodrigues the Women in Blue posted 150 for six wickets on a pitch where batters struggled due to low bounce. The Indian bowlers then struck at regular intervals to bowl Sri Lanka out for 109 in 18.2 overs.

India were not off to the best of starts after being asked to bat losing Smriti Mandhana (10) and Shafali Verma (6) early. But Rodrigues, who is coming off a wrist injury, was in control from the beginning, timing the ball to perfection. She and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (33, 30b, 2x4, 1x6) added 92 runs for the third wicket to steady the ship and put India in a position of command. Rodrigues took the attack to the Sri Lankan bowlers with some brilliant stroke play.

However, with the dismissal of Rodrigues and Kaur in quick succession, the Sri Lankan bowlers staged a comeback in the death overs. Oshadi Ranasinghe (3/22) was the best bowler for the Sri Lankans.

Chasing 151, Sri Lanka lost wickets at regular intervals and were reduced to 61 for five in the 11th over



**IN FINE NICK:** Jemimah Rodrigues drives during her match-winning knock against Sri Lanka, Saturday

and the match by then had slipped out of their grasp. The Indian spinners did the maximum damage.

Dayalan Hemlatha (3/15) was the pick of the Indian bowlers and was well-supported by Deepti Sharma (2/15) and Pooja Vastrakar (2/12). Despite a late assault by Hasini Perera (30), the Lankans could not break free of the shackles created by the Indian spinners.

Rodrigues said after the game that preparations in Bangalore ahead of the tournament had helped. The 22-year-old right-handed batter, had missed the recent England series with a wrist injury.

"The wicket was tricky, it kept on the lower side, initially it was not turning, but then it turned. But I had prepared well for this, even in Bangalore I asked for slower and turning wickets. That preparation really helped me here," Rodrigues said after the match.

Rodrigues said she was eager to play after not touching the bat for six weeks (due to injury). "It was tough not doing the thing I love and seeing everyone else do it. But everyone helped me, my parents, coaches and my trainers, I want to thank them. Nothing like coming back and playing for India," said

Rodrigues, who was adjudged the player of the match.

Kaur said her team was 20 runs short but felt it was a learning process. "We did not start off well while bowling, but some crucial run-outs and we kept getting wickets at regular intervals and that helped," Kaur said.

**Brief scores:** India 150 for 6 (Jemimah Rodrigues 76, Harmanpreet Kaur 33, Oshadi Ranasinghe 3/22) beat Sri Lanka 109 all out in 18.2 overs (Hasini Perera 30, Dayalan Hemlatha 3/15, Deepti Sharma 2/15, Pooja Vastrakar 2/12) by 41 runs.

# SKY IN ICC'S ELITE LIST

Cricket body names 5 players who can make a huge impact in T20 WC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Dubai, Oct 1:** The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named charismatic India middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav among five shortlisted players who it feels will shine during the T20 World Cup in Australia beginning October 16. Suryakumar, who is now being popularly referred to as SKY, has been a revelation for India this year. It can easily be said that the 32-year-old right-hand batter has emerged as arguably the most vital player in Rohit Sharma's side for the showpiece event Down Under.

Suryakumar had a forgettable T20 World Cup in the UAE last year, getting just four appearances and managing 42 runs from his three knocks. However, he has turned a corner this year, emerging as the No.2 T20I batter in the world in the latest ICC rankings. With his string of fine scores in 2022, Suryakumar has become the highest run-scorer for India in a calendar year in T20Is. With 732 runs, an average of 40.66 and a strike rate of 180.29 this year, SKY went past Shikhar Dhawan's 689 runs in 2018. He was in fine nick Wednesday during the opening T20I against South Africa at Thiruvananthapuram. He smashed another unbeaten half century to script a comfortable eight-wicket win for India.

Besides the Indian batter, the ICC has also shortlisted Australian opener David Warner, Sri Lankan all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga, England skipper Jos Buttler and



**GEARING UP:** Suryakumar Yadav trains Saturday at the stadium in Guwahati ahead of the second India-South Africa T20 game

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Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan among its five players who could hog the limelight in the T20 World Cup.

In Warner's case, only Pakistan skipper Babar Azam had scored more runs than the Australian in the 2021 World Cup in the UAE. With the benefit of playing on his home turf, Warner could emerge as the star of the tournament. The batting stalwart hit three half centuries last year's tournament

and his 289 runs at a strike rate of almost 150 was among the best for the leading players.

Hasaranga has shown his ability to save his best performances for the big occasion and he could help Sri Lanka dominate in Australia. Hasaranga claimed the most wickets (16) in the 2021 edition of the tournament and backed up that performance by finishing Sri Lanka's victorious Asia Cup campaign recently as the 'Player of the Tournament'.

## SHORT TAKES

### ROSY STEALS SHOW

**Gandhinagar:** Pole vaulter Rosy Meena Paulraj of Tamil Nadu turned out to be the unlikely star of the athletics competition in the National Games as she shattered the national record en route to winning the gold here Saturday. The 24-year-old Rosy cleared 4.20m to go past VS Surekha's earlier national mark of 4.15m set in 2014. In men's long jump, Jeswin Aldrin also of Tamil Nadu, beat CWG silver medalist Murali Sreeshankar of Kerala for the gold in a high-quality competition to qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships. Aldrin jumped 8.26m in his sixth and last attempt to win the gold.

### SHUTTLERS LOSE

**Ho Chi Minh:** The Indian mixed doubles pair of N Sikki Reddy and Rohan Kapoor suffered a straight game loss in the semifinals of the Vietnam Open Super 100 badminton tournament here Saturday. The unseeded Indian pair lost 16-21, 14-21 to top-seeded Indonesian combination of Rehan Naufal Kusharjanto and Lisa Ayu Kusumawati in a 37-minute contest. The defeat brought the curtains down on India's campaign at the tournament. Such was the dominance of the Indonesian pair that the Indians failed to take the lead for a single time in the match. The closest Sikki and Kapoor came was when the score was 15-16 in the first game in favour of the Indonesians.

### ADVANI QUALIFIES

**Kuala Lumpur:** India's leading cueist Pankaj Advani has qualified for the knockout stage of the World 6-Red Snooker Championships after registering wins in all group matches here. Advani defeated Mohamed Emeesh of Libya 4-0 in the morning session, before getting the better off Enkhtuvshin Bat-Ochir of Mongolia 4-1 in the evening session on the opening day of the competition Friday. The Indian then beat Loh Chung Leong of Malaysia 4-2 Saturday in another Group B match. Advani won 34-26, 37-01, 24-38, 19-47, 32-20, 41-10 in a close contest against the Malaysian.

### BAYERN TRIUMPH

**Munich:** Jamal Musiala starred as Bayern Munich ended their four-game winless run beating Bayer Leverkusen 4-0 as the Bundesliga returned from the international break Friday. The 19-year-old Musiala was involved in all three of the first half goals. The scorers for Bayern were Leroy Sane (third), Musiala (17th), Sadio Mane (39th) and Thomas Muller (84th). Bayern were dominant all through the match and except for a chance in the second half which was saved by Manuel Neuer, Leverkusen did not have a clear look at the opposition goal.

AGENCIES

# Prannoy eyes title at BWF Tour Finals

SHUTTLE WORKING HARD TO REGAIN SPOT IN TOP 10 RANKINGS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Surat, Oct 1:** Star India shuttler HS Prannoy has set his sights on the season-ending World Tour Finals, but said he will have to hone his skills to ensure that he doesn't falter at the business end of the remaining tournaments. One of the most consistent players in the international circuit this season, Prannoy has consistently reached the quarters and semifinals this season but a title has still eluded him.

The 30-year-old from Kerala recently replaced Tokyo Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark at the top of the latest men's singles HSBC Race To Guangzhou rankings. He is leading with 58,090 points, having participated in 13 tournaments on the BWF World Tour this year. Players in the top eight qualify for the year-ending World Tour Finals scheduled to be held from December 14 to 18 in Guangzhou.

"My focus would be the World Tour Finals. There are quite a few tournaments before that. I hope to

produce winning results in those," Prannoy said after guiding Kerala to a 3-1 win over Assam in the mixed team quarterfinals of the National Games here. "I have to be consistent. I would like to get into a good rhythm before the World Tour Finals. I'm happy with my results over the last year, but I need to be consistent," the shuttler added.

A former World No. 8, Prannoy had slipped out of the top 20 after enduring a tough phase plagued with health issues and a slump in form. Now however, he is back in the top 15. However, Prannoy said that his aim is to get back into the top 10. "I would like to get into the top 10 and preferably top five as I would get a better draw. I also need to work on my game so that I should go beyond the semifinals. That is my priority now," Prannoy said.

Prannoy has been in good form since helping India win their maiden Thomas Cup title in May this year. His best came when he made it to the final of the Swiss Open. He also had two semifinal appearances in the Malaysia Masters and Indonesia Open.



# Gunners shoot down Spurs

LIVERPOOL HELD BY BRIGHTON IN THRILLING 3-3 ENCOUNTER



**STAR PERFORMER:** Gabriel Jesus scored the 2nd goal for Arsenal against Spurs

AGENCIES

**London, Oct 1:** Arsenal underlined their credentials as genuine contenders for the Premier League title with an impressive 3-1 win Saturday over 10-man Tottenham in a bruising north London derby. Mikel Arteta's side made it seven wins from eight league games this season as they moved four points clear at the top of the table. The 192nd meeting between these

bitter rivals from opposite ends of the Seven Sisters Road was a typically frenetic occasion from the moment Thomas Partey put Arsenal ahead early in the first half. Harry Kane equalised from the spot, but third-placed Spurs imploded after the interval as Hugo Lloris's mistake allowed Gabriel Jesus to restore Arsenal's lead.

Spurs' defender Emerson Royal was sent off for an ugly foul on Gabriel Martinelli before Granit

Xhaka's goal ensured Arsenal would avenge the 0-3 defeat against their hated neighbours last season that cost them a Champions League place.

Arsenal have now lost just once in 30 home league games against the Spurs. Their only previous match against a top-four rival this season ended in a 1-3 defeat at Manchester United, but this dynamic performance showed they must be taken seriously in the title race.

In other matches played on the day, Liverpool were held to a thrilling 3-3 draw at Anfield by Brighton. A brilliant hat-trick by Leandro Trossard of Brighton ensured that Liverpool's slow start to the season continued.

Liverpool fell behind 0-2 within the first 17 minutes of the game as Trossard scored twice. However, Roberto Firmino's strikes on either sides of the interval brought the Reds back on level terms. Then Liverpool went ahead through an own goal by Brighton's Adam Webster. Just when it looked that Liverpool would get all three points, Trossard again struck six minutes from time to ensure a point for Brighton.

Chelsea secured a thrilling 2-1 victory over Crystal Palace with Conor Gallagher getting the winner in the last minute of scheduled time. The Blues had fallen behind early with Odsone Edoardo scoring for Palace in the seventh minute. However, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored in the 38th minute to bring back Chelsea on level terms before Gallagher got the winner.

# 3 from Odisha named in squad

Core probables for FIH Pro League games announced

AGENCIES

**Bangalore, Oct 1:** Three players from Odisha have found a place in the 33-member men's core probable group announced by Hockey India (HI) for the FIH Pro League

season-opening matches starting October 28. The players from Odisha are Amit Rohidas, Dipsan Tirkey and Nilam Sanjeev Xess. HI has named Manpreet Singh as the captain of the team.

The players have been asked to report Monday to the SAI Centre in Bangalore for a national camp ahead of FIH matches against New Zealand and Spain at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. "The FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 will give us insights into the areas that require work ahead of the Men's Hockey World Cup," chief

coach Graham Reid said.

"The matches against Spain and New Zealand are important for us and the players are excited about the upcoming months of hockey. We have chosen some fresh names in the core group who have shown great potential and are eager to perform when given a chance," Reid added.

India play New Zealand October 28 and November 4 and face Spain October 30 and November 6. The team will reach Bhubaneswar October 21 after a three-week camp.

Reid also pointed out that the Pro League games will help the team identify their mistakes and work on those. "Both Spain and New Zealand are tough teams, so they will be good tests for us. The matches will certainly help us identifying our weaknesses and work on those," Reid said.

# Mystery deepens over Bumrah's back injury

AGENCIES

**Guwahati, Oct 1:** It may be unsettled after an unexpected injury to Jasprit Bumrah but the Indian team would aim to continue their winning run and complete a rare home-series win against South Africa when the two sides clash in the second T20 International, here Sunday. However, more than anything else, discussions over Jasprit Bumrah's back injury has taken centre stage. Bumrah was expected to play a

key role in Indian team's campaign in the Australian conditions but his 'back stress fracture' has ruled him out of the ICC flagship event.

India head coach Rahul Dravid is not ready to rule out Bumrah so quickly. "We are awaiting the official confirmation on the next steps. As of now, he's officially ruled out of this (South Africa) series. Dravid told reporters here. Stress fractures normally take three to six months to heal, but Dravid said he is still 'hopeful' about Bumrah.

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** The Odisha women's cricket team started their campaign Saturday on a disastrous note in the BCCI Under-19 domestic T20 tournament going down to their Punjab counterparts by six wickets in a game played at the DVR Stadium in Vijaywada. The Punjab team completely outplayed the Odisha eves in all the three departments of the game.

Choosing to bat first after winning the toss, Odisha could only score 103 for the loss of nine wickets in their 20 overs against some tight bowling by Punjab.

Alipsa Biswal (34, 46b, 3x4) top-scored for Odisha, but was guilty of playing too many dot balls, a luxury that is not meant for T20 cricket. Had it not been for Tanmayee Behera's (30, 19b, 4x4) scintillating knock, Odisha wouldn't have gone past the 100-run mark. Muskan Sogi (4/18) was the pick of the Punjab bowlers.

Punjab were never under pres-

sure and cruised to victory scoring 105 for the loss of four wickets in 18.3 overs. Ashmin Kaur (30) and Vanshika Mahajan (24 n o) batted well for the winners. Bhabani Dhada (1/16) and SB Lawrence (1/18) bowled well for Odisha, but that did not help.

### MEN GO DOWN TAMELY

In a preparatory game played at the Jadavpur University ground in Kolkata, the Odisha men's senior probables team suffered a 10-wicket defeat against Bengal. Batting first, the Odisha men were dismissed for 118 in 18.5 overs. Ashirwad Swain (42, 37b) was the only batter to offer some resistance. Sujit Kumar Yadav (4/14) and Akash Deep (2/21) bowled well for Bengal.

The hosts reached the victory target in a canter needing only 11.4 overs to do the same. Ranjit Khaira (63 n o, 32b) was the star performer and he was well-supported by Abhishek Das (49 n o, 42b). None of the Odisha bowlers could make an impression on the two Bengal openers.

# India bag 2 golds at cadet chess WC



Girls' team coach Aparajita Gochhikar with the winners of the gold medals

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 1:** The World Cadets Chess Championships 2022 was held September 15 to September 28 in Batumi, Georgia. The tournament was conducted for players in the age groups of Under-8, U-10 and U-12 (all categories were for Open and Girls). India were represented by 25 players while the total number of participants in the event was 747.

AFM Subhi Gupta won the gold medal in the U-12 girls' segment while Charvi A finished with the yellow metal in the under-8 girls' event. Among the boys, AFM Safin Safarulla Khan won the bronze in the under-8 open category.

Accompanying the team as coach of the girls' squad was Odisha's Candidate Master Aparajita Gochhikar. The boys' team was coached by SC Subramanian of Tamil Nadu. In overall medal tally, Russia, playing under the FIDE flag, finished on top with two golds, one silver and one bronze medal.