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Actor Radhika Apte says long distance marriage can be made successful by giving each other freedom LEISURE





IRAN ON THE BOIL

Iranian security forces intensify crackdown on anti-government protests in several **Kurdish cities**

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Team India open their FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup campaign against a mighty USA side at Kalinga Stadium today

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REVENGE ACT: Cars are seen on fire after missile strikes, as Russia's attack continues in Kyiv, Ukraine. Following months of relative calm in Kyiv, multiple explosions rocked cities including the Ukrainian capital early Monday as Putin said the strikes were in retaliation for Kyiv's "terrorist action" of blowing up the bridge to Crimea. (Report P10)

SP patriarch Mulayam breathes his last at 82

The cremation will take place at 3pm today at his native Saifai in UP's Etawah district

New Delhi, Oct 10: Samajwadi Party supremo and three-time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, who was born in a farming family and went on to spawn the state's most prominent political clan, died Monday after prolonged illness. He was 82.

The former defence minister was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of the Medanta Hospital October 2. "My respected father and 'netaji' to all is no more," his son Akhilesh Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi.

Hours later, the body arrived in Safai, Yadav's native village near Etawah in UP, and was kept in a 'pandal' for people who thronged there for a 'darshan'

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were among a host of leaders who condoled the death of the veteran leader. Murmu said the achievements of Yadav, who came from an ordinary environment, were extraordinary. Murmu tweeted in Hindi, "'Dharti Putra' Mulayam ji was a veteran leader and was connected with the land. He was respected by people of all parties. My deepest condolences to his family members and supporters!"

The prime minister said Yadav served people diligently and de-



voted his life towards popularising ideals of Jayaprakash Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia.

While Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal described Yadav as a statesman, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik recalled the departed leader's contribution to uplift the downtrodden.

Taking to twitter, Patnaik said, "Deeply saddened to know about the passing away of former UP CM & @samajwadiparty founder #MulayamSinghYadav. The socialist leader will always be remembered for his contribution to uplift the downtrodden. My thoughts & prayers are with the bereaved family & supporters. Om Shanti.'

As a mark of respect to the SP patriarch, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a three-day state mourning, and said Yadav's last rites will be conducted with full state honours.

Shiv Sena's Thackeray and **Shinde factions** re-christened

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai/New Delhi, Oct 10: The Election Commission Monday allotted new names and symbol to the two factions of the erstwhile Shiv Sena, which split into Chief Minister Eknath Shinde group and ex-Chief

Minister Uddhav Thackeray group. Accordingly, the Thackeray group has been given the name of Shiv Sena-Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray and it has been allotted a new sym-

bol of a flaming torch. Similarly, the breakaway Shinde group has allotted the identity of "Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena" and it has been ordered to submit new options for a symbol by 10am Tuesday

The developments came two days after the ECI froze the name of Shiv Sena and its iconic bow-andarrow symbol ahead of the upcoming by-elections to the Andheri



Shiv Sena-UBT Deputy Leader Sushma Andheri has welcomed the EC's decision and said nobody needs an introduction to Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena now led by

South Mumbai MP of the Sena-UBT Arvind Sawant also hailed the move and said Uddhav Thackeray is "the face of the party" and accused the Shinde faction of "stealing everything, the party, is symbol, the Thackeray family name, etc", but now the EC decision

Other Shiv Sena-UBT leaders like Kishore Tiwari, Kishori Pednekar also gave a warm reception to the party's new credentials and a brand

The ECI rejected the symbols -

Opposing judges' American trio wins Nobel for Economics Nobel for Economics The trio was given the honour for exploring the role of banks, particularly during financial crises

HC RELIEF FOR

MLA MOQUIM

Cuttack: The Orissa High Court

Monday granted relief to Congress legislator Mohammed Moquim, ordering an interim stay on the

three-year imprisonment awarded to him by a special vigilance court

in a housing loan fraud case. The Vigilance court had September 29 sentenced the Cuttack-Barabati

MLA to three years of rigorous

imprisonment in the fraud case. A

single-judge bench of Justice BP

challenging the Vigilance court

regular bail. Seeking case records

adjourned the matter for hearing

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from the lower court, the HC

again October 13.

Routray, allowing a plea

New Delhi, Oct 10: In an unprecedented development, the Supreme Court Collegium has made public the names of the two judges on the panel who objected to the method of circulation adopted for eliciting the views of its members on the appointment of judges to the apex court.

In a statement dated October 9 which became public Monday, the Collegium said Justices DY Chandrachud and S Abdul Nazeer had objected to the method of circulation that was used for the first time for eliciting the views of its members who were unable to attend the proceedings physically.

The Collegium said its September 30 meeting, which became controversial as the proposal initiated by Chief Justice of India UU Lalit received concurrence from two of the judges on the panel, while the other two objected to the process,



The meetings of the Collegium are usually held physically and, in case of differences over the names of candidates, the panel irons them out before a consensus list is formally announced

The names of the candidates and their judgments are also usually not circulated to the members of the Collegium in physical absence

The Collegium, which is headed by the CJI and comprises Justices DY Chandrachud, Sanjay Kishan Kaul, S Abdul Nazeer and KM Joseph, gave the entire sequence of events starting with its first meeting dated September 26, when the whole controversy erupted.

The statement said informal deliberations with regard to the proposed appointments had been going on for some time and a formal meeting took place September 26, 2022, when the names of 11 Judges were considered. As there was unanimity of opinion on the name of Justice Dipankar Dutta, Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay, a Resolution to that effect was passed and the consideration of the names of other ten Judges was deferred

till September 30, 2022, it said. Though the procedure of circulating the judgments of the prospective candidates for making an objective assessment of their relative merit was introduced for the first time in the meeting held September 26, 2022 and the name of Justice Dutta was cleared, a demand was raised by some of the members that we should have more judgments of the other candidates.



AGENCIES

Stockholm, Oct 10: Former US Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke, who put his academic expertise on the Great Depression to work reviving the American economy after the 2007-2008 financial crisis, won the Nobel Prize in economic sciences along with two other US-based economists for their research into the fallout from bank failures.

Bernanke was recognised Monday along with Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig. The Nobel panel at the Royal

We have partnered

with AIFF and FIFA to

Stockholm said the trio's research had shown "why avoiding bank collapses is vital.'

With their findings in the early 1980s, the laureates laid the foundations for regulating financial markets, the panel said.

"Financial crises and depressions are kind of the worst thing that can happen to the economy,' said John Hassler of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences. 'These things can happen again. And we need to have an understanding of the mechanism behind those and what to do about it. And the laureates this year pro-**Continued on P4**

Founder of KIIT-KISS Achyuta

Samanta said that the Chief

Minister's vision has helped in de-

velopment of an illustrious sports

eco-system in Odisha. KIIT and

KISS have been the logistics hub for

Director of 'Football for Schools',

FIFA Fatimata Sow Sidibe, join-

ing over the virtual platform, ap-

preciated the role of Chief Minister

and Odisha government for pro-

Stating that football is a power-

ful platform to change society, she

said, 'Football for All' is a FIFA vi-

sion to make football truly global.

The programme will provide life

motion of sports in Odisha.

this programme, he said.

East constituency.

Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray.

has cleared the air.

new symbol.

trident and mace - demanded by the two factions on grounds that they had religious connotations.

Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena spokesperson Sheetal Mhatre said that these are stop-gap arrangements till the assembly elections and the Shinde group will get the original name and symbol later.

stands discharged. **Continued on P4** Swedish Academy of Sciences in names of 11 judges were considered. vide that.' Naveen flags off FIFA-backed 'Football for All'

OVER 43K FOOTBALLS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN **2,000 SCHOOLS**

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: To promote football among school children, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday launched 'Football for All', an initiative by FIFA in Odisha in partnership with KIIT & KISS.

Under the initiative, over 43,000 footballs will be distributed to children in about 2,000 schools. This is the first such programme of FIFA in India that aims at promoting football among school children, an official said.

Joining the programme on a virtual platform, Patnaik said that football is the most popular game and brings together people



across the globe.

Hoping that these partnerships and initiatives will help football development in India, he said, "We are quite focused on football development, especially women's football. As a legacy of the World Cup, we will have good infrastructure and coaching programmes." Saying that it's a proud moment for Odisha to

be the host venue for the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup, the Chief Minister said, "We have partnered with AIFF and FIFA to bring the best of football to the state. This World Cup will give a major boost towards development of football in the state."

Expressing happiness over the launch of the programme, he thanked FIFA for choosing Odisha

bring the best of football to the state. This World Cup will give a major boost towards development of football in the state NAVEEN PATNAIK | CM, ODISHA

for this programme and appreciated the role of Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT-KISS, for bringing this programme to Odisha.

Patnaik looked forward to future partnerships with FIFA for development of football in Odisha.

Sports Minister Tusharkanti Behera said that under the vision of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Odisha is investing heavily in sports infrastructure. FIFA partnership will help promote football at school

level, he added.

skill support to children, she added. On this occasion, the Sports

Minister presented footballs to students of Unit-9 Girls' High School and Capital High School, Bhubaneswar.



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JULIA: DOMESTIC LIFE BRINGS MORE JOY THAN CAREER

Actress Julia Roberts has 'never' been consumed by her acting career. She said in a new interview that it is her domestic life that brings her a lot of 'joy' even though she noted that her career in showbusiness has been a 'dream come true.'

AMANDA BYNES TRAINING TO BECOME A NAIL TECHNICIAN

Actress Amanda Bynes is training to become a nail technician almost three years after she graduated from fashion school. The 36-year-old star, who started her career as a child actress, graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in 2019.



FORTUNE **FORECAST**

GaneshaSpeaks,com

If you are aiming to marry soon, you can start making preparations today. However, before you take the final decision, it would be better to look at both sides of the coin, advises Ganesha. Activities related to such an alliance will

dominate today, and by the end of the

day you may feel very elated.

TAURUS

This day appears to be earmarked for a long shopping spree. Ganesha sees you doing the rounds of malls, markets, dollar stores and bargain counters. You are likely to be happily busy in haggling over prices, trying to get the best deals for your purchases. Before you are done you would have bought tons of stuff.



A progressive day awaits you. However, you need to keep yourself in check when enjoying yourself. You will spend time with your friends and family and hond emotionally. Do not neglect your family members in the group activities that you

CANCER

Today, your ability to think clearly in the most adverse conditions will be your key weapon as you get cornered by unrelenting assaults of work and deadlines. The clarity will reflect in your work as you deal with inhuman work pressure. Your mind will save the day for you as well as your peers.

Your children's health may be a cause of concern today, to put your and your family's fears to rest would be by paying a quick visit to the doctor. As always, kids remain a surprise package of delights; the happiness of you children shall double your joy as a parent.

Ganesha foretells that you will start off on a long, arduous path to success. Some tough work will play a vital role in your progress. Don't cut corners, and your labours will pay rich dividends and you will reap due rewards. Some opportunities are best left alone as they involve too much risk.

LIBRA

love for your children today. And love is precisely what drives you incessantly to give them the best possible of everything. Be it special classes for that extra edge in education. or a visit to a holy place to seek divine blessing, you will do it all today.

There are strong indications that today you will be

SCORPIO

recentive and sensitive towards the needs of other people. Negative vibes will disrupt your thinking, and you will rely on the company of close friends to keep you in good cheer.

SAGITTARIUS

Those around you will be impressed by the leader in you. You are the general and others will rally at your call to arms. And all the while, you swing your sword and make your way to the top, defying all odds. Do not forget to let people have their own time and space.

CAPRICORN

Despite repeated failures, very few realise that the key to success is in having the patience of a saint. Vexation invariably leads to an outburst which, in turn, can ruin your reputation and future prospects in innumerable ways. Today, Ganesha advises you to keep your calm and smile back even if faced with an adverse situation.

AQUARIUS

Optimism rules today, and you are assured of your success. You are not usually affected by others' opinions, and that is how it should be. But you must keep in mind the inconvenience your decisions

PISCES

The focus today will be on self-improvement. You may find yourself attending sem nars or workshops. Self-employed people are likely to find lucrative deals landing in their laps in the afternoon. Quality time with your family in the evening will give you a sense of balance and of belonging, says Ganesha.

Multi-Grammy winner Ricky Kej's Ek Mulakat with City audience



Ricky Kej and moderator Praveen Tuli at the session

Bhubaneswar: Ricky Kej, the multi-Grammy Award-winning Indian music composer and environmentalist who has performed in over 30 countries including at the United Nations headquarters in New York and Geneva, was here Monday at a City hotel to be part of Ek Mulakat, a live session organised by Prabha Khaitan

Foundation (PKF) and Ehsaas Women of Bhubaneswar.

Ek Mulakat is an event to provide a platform to personalities from various segments of society

to interact with a select audience. PKF is a Kolkata-based nonprofit trust founded in the early 1980s by eminent novelist and poet late Prabha Khaitan, for the cause of socio-cultural welfare.

Kej began the conversation talking about his passion for music and environment. Responding to a question, he said that his father, who was a music collector of various genres, is his inspiration.

"Dad was a follower of icons like Michael Jackson and Madonna and a true connoisseur

folk music which influenced me,' said Kei who started composing music and jingled for commercials from the age of 19.

"In a span of 13 years I had created over 3,000 compositions for several brands but after sometime I realised music has the power to influence and communicate with the masses. Then, I stopped doing commercial music and another journey began," he added.

About his absence from the Hindi film scene he said although he loves Indian music, he prefers to stay away from filmy music as it pressurises one to do differently than one wants.

'Štalwarts like Pt Ravi Shankar, Zakir Husain are known internationally for their own creations, and not for filmy music and that inspires me to do what I am doing at the moment," he quipped.

Ricky, who won his first Grammy in 2015 for his album Winds of Samsara in the Best New Age *Album,* bagged the second this year for his work Divine Tides.

Praveen Tuli was the moderator of the session.

Combating stress, the Shilpa Shetty way Chennai: Actress Shilpa Shetty,

who fractured her leg while shooting for Rohit Shetty's web series, Indian Police Force and has since been trying to recover, said that her young daughter's eagerness to be lifted by her was serving as a major motivation for her to combat the mental agony caused by the injury.

weeks have had its

own share of frus-

tration, anger, sad-

ness, and help-

lessness. But

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Taking to Instagram to spread some positivity, the actress wrote: "It's been two months today...since my injury. Let me tell you honestly, agony has been as severe as

it's NOT been easy. The mental the physical pain." "For someone who's a workaholic and a fitness addict like me, these past eight

to get better from (my) daughter having Samisha around me for every physiotherapy session." "It was only as time passed that I realised how she was waiting eagerly for me to 'be able to pick her

very strong source of motivation

up' again. Those smiles, hugs, little sweet nothings, and kisses were all I needed on some days." "We all cope with our stressors and pain-points differently. If you

can't cope with somethings on your own, seek help. "If you know of someone who is

> struggling for whatever reason, extend help and support. There couldn't be a more apt day than Mental Health day to discuss this,' concluded the Garv actress. AGENCIES

Five lesser known facts about Big B Mumbai: Amitabh Bachchan's popu-

larity is just as towering as his real life personality. The veteran lights up the mood with his charismatic personality. As megastar Amitabh Bachchan turns 80 today, the tickets of his latest release Goodbye has been priced at ₹80 to celebrate the thespians birthday. On his birthday, here's looking at some lesser known facts about the veteran celebrity.

Inquilaab Srivastava He is fondly referred to as Big B, Shahenshah of Hindi film indus-

try and Angry Young Man. But not many know that the actor was christened Inquilaab Srivastava at birth. The veteran actor had

also revealed that his last name 'Bachchan' was his father and legendary poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan's poetic nom de plume. A precious gift

Every Sunday, Bachchan's ardent

AMITABH @80

followers gather at the gates of his plush bungalow for a glimpse of her superstar. But a very few know that Big B never bought Jalsa. Producer NC Sippy, who owned the house, gifted it to Amitabh Bachchan for the super success of their 1982 collaboration Satte Pe Satta.

An ambidextrous

Big B can perfectly write with both his hands, which is a rare human talent. Big B is a fan of hand written letters and he often pens special notes, appreciating young actors for their performances ₹500 was his first salary

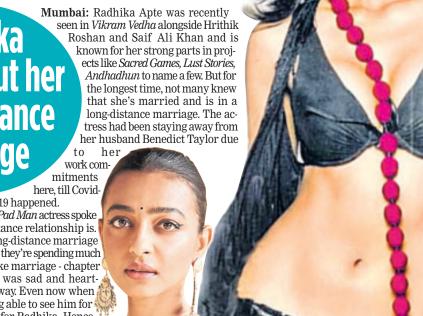
He was one of the highest

paid actors in the late 70s and 80s, while today is on every filmmaker's wish list. However, before achieving this feat, his first job was with in Calcutta, wherein he worked as an executive with Shaw & Wallace and as a freight broker for Bird and Co. His first salary was ₹500. AGENCIES

Radhika talks about her long distance marriage

19 happened. In a recent interview the *Pad Man* actress spoke about how tough long distance relationship is. She said that she had a long-distance marriage till Covid happened but now they're spending much more time together. It's like marriage - chapter two! In the beginning it was sad and heartbreaking for her to stay away. Even now when she thinks about not being able to see him for a bit, it's a scary thought for Radhika. Hence, she's trying to spend more time with him

Radhika further added that while long distance relationships can be hard, one can make it work if they want to. They've made it work, because they wanted the same thing. They loved each other's company. She further spoke from her own experience that giving each other freedom is the most important thing.



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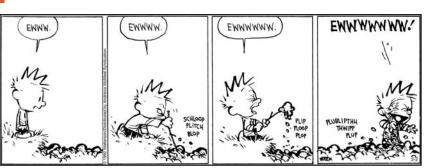
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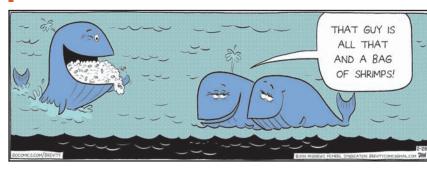
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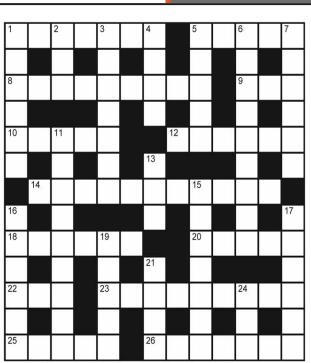
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Vig glare on Public Health asst engineer

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Vigilance sleuths Monday carried out simultaneous raids at multiple locations related to an assistant engineer of General Public Health (GPH) Division-I here on charges of amassing properties disproportionate to his known sources of

According to Vigilance sources, teams comprising three deputy superintendents of police (DSPs). 11 inspectors, two sub-inspectors (SIs) and five assistant sub-inspectors (ASIs) raided multiple places related to Manas Ranjan

Apart from the office of GPH Division-I in the Capital city, the raided places include a three-storey building at Plot No-E/122 in CDA Sector-7 area of Cuttack, residential house at Champatipatna in Salipur area, a flat in Srusti Plaza at Kantilo under Jatni police limits, residential houses of two of Samal's relatives at Gandikapur near Kujang area in Jagatsinghpur and Salipur of Cuttack district, said the official.

"Searches so far have revealed that Samal owns the three-storey building at CDA, residential house at Champatipatna in Salipur area, the flat at Srusti Plaza under Jatni

Archana moves

Bhubaneswar: Woman blackmailer

Archana Nag recently held on

charges of sextortion Monday

reportedly approached the SDJM

court here for bail. She has been

arrested by the Commissionerate

Police Thursday in a case (496/22)

387, 420, 506 and relevant Sections

of IT Act. The above case against

Archana has been registered on

a lady who alleged that the

the basis of a complaint lodged by

accused befriended her and later managed to capture some

obscene and intimate photos and videos taking advantage of her innocence. Subsequently, Archana blackmailed the victim to develop friendship with movie producer,

Akhsaya Parija. Archana forced the

refused, Archana threatened her of dire consequences. Parija had

recently filed a case against the

Nayapalli police station alleging

victim lady and Archana at

blackmailing by the duo.

RN Sahu new

Nayagarh DM

Bhubaneswar: In a minor reshuffle

among IAS officers, the state govern-

Sahu, the secretary of State Election Commission (SEC) as Nayagarh

Collector. As per a notification issued by the General Administration (GA) department, Nayagarh Collector Poma Tudu has been transferred as the managing director of the Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL).

Similarly, Kuchinda sub-collector Aditya

Goyal is appointed as chief develop-

ment officer-cum-executive officer,

Zilla Parishad, Bargarh. On completion

of Phase-II training, Kulkarni Ashutosh

C has been posted as Berhampur sub-

collector while Madhumita is the new

al charge of executive officer, NAC,

sub-collector of Baliguda with addition-

Baliguda. Newly-appointed IAS officer

Dharmagarh sub-collector. He will also

remain in additional charge of execu-

Another young IAS officer Chavan Kunal

Motiram has been appointed as the new

allowed to remain in additional charge of

executive officer Balasore Municipality.

Besides, 2020-batch IAS officer Bibhuti

Kuchinda sub-collector with additional

charge of executive officer NAC, Kuchinda

Bhusan Nayak has been posted as

Balasore sub-collector. He has been

tive officer, NAC, Dharamgarh.

Vedbhushan has been appointed as

ment Monday appointed Rabindra Nath

girl to keep intimate photos of

forced by the accused to ask

money from Parija. When she

Parija. Later, the victim was also

registered at Khandagiri police

station under Sections 385, 386,

court for bail



The assistant engineer has bank deposits and insurance policies worth ₹1.34 crore

police limits in Khurda. The assistant engineer has bank deposits and insurance policies worth Rs 1.34 crore," said the official, adding that a detailed evaluation of the assets by a technical team of the anti-corruption wing will help ascertain details of Samal's assets.

Jajpur employment officer caught taking Rs 12K bribe

Vigilance sleuths Monday caught the District Employment Officer (DEO) of Jajpur taking Rs 12,600 bribe from the driver of a vehicle, which has been engaged at the DEO office, in order to facilitate the

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Chief

Minister Naveen Patnaik is sched-

uled to attend a roadshow of in-

vestors in Hyderabad October 17,

vestment opportunities in #Odisha.

CM @Naveen Odisha will hold

one-on-one meetings with busi-

ness tycoons at the Odisha Investors'

Meet in Hyderabad on Oct 17," the

Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said

According to officials, the Chief

Minister is likely to hold one-to-one

"To woo investors & present in-

officials said here Monday.

Soon after, the anti-corruption wing sleuths raided at least three locations belonging to the accused, Tapas Kumar Swain. The places include a flat at B-204, Kamalavihar in Palasuni area, double-storey building at K-4, 1417 in Patrapada area of Bhubaneswar and house Athanga village under Niali police limits in Cuttack.

A case (47/2022) under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 has been registered, said a Vigilance official.

Soil conservation overseer in Vig net

Vigilance sleuths Monday caught a social conservation overseer of Bisoi block in Mayurbhanj district while receiving Rs 22,000 from a man for processing muster roll of labourers engaged in execution of farm ponds under MGNREGS.

According to a Vigilance official, the bribe money has been recovered from Bisoi block's soil conservation overseer Kishore Kumar Behera. Following the trap, simultaneous searches were on at three locations related to Behera. "A case (30/2022) has been registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of the Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 and a probe is on against the official, the official pointed out.

while a mega roadshow for the in-

vestors will be organised in the

During the meeting, the focus

will be given to attract more in-

vestors in IT, pharma, health care

and textile sectors towards Odisha,

participated in investors' meet-

ings at Dubai, New Delhi, Mumbai

Notably, the Odisha government

is going to organise the third edi-

tion of Make-in-Odisha conclave

from November 30 to December 4.

2022 to showcase the diverse busi-

ness-friendly ecosystem of Odisha

Earlier, the Chief Minister had

they said.

and Bangalore.

SNARL IN CITY: Palasuni over-bridge in Bhubaneswar witnessed a traffic congestion, Monday

Cyclone season, stay alert: Officials told

CHIEF SECRETARY RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF A CYCLONE IN COMING 15 DAYS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Since Odisha has been facing several cyclones in Ocotber and November in previous years, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra Monday directed the officials of all departments concerned to remain prepared to face any kind of eventuality this year.

Odisha's geographical position and climate are always prone to floods and cyclonic storms especially in the months of October and November. Sometimes this pe-

riod lasts till December 15. Considering all this, Mahapatra has directed the departments concerned to be ready with action plan considering the need of necessary materials, equipment, tools and skilled manpower, and keep them fully functional, as per prescribed

India Meteorological Department (IMD) regional director HR Biswas said that Odisha's current climate is suitable for storms, but there is no indication of a storm in the



next 15 days.

During the discussion in the meeting, it was revealed that cyclone forecasting and early warning information dissemination infrastructure has been strengthened in

District and region-wise weather information is provided. Possible impact of a cyclonic storm can

latest technology and equipment. Doppler radar stations have been set up at Gopalpur and Paradip while high wind speed recorders have been installed at Balasore, Chandbali, Puri, Bhubaneswar, Gopalpur and Paradip which can

per hour. These kinds of modern infrastructure will help in weather forecasting as well as monitoring the

record wind of speed upto 300 km

As the telephone and power supply system get disrupted during cyclones, the Chief Secretary directed the officials to remain prepared for immediate restoration of these vital installations in case of any cyclone.

Apart from this, he instructed the officials to keep the hand pumps in the villages and urban areas functional and make full preparations to ensure drinking water supply system functional in case of any storm.

Mahapatra ordered to make advance preparations in terms of adequate quantity of bleaching, halogen tablets, medicines, ambulance and medical teams and others. ODRAF and Fire Services department have been directed to remain ready with teams and check all their equipment properly.

Women and Child Development department was asked to continue_ the cyclone preparedness awareness programme in cyclone-prone coastal villages and prepare a list of expectant mothers, elderly, differently-abled and destitute. This list will go a long way in helping with the assistance-oriented evacuation to safe places when necessary

captains including Hyderabadto potential investors who could based investors in the daytime invest in the state

CM to woo investors at

Hyd roadshow Oct 17

DANCE FEST: Artistes perform during the Fourth Gopikrushna Utsav at Bhanjakala Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Monday

ОР РНОТО

Woman murdered over family dispute

POST NEWS NETWORK

Khurda, Oct 10: A woman was murdered allegedly by her brotherin-laws over family dispute at Pankala village under Gambarimunda outpost in Banpur police limits here, Monday.

The deceased was identified as Minakshi, wife of Subash Routray. On being informed, sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) of Balugaon Manas Ranjan Barik and Banpur inspector in-charge (IIC) Jaya Prakash Parida reached the spot along with a scientific team and started an investigation into the in-

Police registered a case and sent the body for post-mortem. As per sources, out of four sons



The woman was dragged from her house and killed by her in-laws in broad daylight

of Hadu Routray, a resident of the village, two live in the village while the other two have moved to another village. After Hadu's demise, the

sons have been taking care of their mother on a monthly rotation basis.

The middle son, Subash, after caring for the mother for a month, had sent the old woman to his brothers. But only after a month. the mother was sent back to him by his other brothers. The broth ers indulged in a heated argument over this issue Monday morning.

The verbal duel turned violent when the two elder brothers, Lakshmi and Bainshi, and the younger brother, Madhab, started attacking Subash.

When Minakshi, his wife, resisted, they dragged her out of the house and attacked her on the road with deadly weapons before fleeing the scene. Minakshi succumbed to the grievous injuries on the spot.

miRNA in saliva to predict tumour aggressiveness

Researchers of Ahmedabad University and doctors from Department of Head and Neck Oncology, HCG Cancer Centre, Ahmedabad, discovered a novel miRNA in the saliva of patients that will help predict tumour

aggressiveness and better prognosis of oral cancer

Vivek Tanavde, an Ahmedabad University professor, has led a team that made a breakthrough discovery in human saliva, which promises to alter the invasive method of conventional biopsy in oral cancer

Researchers of the Oral Cancer Cluster at the Biological and Life Sciences division of the School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University, and doctors from the Department of Head and Neck Oncology, HCG Cancer Centre, Ahmedabad, discovered a novel miRNA in the saliva of patients that will help predict tumour aggressiveness and better prognosis of oral cancer.

Essentially, instead of recurrent invasive biopsies to monitor the growth rate of the cancerous tumour and the efficacy of treatment, oral cancer patients will just need to spit a couple of times into a tube, according to the research published in Switzerlandbased International Journal of

Molecular Sciences Tanavde, Associate Professor, Biological and Life Sciences, School of Arts and Sciences at Ahmedabad University, led the team in collaboration with senior oncologists Dr Kaustubh Patel and Dr Dushyant Mandlik of the HCG Cancer Centre.

According to Tanavde, the treatment of oral cancer has several challenges

"Patients don't consult a doctor until there is a visible patch which might be too late for therapy. If the tumour is surgically removed, one doesn't know if resistance has developed unless a follow-up is done, which typically happens



only with visible signs of tumour

growth, and there is an invasive

biopsy needed at every stage," he

said. "Our idea is to move towards

non-invasive, definitive methods

that would enable accurate mon-

itoring of tumour response to ther-

apy. At the same time, we would like

to make this widely accessible and

cost-effective," Tanavde added.

Salivary exosomal miRNAs as biomarkers facilitate repeated sampling, real-time disease monitoring, and assessment of therapeutic response

He said that the team used commercially available kits to purify salivary exosomes

"Then, through a simple PCR, which is now available in the smallest of towns, we can measure the expression of miRNA-1307," said the professor.

Oral cancer is the second largest cancer in India, with lip/oral cavity

cancers accounting for 10.3 per cent of new cases and 8.8 per cent of deaths, according to a report published by the International Agency for Research in Cancer, an intergovernmental agency part of the

Saliva is a valuable body fluid for liquid biopsies. Still, the challenge of isolating good-quality RNA from saliva has hindered previous efforts to use saliva for liquid biopsy.

World Health Organisation (WHO).

Salivary exosomal miRNAs as biomarkers facilitate repeated sampling, real-time disease monitoring, and assessment of thera-

peutic response. This study has identified a single salivary exosomal miRNA prognosticator that will aid in improvedpatient outcomes using a liquid

biopsy approach.

POLAVARAM ROW

Odisha stresses on spillway design and backwater study



The apex court had directed the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti to convene a meeting of higher officials from Odisha, Chhattisgarh Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to resolve the environmental concerns arising out of the Polavaram project

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Oct 10: A meeting of technical experts from Odisha,

Chhattisgarh, Telangana and

CONTINUED FROM P1 Opposing judges'...

Therefore, the meeting was post poned to September 30, 2022 and more judgments were circulated In continuation of the deliberations that took place September 26, 2022, the postponed meeting of the Collegium was convened September 30, 2022 at 4.30pm. However, since one of the members (Dr Justice DY Chandrachud) did not attend the meeting, the CJI sent a proposal vide letter dated September 30, 2022 by way of circulation, the statement said.

The statement said CJI's proposal received the approval of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and KM Joseph vide their respective letters dated October 1 and October 7, 2022.

By separate letters dated October 1, 2022, Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice S Abdul Nazeer, ob jected inter alia to the method adopted in the letter dated September 30, 2022, it noted.

American trio wins Nobel for Economics

Bernanke, 68, now with the Brookings Institution in Washington, examined the Great danger of bank runs — when panicked people withdraw their savings - and how bank collapses led to widespread economic devastation.

Before Bernanke, economists saw bank failures as a consequence, not a cause, of economic downturns.

Diamond, 68, based at the University of Chicago, and Dybvig, 67, who is at Washington University in St Louis, showed how government guarantees on deposits and can prevent a spiralling of financial crises. In 1983, they co-authored "Bank Runs, Deposit Insurance, and Liquidity," which in part addressed damage from

By the virtue of an affidavit no.670353, dt.10.10.2022 before the Court of Notary Public, Bhubaneswar, I, Mohammed Aala, Flat No.302, B-Block, Narayani Towers, At-Begunia, PO-Jadupur, PS: Khandagiri, Dist-Khordha have changed my name from MOHMMED AALA to MOHAMMED AALA. Henceforth I shall be known as MOHAMMED AALA for all purposes.

Andhra Pradesh was chaired by Central Water Commission (CWC) chairman in New Delhi to resolve the disputes related to Polavaram

According to officials, Odisha stressed on the spillway design and backwater study considering 58 lakh cusecs as value of probable maximum flood (PMF). The state also emphasized limitations of the backwater study of CWC and Andhra Pradesh government. It also highlighted various issues like operation protocol, hydrology, and statutory clearances for its convenience hypothesis.

The state of Telangana stressed for fresh backwater study to be undertaken in view of anomaly between the CWC projected backwater effects based on mathematical modelling values to the actual observed flood events.

Significantly, the Supreme Court had September 6 asked the Union government to play a "pioneering role" in resolving the dispute related to Polavaram project among Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh with talks.

The apex court had directed the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti to convene a meeting of higher officials from Odisha, Chhattisgarh Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to resolve the environmental concerns arising out of the Polavaram project, being constructed by Andhra Pradesh on the Godavari river.

A three-judge bench of Justices Saniav Kishan Kaul, Abhav S Oka and Vikram Nath had noted that the project is centrally funded and suggested the Union government that it can begin by having a meeting of the chief secretaries of all concerned states. The bench further said that Chief Ministers can meet to iron out any last differences. The apex court posted the matter for di-

4-tier security arrangements at Kalinga Stadium for WWC

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: The Commissionerate Police has made elaborate security arrangements at the Kalinga Stadium which is going to host the FIFA Under-17 women football world cup starting from Tuesday. The twin city police commissioner, Saumendra Priyadarshi, along with Bhubaneswar DCP, Prateek Singh and other senior officials Monday reviewed the arrangements at the stadium.

Speaking to media persons, Priyadarshi said a four-tier security arrangement will check for any untoward incident during the event.

As many as 15 platoon police force has been deployed at the stadium for the security. Meanwhile, six additional DCPs, 14 ACPs, 30 inspectors will supervise the overall arrangements. The players are practicing at 7th battalion, Unit-1 and Capital High School grounds.



SPACE OUTREACH: World Space Week observed at Ravenshaw University in collaboration with Satish Dhawan Space Centre to celebrate science and

CM inaugurates Brundabati Nivas for Habishyalis in Puri



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday inaugurated 'Brundabati Nivas' in Puri, where Habishyalis will stay to observe 'brata' during the holy month of Kartika

Patnaik inaugurated the building on video conferencing mode. Welcoming the Habishyalis, mostly widows, to the new building, Patnaik hoped that it would facilitate them to perform all the rituals needed for the Kartika 'brata' in the pilgrim town. He sought blessings of Lord

Jagannath for the Habishyalis and the people of the state.

On this occasion, he also announced that beneficiaries of the Habishyali Yojana will be presented each with a shawl.

Tourism Minister Aswini Patra said that the Chief Minister has always worked for the welfare of the people of Odisha. Today, knowing the hearts of mothers, he has inaugurated the building in Puri for them to observe Kartika Brata, he said.

Among others, School and Mass Education Minister Samir Dash Sport and Youth Affairs Minister Tusarkanti Behera, Puri MP Pinaki Misra, MLA Jayant Sarangi and district collector Samarth Verma were present at the event, Secretary (5T) to Chief Minister VK Pandian coordinated the programme.

Trains affected due to modernisation work

Goethe University-UU

to promote millets

University of Germany will join

hands with Utkal University to

nutrient-rich millets. With the

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referred to as climate-friendly

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Delivering a lecture on 'Food

Sovereignty, Food Security and

Religion in Odisha and Beyond'

organised by Utkal University's

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International Office, Roland said

his research on tribals of Koraput

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nutrition at the household level

through the revival of millets in

farms and on plates of tribal

communities in Odisha.

University here Monday.

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boost the production of the

Bhubaneswar: The Goethe

between Rupra Road-Norla Road-Laniigarh Road stations of Titilagarh-Singapur road section under Sambalpur division and for commissioning of 3rd Line Work between Kapilas road and Nergundi stations of Cuttack-Jakhapura road section under Khurda Road Division. The trains which will be affected are 08317/08318 Sambalpur-Junagarh Road-Sambalpur Passenger, 08275/08276 Raipur-Junagarh Road-Raipur Passenger, 08438/08437 Cuttack-Bhadrak-Cuttack Passenger from both the directions from October 14 to 17, 2022, 18005/18006 Howrah-Jagadalpur-Howrah Samaleswari Express. 18001/18002 Sambalpur-Ravagada-Sambalpur Express.

BMC notice to waste generators

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Keeping sanitation, public health and hassle-free movement of citizens in view, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Monday came out with the guideline for all waste generators to keep two proper sized dustbins within their premises, properly store dry and wet waste in separate dustbins, duly hand over the same to the door-to-door collection vehicles engaged by BMC.

Any violation towards not keeping two proper sized dustbins for storing of dry and wet waste separately shall attract imposition of penalty of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand) only and for not handing over the segregated waste to the door-to-door collection vehicles engaged by BMC shall attract imposition of penalty to the tune of Rs.



500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only, a BMC notification said.

BMC commissioner Vijay Amruta Kulange said "An efficient sanitation and hygiene standards hold key towards enhancement of the city's reputation besides reduction of potential health hazards."

'Although, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation as an Urban Local Body (ULB) is responsible to maintain the same, it is difficult to achieve the peak level without active participation and conscious efforts from the citizens as evident in

All waste generators within the jurisdiction of BMC shall be strictly required to keep two proper size dustbins within their premises

many other countries in the world." The Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 read with subsequent amendments and the BMC Solid Waste Management Bye-Law 2018 also stipulates that each waste generator such as commercial establishments, residential houses, vendors and shop keepers shall be responsible to keep two proper size dustbins for storing dry and wet waste separately to hand over the same to the door-to-door collection vehicles engaged by the ULBS.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar: Oct 10: 5T Secretary VK Pandian visited the World Skill Center (WSC) in Bhubaneswar and reviewed its operational status,

During his visit to the institution, Pandian said that Odisha's youth needs to be trained with world class skills to move the state forward. The World Skill Center is providing one year advanced skills training to the youth for world class employment opportunities.

He said that in the coming days, WSC will emerge as a global brand in skills training and the youth getting trained here will find employment in the best of the companies of the world.

Pandian also advised that the government ITIs in the state should also develop skill infrastructure

in the coming days

5T Secy Pandian visits WSC

The curriculum of the WSC is on the lines of the ITE Education Services (ITEES) Singapore. Pandian also interacted with the members and officials of the ITEES Singapore who are deployed in the WSC.

Hemant Sharma, Principa Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education, said that the thrust is on the participation of various agencies and industries in the employment of the youth being trained at the World Skill Center.

The WSC will have facilities such as Vertical Transportation by 2023 and Precision Engineering by 2024.

Bhubaneswar: Several train services will be affected due to commissioning of 3rd Line Work

20837/20838 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road-Bhubaneswar Express will also be affected.

Barriers to girls' education are greater than ever before n November and December 2021,

Educate Girls, an Indian nonprofit working towards girls' education in rural India, conducted a study with the support from Dalberg International Advisors. with mothers, and over 3,200 girls and boys to estimate the impact of the pandemic on girls aged 5-18 in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

The NGO found that the increase in the number of hours spent on household chores is greater for adolescent girls (15-18 years). At the discussions conducted in Uttar Pradesh, roughly 30 per cent of girls who participated were either married or engaged. In Rajasthan, girls in all discussions mentioned that there has been an increase in proposals or interest for their marriage. 3 out of 4 adolescent girls will continue to carry the burden of household chores even when schools reopen. The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns affected everyone but had a disproportionate effect on the poorest of the world. In India, the closure of 1.5 million schools in 2020 impacted 247 million children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools. Girls, especially those from the most marginalised communities, were the most affected. **Increased financial distress**

and school attendance

In villages where schools had opened, about 94 per cent girls and 96 per cent boys said they are attending school. However, the proportion of adolescent girls not attending school (23 per cent was nearly double that of adolescent boys not attending school. The number of adolescent girls not in school is 2.3 times higher in households that have lost most of their income, than in those that have lost half of their income compared to pre-pandemic

Increased burden of

household chores Lockdown resulted in an in-

den of household chores on girls.

The increase in the number of

hours spent on household chores

is greater for adolescent girls (15-

18 years), than for adolescent boys.

This is not contrary to the usual

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girls mentioned aggravated poverty during lockdown, coupled with other circumstances, have left them at risk of early marriage. Most parents and adolescent girls reported that the girls were not married, and neither did they get engaged (or spoken for) during the lockdown and overall Covid period while schools were shut. Only 1 per cent of adolescent girls admitted to being married while that number is 2 per cent for adolescent boys. 4 per cent of adolescent girls and 2 per cent of adolescent boys have said there is an increase in the number of marriage proposals after lockdown.

'The findings of the study are clear - the barriers to girls' education are greater than ever before and we need to fight greater odds to ensure these girls go to school, don't drop out, and continue learning. The impact is most acute for adolescent girls. The study also highlights the stories of girls and the long-term effect the

pandemic has left on their lives,' says Safeena Husain, Founder and Board Member, Educate Girls.

"Educate Girls works with some of India's most rural, remote, and marginalised communities This study has built evidence on the criticality of supporting girls through education - especially in the post-Covid times. The findings of the report have helped us create actionable plans to work with the communities and the Government to ensure that girls are back in school," shares Maharshi Vaishnav, CEO, Educate Girls. The findings of this study have been compiled in a report titled 'Impact of Covid-19 in rural India and its effect on girls'. In this report, Educate Girls has also outlined the opportunities that lay ahead, which involves teachers and peers playing a key role in keeping adolescent girls connected to learning and bringing them back to school about Educate Girls.

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Lack of quality Khondalite stones, a roadblock for ABADHA projects



POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, Oct 10: The Odisha government has launched the Augmentation of Basic Amenities and Development of Heritage and Architecture (ABADHA) scheme for beautification and development of 20 projects including Puri Srimandir, a report said. However, the unavailability of good quality Khondalite stones in the state has turned out to be a major roadblock for completion of the projects within their stipulated deadlines.

The entire project is being implemented by the Odisha Bridge and Construction Corporation (OB&CC) Ltd. The target is to develop Puri into a world class heritage city and to undertake beautification and developmental works in other ancient temple shrines of Odisha.

All these projects require a total of 27422.76 cubic metre of Khondalite stones. The Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) has been asked to supply the stones

The lack of quality Khondalite stones came to fore after chief general manager. Purnachandra Mohapatra of OB&CC wrote to the special secretary of Works department urging him to take steps for timely supply of those for completion of the projects within their

Sources said that excavation was undertaken for extraction of Khondalite stones from Sukhuapada mines in Jajpur district for use in the Puri Srimandir development project. However, availability of

sub-standard stones during ex-

traction has sparked concern. There are six Khondalite stone mines in Odisha out of which Chandia, Sukhuapada and Teligarh are in Jajpur district, Gobindpur in Cuttack district and Kurumpada and Naranggad in Khurda district. According to a government notification, Khondalite stones will be extracted from all these six mines.

OMC has engaged private agencies to extract stones from Sukhuapada mines. The first agency left the assignment half-way citing sub-standard quality of stones after working for six months. The second agency, 'Rasleela Enterprises Pvt Ltd' is also preparing to quit due to the same reason.

According to information available from the office of OB&CC a total of 13141.83 cubic metre of Khondalite stones are required for developmental work of Puri Srimandir and 14 other projects. The remaining six projects require 14280.93 cubic metre of stones.

Among them, 3,308.312 cubic metre of stones will be used in Jagannath Ballav Pilgrim Centre, 1,557.979 cubic metre will be needed for beautifi-

Ganga, Markendaya, Narendra and Indradyumna, 500 cubic metre for Lokanath temple and 850 cubic metre for Sri Gundicha temple.

Similarly, 1000 cubic metre of stones will be required for beautification of Pramod Udyana (amusement park), 500 cubic metre for Mahodadhi Market Complex, 30.991 cubic metre for integrated development works of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das's birthplace at Suando, 1463.04 cubic metre for the revival of Musa river, 687.18 cubic metre for development works of Odia University at Satvabadi and 409.23 cubic metre for construction

Similarly, 1,941.773 cubic metre of stones will be required for the Srimandir Parikrama Project, 294.892 cubic metre for Badadanda Municipality Market Complex in Puri and 222.173 cubic metre for multi-level car parking facility at Jail Road in Puri.

The rest of the projects also require Khondalite stones for beautification. Over 5,817.930 cubic velopmental works of Samaleshwari temple in Sambalpur, 110 cubic metre for development of Hari Baldevjew temple at Baripada, 1,272 cubic metre for development of Nilamadhav temple in Kantilo and the adjoining areas, 588 cubic metre for Ekamra project, 3,593 cubic metre for Cuttack Chandi temple and 2,900 cubic metre for Sarala temple in Jagatsinghpur district.

The question however is whether the required quantity will be available or whether the projects will suffer. When contacted, Samir Mohanty, manager of Sukhuapada mines confirmed the development stating that 'Rasleela Enterprises Pvt Ltd' may leave the project soon.



JAL SATYAGRAHA: Activists of state-level outfit, Koshal Rajya Mukti Morcha staged a 'Jal Satyagraha' at Papanasini stream of tourist shrine Harishankar demanding construction of a ropeway from Harishankar under Khaprakhol block in Bolangir district to Nrusinghanath in neighbouring Bargarh district

Another tusker carcass found

Thakurmunda: Elephant deaths continue unabated in Odisha despite the best efforts of the Forest department officials. Another death was reported Monday when officials Mangalata jungle near Dangadiha village under this forest range and Karanjia forest division in Mayurbhanj district. On being informed, Thakurmunda Forest department officials comprising the DFO, ACF and range officer reached the spot and seized the carcass. It is suspected that the elephant aged about 10-years old might have died of poisoning or may have been shot dead by poachers. However, the actual reason behind its death will be known only after availability of the Further investigations are on, officials informed and added that the elephant had a number of

Lady college housekeeper alleges torture after failed suicide attempt

Sambalpur, Oct 10: A woman housekeeper of a private college hostel sustained critical injuries after she tried to die by suicide by jumping off the terrace. Sources said that she tried to end her life due to alleged mental torture and nonpayment of salaries by the Vedic College authorities at Pardhiapalli locality under Sasan police limits in Sambalpur district.

The woman was identified as Anjali Kumbhar, 22, of Bolangir district. She broke her leg and suffered spinal injuries after jumping from the roof of the five-storey hostel. The condition of the woman, undergoing treatment at VIMSAR Burla, is stated to be critical, sources said.

The woman told mediapersons



that she was being forced to work beyond scheduled duty hours on a daily basis. She also said that while all the other staff was allowed to go home on Dussehra, she was denied permission. She stated that because of non-payment of her salary she was

she tried to end her life. Kumbhar informed that she regularly faced physical and mental torture.

"The girl jumped from the roof in the morning at around 8.00am. She broke her left leg. However, the cause behind the attempt has not been ascertained yet. A few people spotted her and shouted her to stop when they saw her on the terrace, but she did not listen, police informed.

Proprietor of Vedic College, Anand Agarwal termed the incident 'unfortunate' and expressed shock. He said the reason why Kumbhar took such a drastic step can only be ascertained after she recovers from her injuries. Police are also investigating the matter, officials said.

Closure of breeding centre hits training in prawn cultivation

POST NEWS NETWORK

Paradip, Oct 10: The abrupt closure of a breeding centre located inside the state's only brackish water training facility at Nehru Bungalow here has affected the teaching programme for aspiring prawn farmers, sources said Monday.

The brackish water training centre imparts education on fish cultivation in saline water to pisciculture students, traditional fishermen and newlyappointed contractual workers of the Fisheries department. The programmes teach them to become self-reliant by undertaking fish cultivation under government-sponsored schemes.

The breeding centre was developed to specifically impart knowledge on various aspects of prawn cultivation and conservation of hatchlings. It also undertook cultivation of mother prawns that were released in large tanks filled with saline water and the spawns would come out within a week.

The spawns grew within 10-12 days and were sold for ₹5,000 to ₹6,000 per kilogram to interested prawn farmers for cultivation. They were also sold to traditional fishermen for cultivation at sub-



sidised rates, said Subhash Chandra Sethi, the head of the saline water research centre.

The Odisha government renovated the brackish water training centre in 2020 but forgot to do the same for the prawn breeding facility. Now it wears a dilapidated look as it has been lying defunct for a long time.

When contacted, district Fisheries officer Deepti Kumar Mohapatra said the demand for prawn cultivation here went down after the arrival white-coloured prawns in the market.

"Senior officials had recommended to the government for closure of the prawn breeding centre. However, with the passage of time, the demand for the type of prawn cultivated here has increased again. Letters have been written to higherups for the revival of the centre. Now, let's

Lack of upkeep: Ancient Kali

shrine on verge of extinction

1 dead, 3 hospitalised as diarrhoea spreads in Nabarangpur village

PAPADAHANDI: A woman died of diarrhoea and vomiting while three persons were affected by the disease at Sorishapadar village under this block in Nabarangpur district, Monday. The deceased was identified as Tulabhati Bhatra wife of Tankadhar Bhatra in the village. The husband of the deceased is also suffering from acute diarrhoea and has been hospitalised at the district headquarters hospital in Nabarangpur after his condition deteriorated. Two others, Dhanya Bhatra and Pushnalata Bhatra also hit by the same disease, are undergoing treatment at home. On being informed, a medical team reached the village and provided medications to the people and launched an awareness programme. The team also collected water samples from the village and sent those for examination. Reports said that the woman was bedridden after suffering from loose motion. Her family members had called for an ambulance to shift her to a hospital. However, it did not arrive on time and she breathed her last.



Government of Odisha e-Procurement Notice

E-mail: rw_boudh@yahoo.co.in Bid Identification No. Online tender/ 10/S.E.RW.BOUDH/2022-23 NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-procurement

Name of the work:- Building works -01 No. Estimated cost:- Rs 11.33 lakhs (approximately)

Period of completion:-1 calendar months Date & Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:

From 11.10.2022, 10.00 AM to 17.10.2022, 5.00 PM Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal:-17.10.2022 up

Last date / Time for seeking of Tender clarification:-15.10.2022

up to 5.00 PM Date & Time of opening of Tender/ Bid :-18.10.2022 at 11.00

Name & Address of the officer inviting bid:- Superintending

Engineer, R.W Division, Boudh. Further details corrigendum(s) etc can be seen from the

e-procurement portal "https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd./- Superintending Engineer, OIPR-25061/11/0020/2223 R.W.Division, Boudh

CUTTACK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE

No. C-1341 Tender ID: 2022 ORULB 81979 Tender Call Notice No. 5801 (PW)

Temporary fixing of Flood/Street Light Name of Works: Fittings at Baliyatra Lower & Upper Ground and Parking Place at Bidanasi Bhuasuni Gada ensuing Baliyatra Festival - 2022 from 08.11.2022 to

Bid Value Period of Completion

16.11.2022 Rs.9.17 lakhs

Seven Days Date and Time Schedule

Start End Opening 5.00 P.M. on 5.00 P.M. on 4.00 P.M. on Dt.01.10.2022 Dt.13.10.2022 Dt.15.10.2022

Tender details can be seen from the procurement portal: www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Executive Engineer, City Division-I OIPR-13031/11/0082/2223

REGIONAL OFFICE: 108 - B, Unit-VII, Surya Nagar, Gopabandhu Square, Ph.: 0674-2397551, 2397199

Algum, Via: Sakhigopal, Dist: Puri, PIN-752014. The detail regarding available on www.centralbankofindia.co.in and/or can be obtained from our office on any working days. The last date for submitting tender to our office (duly filled in all respect with required enclosures) is 27.10.2022 upto 3.00 P.M. Bank reserves its right to accept/reject all or any tender(s), without assigning any reason thereof

Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 10.10.2022 Sd/- Chief Manager



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1500 hrs. on or before 31.10.2022 (Monday). if the last day i.e 31.10.2022 happens to be or is declared to be a holiday, applications will be received by the same time on the next working day. Applications Opening Date & Time: 1530 hrs. on 31.10.2022
The Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

For complete details, application format and other terms & conditions please visit our website: www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in.

PR-590/N/22-23 Divisional Commercial Manager /Khurda Road



Indian Overseas Bank

Haladiapadar Branch, NH-5, Haladiapadar,

Dist: Ganjam, Odisha-760003

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Appendix-IV) [Rule-8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

(Under Section13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 with Rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 for Immovable property) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower / Mortgager / Guarantor in the loan account mentioned below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower / Mortgager / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower / Mortgager / Guarantor and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described here-in-below in exercise of the powers

conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The Borrower / Mortgager / Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Overseas Bank for an amount with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of as mentioned below and interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed charges its till date of payment . Present dues as on the date of taking Possession is Rs.18,84,460/-

The borrower'S attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem

07.10.2022

the secured assets .								
Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgager	Liabilities due on the specified date as per Notice	Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable Property					
Borrower: M/s Maa Vaishnavi Plastic Industry, Proprietor: Mrs Reena Choudhury, W/o: Mr Mihir Kumar Choudhury, Address: Tulu Road, Kanisi, Dist: Ganjam, Odisha-761008, Guarantor/Mort-	as on 18.06.2022 + further Interest, at contractual rates &	(By Paper Publication on	(1) All that part and parcel of land and building situated at Tulu Road, Kanisi, under Khata no188/1248, Plot no1102/2188, an extent of area measuring in Ac0.020decimal, Mouza-Dubapalli, Tahasi-Kanisi, Distriction of the part of Milhir Kuman.					

PO.- Kanisi, Berhampur, Ganjam, Odisha

gagor: Mr Mihir Kumar Choudhury, S/o: Mr Udhab Choudhury, Address: Kanisihata,

Ganiam, registered in the name of Mr. Mihir Kumar Choudhury. Bounded by East-Land relating to plot no.-1102, West-Land relating to Sibaram Sasmal, North-Canal Road, South-Road . (2) Stock of the unit, Machinery and Bore well purchased/installed out of term loan amount .

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

Place: Haladiapadar, Date: 10.10.2022

till date of payment

inated Jujumura block. The temple, an ancient seat of Shakti cult is on the verge of extinction due to lack of proper upkeep and conservation.

Sambalpur, Oct 10: Sambalpur dis-

trict has many ancient sculptures that

are endowed with rich culture and her-

itage. Among them, is the 300-year old

Dakhinakali shrine, situated at

Tampargad village under the tribal dom-

Such is the condition of the temple that the presiding deity of Dakhinakali has been shifted to a different room along with Lord Shiva. Moss and thick foliages have grown all over the temple and it is evident that the structure is on the verge

of collapse.

However, no effort is being made by the district administration to protect and conserve the temple which is an ancient heritage site, alleged a few locals.

According to folklore, former Zamindar Jalandhar Singhdeo had constructed the temple 300 years ago after receiving the divine ordain in his dreams.

The zamindar was preparing to construct the temple when goddess Kali again appeared in his dreams and asked him to install her figure outside the sanc-

tum sanctorum and worship her there. The temple having a height of 40-feet is situated on the outskirts of Kutasingha village. The construction is quite attractive which speaks about the rich architectural skill that was prevalent and practiced by the artisans at that time. The entrance of the temple is 15 feet in height and lies close to the sanctum sanctorum and the main temple.

The bricks used in the construction of the temple are stated to be from mediaeval period. The temple also has a large tank on its side while banvan and bel trees in the vicinity add to the scenic beauty. The Gariakhaman hill near Kutasingha village also enhances the natural landscape of the area and the temple.

Various festivals are observed in this temple and the descendants of the zamindar family visit the temple to participate in the rituals. Devotees visit this temple all round the year but maximum footfall takes place during major festivals like Dusshera and in the month of Chaitra.

Temple priest Pramod Panda and villagers have demanded for renovation and conservation of the temple. Redhakhole MLA and Higher Education Minister Rohit Pujari said that plans to renovate and preserve the temple will soon be firmed up.



A smile acts upon the difficulties as the sun upon the clouds - it disperses them.

THE MOTHER



Ire in Iran

eople in Iran, especially school and college-going women, are at the end of their tether, protesting against the intolerant and autocratic regime continuing to trample women's fundamental, democratic rights. The extent of the anger is such that unthinkable things are happening in that country. The latest in the series of such acts is a purported cyber attack 8 October on Iran's state-run broadcaster when a news bulletin was interrupted by a protest against the country's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei. In a daring act, a hacker interrupted the news broadcast and put up a mask on the screen, followed by an image of Khamenei with flames around him. The group that claims to have stunned the nation with a few seconds' interruption called itself 'Adalat Ali' or 'Ali's Justice'.

This comes at the height of protests sweeping across 15 cities of Iran over the death of Masha Amini, a 22-year-old Kurd woman who died in custody 16 September. She was detained in Tehran by police for allegedly not properly covering her hair or being lax in wearing of the hijab. The mandatory wearing of hijab is used by the regime as a symbol of its authority and Islamist religious character. Amini's death has triggered unprecedented protests across the country and rights groups allege at least 150 protesters have been killed by security personnel during the past month.

The hacking shows how a sizable section of the tech-savvy youth in Iran is smouldering with rage against the alleged brutal killing which is being viewed not as an isolated instance, but an example of how the repressive regime deals with women on a regular basis. The common perception is that the regime has given a raw deal to the country's women who are allowed to avail only half the rights and privileges the male population enjoys. The prime time TV news bulletin at 21:00 (17:30 GMT) was interrupted with images which included Iran's supreme leader with a target on his head, photos of Amini and three other women killed in recent protests.

Such spectacles of revolt against Ayatollah Ali Khamenei are rare as he has complete control over Iran. But, Amini's death has acted as a spark to ignite the smouldering anger of not only the suppressed women in Iran, but also men who are disillusioned with the regime's handling of economic ills

This is clear as along with the broadcast interruption social media videos emerged the same day showing female students at a university in Tehran chanting 'get lost' during a visit by President Ebrahim Raisi. Earlier in the day, two people were killed in Sanandaj. A video shared online showed a woman shot in the neck lying unconscious on the ground in Mashhad.

The regime is apparently rattled by the unprecedented wave of protests causing international repercussions. After consistently repudiating the charge by Amini's family that she had been severely tortured in custody that led to her death, the government insisted she had collapsed while she was being 'educated' on how to veil her hair. The narrative was given out to buttress the claim that she had previous ailment and had not been subjected to any harsh treatment. Iran's Forensic Medicine Organisation said Amini had died from multiple organ failure caused by cerebral hypoxia - and not from blows to the head. Her family said she had no previous disease

What is worrisome for the regime is that shops in several cities have shut in support of the protesters, including in Tehran's bazaar where some set fire to a police kiosk and chased the security forces away. This is alarming for Iranian leaders who have counted the merchants as among their supporters.

It is too early to categorise the agitation as an uprising or a revolution, a second Arab Spring, but significantly women and men have come together in protest against the social straitjacket imposed by the Iranian regime. The repression of women seems to have provided the fuse for the explosion of people's anger at the economic crisis stoked by international sanctions. The failure of the regime to handle the crisis is being seen as its incompetence.

The silence of the ruling dispensation in India and liberals on the issue is intriguing since the country has recently witnessed a religious-politicallegal battle over banning the hijab in educational institutions. More important and surprising is to note how Indian Moslems have been quiet on the Iran revolt issue. Indian Shias and Sunnis, who may be feeling their rights are being trampled upon by the government which is also mishandling the economic situation, similar to the Iranian regime's handling of their domestic situation, may be damaging their own cause by staying quiet now. The community's past also shows how it has never risen to the occasion and condemned extremist actions in India. Today the price it is paying and may have to keep paying for long could very well be due to this unnatural silence that creates mistrust and hatred.

WISDOM CORNER



If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed — but hate these things in vourself, not in another.

Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold.

Wisdom ceases to be wisdom when it becomes too proud to weep, too grave to laugh, and too selfish to seek other than itself.

WORDS**WORTH**

Caltrop

he military mind is often both twisted and ingenious. A caltrop consists of four pointed legs or spines splayed out at the points of a tetrahedron so that however it falls it will sit on three of the points with the fourth uppermost. It was apparently thought up in medieval times as a way of slowing pursuit, and was updated for the motorised age earlier this century. Scatter some behind you, and pursuit becomes instantly more difficult, whether it's on horseback or in a vehicle with pneumatic tyres. The military device, sometimes written and said caltrap, appears to have been named after one of a number of plants with spiny burrs. For obvious reasons it's another name for the star thistle (Centaurea calcitrapa). It's a local name for the curled pondweed (Potomageton crispus), which produces lots of winter seeds that are hard and burr-like. A plant called the water chestnut (Trapa natans) is also known as the water caltrop, which has fruit with two spines that are hard enough to penetrate the hooves of stock as well as human feet. The word derives from the Old English calketrippe, for any plant that tended to catch the feet. In turn this comes from the medieval Latin calcatrippa, a compound either of calx, "heel" or calcare, "to tread", with a word related to "trap" that came from one of the Germanic languages.

Camelion

People have been confused about the names and natures of exotic animals for millennia. The come!'s corrections are selected as a selected animal of the correction of the corr millennia. The camel's name in medieval English was olfend, a word that has been defunct for eight centuries. This was known in earlier Germanic languages and also in Old Church Slavonic, but it can be traced back to the Latin elephantus. Basically, people confused the camel with the elephant, not so surprising when vou've never seen either and vou have to rely on travellers' descriptions relaved many times. Another confusion led to the camelopard, a linguistic cross formed in classical Greek between a camel and a pard or panther. The camelopard wasn't thought to be a hybrid but the name was given to it because its body looked like that of a camel with spots like those of the leopard. We prefer to call it a giraffe. The animal called a leopard is result of yet another confusion — its name is lion + pard, because the ancients believed it was a cross between the two. A camelion, however, has nothing to do with camels. The first part comes from a Greek word meaning "on the ground, dwarf", so the animal was a "ground lion" or "earth lion", which you may feel is an odd way to describe a small lizard. In fourteenth century, the word became confused with camelopard because of a scribe's error in a text read by Bible translator John Wyclif and for a while it became identified with giraffe. It was only two hundred years ago that its name changed from camelion to chameleon under influence of Latin version of its name.

FOCUS NATION

POPULATION & PREJUDICE



Jagdish Rattanani

DEMOGRAPHICS TELL US THAT AS LEVEL OF EDUCATION (PARTICULARLY **OF WOMEN) AND STANDARD OF LIVING OF** THE FAMILY **MOVES UP, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER WOMAN GENERALLY COMES DOWN**

The RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has yet again cited population growth as an important issue facing India today. At the Dussehra rally, he was quoted as saying: "Population control and religionbased population balance is an important subject that can no longer be ignored." Population "control" is an oft-heard phrase across the spectrum; the need for population "balance" based particularly on religion lends it a sharp and predictable political edge. But at its root is still the language of "control" to check growing numbers on the thinking that goes something like this: the more the people, the less each one gets of scarce resources, so we stay poor, remain backward and cannot march with the times. We must "control" the population if we are to do well and provide for the numbers we already have. This simplistic presentation, bought by a large section of people, is a precursor to the demand for policy action that applies to all in theory but has its worst impacts in practice on those at the bottom of the pyramid who tend to have more children. This is how the demand for the "two-child norm" would work - those who need support, subsidies, rations and other inputs the most cannot get them if they have more than two children.

There is enough data to argue that this is not how population dynamics work to deliver the results that we may seek. For example, India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR; loosely put, the number of children per woman) has consistently fallen. TFR was reported at 3.39 (NFHS-1, 1990-92), 2.85 (NFHS-2, 1996-98), 2.68 (NFHS-3, 2003-05), 2.18 (NFHS-4, 2015-16), and 1.99 (NFHS-5, 2019-21). Today, as many as 31 states and Union Territories have fertility below 2.1, which is the replacement fertility rate (socalled because at this rate a woman and her partner would have replaced themselves). Yet, it will



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take some time for what is called "population momentum" to break because a large number of women are still in the reproductive age bracket. TFR is of course impacted by many factors. The number ranges from 1.1 children per woman in Sikkim to a high of 3.0 children per woman in Bihar. TFR among Muslims is higher than other religions at 2.36 (NFHS-5) but it too has been following a declining trend, going down over the years: 4.41 in NFHS-1, 3.59 in NFHS-2, 3.40 in NFHS-3, 2.62 in NFHS-4.

It is possible to use the numbers to argue in many ways but what should be reasonable to note is that there is no conspiracy among a certain set of people to grow their numbers. Demographics tell us that as the level of education (particularly of women) and the standard of living of the family moves up, the number of children per woman generally comes down. The gap in TFR seen between rural and urban, between poorer and richer and those with lower levels of schooling versus high school coverage points to the close connection of population

numbers with development indices at the grassroots. If the RSS can argue that we need to move faster on population, then the case must be for offering more opportunity to those not benefiting from India's so-called growth story. The fertility rate then takes care of itself. Muslims and Hindus, rich and the poor, educated and the not-so-educated have similar aspirations, ambitions and the desire to a decent standard of living. Some have benefited from the system; others have been left behind.

In this picture, the phraseology of "control" then works to put down the weakest. It denies state resources to those who need them the most. It turns attention away from what is urgently required in terms of development to a topdown command-and-control approach that treats people not as citizens with rights but subjects who must be controlled and punished. It refuses to recognise the approach and the language of sexual and reproductive rights and supplants it with power to bureaucrats, who understand little about the subject.

As the late Prof. Hans Rosling, who co-founded Médecins Sans Frontièrs and is best known for of fering insights from UN population data, once said: "The world used to be 'we' and 'them.' And 'we' is the Western world and 'them' is the Third World." The difference: the West had long life and small family. The Third World had short life and large family.

Well, the world has moved, and so has India. But we may be creating a new 'us' and 'them' problem right within our borders if the issues are not presented in a fair and reasonable manner. Worse, this might also create policies that will go on for long years to impact how India progresses and how our resources are put to use. In the quest for controlling family size in particular ways and in select areas, we may be already embarking on a massive misallocation that will live on to harm the growth prospects of the nation. In that talk, Prof. Rosling added about his students, "the problem for me was not ignorance; it was preconceived ideas." The same can be said in the case of India today.

None of this is to say that family planning must not be encouraged or that infiltration is not to be stopped. The government can police the borders, provide more contraceptive choices but without the concomitant developmental initiatives for people, none of the policing will yield results.

A good way to understand this is to read the population policy offered during the time Atal Behari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister. That policy used the world "control" only thrice - to "control" HIV, and another to "control" diarrhoeal deaths and to "control" communicable diseases. That itself is a herculean task, and the government will do well to focus on issues such as these rather than deciding the number of children a woman might have in her lifetime.

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SPECTRUM CONFLICT

Beatrice Fihn

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GLOBAL RESPONSE

The crumbling nuclear taboo

n September 21, in a prerecorded address, Russian President Vladimir Putin escalated his nuclear posturing, threatening to use the weapons "in the event of a threat to the territorial integrity of our country and to defend Russia and our people." It is just the latest evidence of the erosion of the nuclear taboo.

Putin's most recent threat, like all the other nuclear threats he has issued since invading Ukraine in February, goes well beyond Russia's official nuclear doctrine, which states that the weapons may be used in response to conventional attacks "imperiling the very existence of the Russian state." It is clearly incompatible with the assertion that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." affirmed in January by the nuclearweapons states recognised by the Non-Proliferation Treaty (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States), and repeated by Putin in August at the NPT re-

view conference. Putin's recent nuclear threat is particularly worrying in light of Russia's staged referendums in the parts of the Donetsk Kherson Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts in Ukraine that it currently occupies. With Russia having now annexed these territories, Putin could portray Ukrainian military operations aimed at liberating them as threats to Russia's "territorial integrity," meriting a nuclear re-

sponse. This is not mere speculation: former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council. said as much on September 22. And a military convoy capable of carrying nuclear weapons is now reportedly heading toward Ukraine.

Putin, for his part, claims that his nuclear threats are a response to the West's "nuclear blackmail" - that is, "statements made by some highranking representatives of the leading NATO countries on the possihility and admissibility of using weapons of mass destruction - nuclear weapons – against Russia." It is not clear which statements he is referring to, or if any such statement has been made at all. But even if Putin's nuclear threats came first, there is no doubt that such rhet oric is gaining traction. The danger cannot be overstated.

Nuclear threats often beget warnings of retaliation. Even when leaders refrain from issuing direct threats, they discuss possible nuclear responses to an attack, usually without much regard for the devastating consequences. This normalises the idea of using nuclear weapons, thereby drastically increasing the risk of cataclysmic conflict.

Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly on September 21, US President Joe Biden went some way toward recognising this risk. when he condemned Russia's "irresponsible" nuclear threats. But it is worth being clear: all nuclear threats are irresponsible. As the US recently told Russia, any use of nuclear weapons would have truly catastrophic consequences.

This is especially true in a re-

gion as densely populated as Europe. Even so-called tactical nuclear weapons – which many warn Putin will use on the battlefield in Ukraine - typically have explosive yields in the range of 10-100 kilotons of TNT. The atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945, killing 140,000 people, had a yield of 15 kilotons. A single nuclear detonation

would likely kill hundreds of thousands of civilians and injure many more. Moreover, the radioactive fallout could contaminate large areas across multiple countries. Widespread panic would trigger mass movements of people and severe economic disruption.

A nuclear threat against one country is therefore a threat against all countries, and it merits a global response. The international community must respond to Russia's latest threats not by issuing threats of its own, but by unequivocally condemning any and all nuclear threats. stigmatising and delegitimising the possession of nuclear weapons, and pursuing serious efforts to eliminate them entirely.

Unfortunately, nuclear-armed states remain reluctant to adopt such an approach. Unequivocally condemning all nuclear threats would mean forgoing the option to make such threats when it suits___ them, and even to maintain the deterrence doctrines (which contain implicit nuclear threats) on which they rely. That is why they resisted issuing such a condemnation at the latest NPT conference

By contrast, in June, the first meeting of countries that have joined the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons condemned "unequivocally any and all nuclear threats, whether they be explicit or implicit and irrespective of the circumstances." The TPNW comprehensively prohibits nuclear weapons, just as international law prohibits other weapons of mass destruction (biological and chemical). It also prohibits threats to use nuclear weapons.

The TPNW's membership is growing steadily: just last month, five more states joined, bringing the number of signatories to 91, and two more states ratified it, for a total of 68 parties. But, to boost global security at a time of escalating nuclear rhetoric, more countries must join.

Stopping nuclear threats, reducing the chances that nuclear weapons will be used, and making genuine progress toward nuclear disarmament will demand a truly global commitment. The TPNW is the right place to start.

The writer is Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. ©PROJECT SYNDICATE



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Save elephants

Sir, With rising cases of elephant deaths in Odisha, a pilot project of 'hanging solar fence' was started near a railway crossing in Jurudi under Joda block and Champua forest range in Keonjhar district to save the pachyderms in future. The solar-powered fence will help keep jumbos away from railway lines and save them from being hit by trains. Joda-Bamebari State Highway is located near this level crossing and is in the close vicinity of a forest. As elephants keep wandering near the level crossing, they often face fatal mishaps. Electric current with a total volt of around 10,000 will flow through the hanging solar fence 24 hours a day, which will not allow any wild animal to come in contact with the facility. However, jumbos coming in contact with it by chance will suffer a solar power shock for around 3 milliseconds. The jolt will not be fatal at all, but keep the animals at bay. A siren will also blow to deter them from moving ahead. Many elephants have been killed after being hit by trains in the last decade and this project is aimed to minimise such accidents. Let us try honestly to save the jumbos as they also have a right to live peacefully and should not deprived of their happiness.

Hitesh Kumar Parida, PANIKOILI

Humankind's challenges

Sir, The global population is projected to reach the 8-billion mark by November 15 this year, according to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. This suggests that India is on course to surpass China as the world's most populous country by 2023. Reaching the milestone of the world population is both a cause for celebration and a caution for humanity to find solutions to the challenges that humankind faces today. The challenges before humanity are critical: generation-defining issues such as, climate change, conflicts and pandemics that have extremely affected the most marginalised and vulnerable sections of society. To date, millions continue to live in poverty and suffer from hunger and malnutrition. They have no access to proper healthcare and social security, and are unable to complete quality primary and secondary education. Humanity holds the key to unleashing the unlimited potential of people around the world to address these challenges and the global problems threatening us all.

Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

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Our cities of the future should be developed by adopting the new trends in urban design and form. We can do better in the implementation of the efficiency tools and techniques in urban planning and development PINARAYI VIJAYAN | KERALA CM

BJP RETALIATES

Ruling BJP in Karnataka is all set to launch 'Jan Sankalp Yatra' in the state Tuesday in joint leadership of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Central Parliamentary Board Member and former chief minister B.S. Yediyurappa to counter Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra





leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' has no value as his party would never

B S YEDIYURAPPA | BJP LEADER

The state government is committed to provide opportunity for the oppressed classes like the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to live with dignity, equality, self-reliance and

self-respect BASAVARAJ BOMMAI KARNATAKA CM The special

government employees posted in Kashmir valley will continue for a further period of three years



SHORT TAKES

2 terrorists killed

Srinagar: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir Monday, police said. Two soldiers and a dog of the Army were also injured in the operation, an official spokesperson said. A police spokesman said acting on specific information generated by police regarding the presence of terrorists in the Tangpawa area of Anantnag, a cordon and search operation was launched by security forces there Sunday evening. During the search operation, as the search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

Woman kills her children, ends life

Patna: Angry with husband over a guarrel, a woman threw her three kids into a well and then committed suicide in Bihar's Kaimur district Monday. The deceased is identified as Rinky Devi. a native of Pateria village under Bhagwanpur police station, had a heated exchange of words with her husband on Sunday night. The police said that they were informed by local villagers after they went missing from their house. When they looked into the well, the slippers of the woman were floating there.

Madrasa owner booked in MP

Bhopal: A 50-year-old man, who runs a madrasa in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district, has been booked for molesting a 15-year-old girl, police said Monday. His two sons were also booked for assaulting the girl's kin, when they went to complain about the matter. The matter came to the fore on Sunday after the victim, along with her parents lodged a complaint against the madrasa owner accusing him of alleged molestation. In her complaint, the victim told the police that she had joined the madrasa one-anda-half months back

Three cops suspended in UP

Lucknow: Three police personnel have been suspended in connection with the custodial death of a 30year-old Dalit man in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district. An FIR has been lodged against the three suspended cops and four other unidentified policemen on charges of murder and under relevant sections of the SC/ST Act based on the complaint filed by the victim's mother.

Russia-Ukraine war: India bats for dialogue

At a bilateral meeting with Putin in the Uzbek city of Samarkand on September 16, Modi told him that 'today's era is not of war'. India has not vet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: India Monday said it is deeply concerned over the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine and called for immediate cessation of hostilities and urgent return to the path of "diplomacy and dialogue".

The comments by External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi came amid intensification of hostilities, with Moscow carrying out retaliatory missile strikes on Ukraine in response to a huge blast in Crimea on Saturday

Bagchi said escalation of hostilities is in no one's interest and noted that India stands ready to support all such efforts aimed at de-escalation the of situation."India is deeply concerned at the escalation of the con-



flict in Ukraine, including targeting of infrastructure and deaths of civilians," he said.

Russia has carried out a series of missile strikes targeting key cities across Ukraine, including the capital Kyiv, which is being seen as the most intense attack in the last few months. The blast in Russia-controlled Crimea damaged the key bridge. Moscow has accused Kviv for the blast.

"We reiterate that escalation of hostilities is in no one's in-

terest. We urge immediate ces sation of hostilities and the urgent return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue. India stands ready to support all such efforts aimed at de-escalation," Bagchi said. The spokesperson was responding to media queries on escalation of the conflict in Ukraine.

"India has consistently maintained since the beginning of the conflict that the global order is anchored in the principles of the UN Charter, international

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law and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states," Bagchi said.

Since the conflict began in February, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a number of times. In a phone conversation with Zelenskyy on October 4. Modi said there can be "no military solution" and that India is ready to contribute to any peace

At a bilateral meeting with Putin in the Uzbek city of Samarkand on September 16, Modi told him that "today's era is not of war". India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue.

Shah-led panel wants Hindi, not English

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: A parliamentary committee has recommended that the medium of instruction in technical and non-technical higher education institutes such as IITs in Hindispeaking states should be Hindi and in other parts of India their respective local language. It said the use of English should be made optional.

The end of compulsory English language question paper in the recruitment examinations and adequate arrangement for Hindi translation in the orders of the high courts in Hindi-speaking states are among over 100 recommendations made by the committee in its latest report. In its 11th report presented to

President Droupadi Murmu last month, the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, recommended that local languages should be given preference over English in all states. The committee has framed the

recommendations as per the new National Education Policy (NEP) which suggested that the medium of instruction should either be official or regional languages

The committee has suggested that Hindi should be given a respectable place in 'A' category states and it should be used 100 per cent.

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Kendriya Vidyalayas in Hindispeaking states should be Hindi and in other parts of India their respective local language, the panel recommended.

All states and Union territories are divided in three groups (regions) on the basis of progressive usage of Hindi.

Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Andaman and Nicobar Islands are in category 'A'; Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, and the Union territories of Chandigarh, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli are in category 'B'; and the rest of India is categorised as 'C'.

The panel noted that officers and employees in the central government who deliberately don't work in Hindi in Hindi-speaking states should be warned and if they don't perform despite warning, it should be reflected in their Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR).

Heavy rains damage crops ahead of harvest



Mumbai, Oct 10: Heavy rainfall in India has damaged key summer-sown crops such as rice, soybean, cotton, pulses and vegetables just before harvesting, which could stoke food inflation in Asia's third biggest economy, farmers, traders and industry officials said.

Higher food prices could prompt New Delhi to slap additional restrictions on exports of food commodities such as rice, wheat, and sugar, and potentially force the Reserve Bank of India to raise interest rates again.

"There has been so much rainfall from the last one week that now we can see sprouts from the paddy seeds." said Narendra Shukla.

a 36-year-old farmer from Barabanki in Uttar Pradesh. The entire paddy crop, which could have been harvested in a fortnight, has flattened and Shukla is now waiting for the weather to clear so he can finish the task and plant potatoes. The northern state of Uttar

Pradesh, the country's second biggest producer of rice, has received 500% more rainfall than normal so far in October. Neighbouring Madhya Pradesh. West Bengal, Haryana and Rajasthan have also seen heavy rainfall, which has damaged summer-sown crops, dealers said That could lead to a reduction in

vields and a deterioration in harvest quality, since crops were ready for gathering and in some places harvested crops were already drying, said Harish Galipelli, director at ILA Commodities India Pvt Ltd, which trades farm goods.

Indian farmers usually plant summer-sown crops in June-July with the arrival of monsoon rains, with harvesting starting from mid-September. But this vear the cycle was delayed by lower rainfall in June.



A woman buys bangles ahead of Karwa Chauth at a market in Jammu

Mulayam: In success or failure, always 'Netaji' to his supporters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Oct 10: Samajwadi Party founder, strategist and trained wrestler, Mulayam Singh Yadav was a pivot for opposition politics for decades and a veteran of many a political battle in his home 'akhara' Uttar Pradesh whose influence transcended boundaries of the state.

The 82-vear-old SP patriarch. who died on Monday at a Gurugram hospital, was "Netaji" for his supporters, the doughty fighter who spawned Uttar Pradesh's most powerful political clan and never went off the radar - even when he was ailing. Yadav, who founded the SP in 1992 as the campaign for a Ram temple was peaking, was seen as a critical secular counterpoint to the rise of Hindutva politics in the Hindi heartland.

'Netaji sansad mein hote hain ya sadak pe," his supporters would say often, testifying to his connect with the people as well as his national profile. Born on November 22. 1939 into a farming family in Saifai near Etawah in Uttar Pradesh. Yadav was elected MLA 10 times and MP, mostly from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, seven times.

Yadav was also the defence minister (1996-98), and chief minister thrice (1989-91, 1993-95, and 2003-07). And briefly, he even appeared to have a shot at the prime minister's post. For decades, he enjoyed the stature of a national leader but UP largely remained the "akhara" where Yadav played out his politics, beginning as a teenager who was influenced by socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohia For party workers, even when he

was no longer the SP president as the mantle passed on to his son Akhilesh Yadav in 2017, the patriarch remained "Netaji". And his presence on the scene provided the glue that held the Yadav clan together, at least to a degree.

SOCIALIST AND PRAGMATIST

A "socialist", Yadav was open to possibilities in politics. Thanks often to mergers and splits, he had been affiliated with a series of parties -- Lohia's Sanyukt Socialist Party, Charan Singh's Bharativa Kranti Dal, Bharativa Lok Dal and Samajwadi Janata Party. He founded his own SP in 1992. Yadav struck deals with the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress whenever needed to form or save the governments led by him in Uttar Pradesh. In 2019, Netaji sprang a surprise

by praising Narendra Modi in

Parliament, wishing that he would

return as prime minister after the

next election. This, when his party

saw Modi's BJP as its main rival in UP. The remark baffled analysts. Just as another comment, back in 2014 at a rally, triggered outrage when he spoke against the death sentence for rapists, saying "boys make mistakes". And then there was his advocacy of the idea that India, Pakistan and Bangladesh should form a confederation.

EARLY DAYS

Yadav, who took part in student union agitations and briefly taught at an inter college after getting a Political Science degree, first became an MLA in 1967.

The story goes that Nathu Singh. the Socialist Party MLA from Jaswantnagar, wanted him to fight for the seat in the next election. He was impressed with Yadav after meeting him at a wrestling contest. During his second term as MLA from the same constituency, Indira Gandhi declared Emergency and Yadav was sent to jail, like many opposition leaders.

Back in the ring after the 1975-77 Emergency, Yadav became the state president of the Lok Dal. When the party split, he headed one faction of the state unit. Yadav was leader of Opposition in the UP Legislative Council and then in the state assembly, before becoming the chief minister in 1989 with the BJP extending outside support to his Janata Dal government.

When the saffron party withdrew support over the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi issue in 1990, the Congress kept his government afloat for some months. The BJP still rakes up the 1990 episode when police opened fire at kar sevaks heading towards Ayodhya's Babri Masjid, which they wanted demolished. In the 1990s, he was among the key leaders who took on the BJP's 'kamandal' politics.

Kar sevaks razed the 16th century mosque in December 1992, the same year Yadav founded the SP, which began to be seen as an ally of the Muslim community. In November 1993, Yadav again headed a government in UP, supported by the BSP. It collapsed when the ally pulled the rug. The SP leader then moved to the

national stage, being elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996 from Mainpuri. As opposition parties tried to form a non-BJP alternative to the Congress, Yadav briefly appeared to be in the fray for the prime minister's post.

But he ended up becoming the defence minister in the United Front government headed by H D Deve Gowda -- the Sukhoi fighter iet deal with Russia was finalised during his

term. Years later, he would be part of a short-lived coalition of Janata Parivar parties that hoped to fight the 2015 Assembly elections in Bihar together.

In 2003, Yadav became UP chief minister for the third time after the collapse of a short-lived BSP-BJP coalition government. In 2012, the SP was again in a position to form the UP government. But the senior Yadav stepped aside so that his son Akhilesh

state's youngest CM at 38. **ENDGAME** Squabbling in the party and the family led to a coup of sorts by Akhilesh Yadav in

2017. Akhilesh, the son from his first wife Malti



supporters cried foul, the son projected the takeover as a tough but necessary move. In the final years of his life, the ail-

Devi -- he later married Sadhna

Gupta - was at loggerheads with the

old guard that included uncle

Yadav enjoyed popular support

within the party as well and wrested

it from his father at an SP con-

vention. While the former wrestler's

As chief minister, the younger

Shivpal Singh Yadav.



TWOSTATES



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Punjab police bust five terror modules

IGP Sukhchain Singh Gill said in the past 10 days, police teams managed to strike a major blow to the terrorist modules being operated by gangsters-turned-terrorists, including Lakhbir Singh, alias Landa, Harvinder Singh, alias Rinda, and Arsh Dalla

AGENCIES

Chandigarh, Oct 10: The Punjab police Monday said they have busted five major terror modules after arresting 17 people in the past 10 days.

Apart from this, police teams have also recovered three hand grenades and one improvised explosive device.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sukhchain Singh Gill said in the past 10 days, police teams managed to strike a major blow to the terrorist modules being operated by gangsters-turned-terrorists, including Lakhbir Singh, alias Landa, Harvinder Singh, alias Rinda, and Arsh Dalla.

October 1, the Punjab Police busted a module after arresting three operatives of an ISI-backed terror module jointly handled by Canada-based Lakhbir Landa and Pakistan-based Harvinder Rinda after recovering one sophisticated AK-56 assault rifle along with two magazines, 90 live cartridges and

two bullet shells, he said.
Earlier on September 28, an operative of Canada-based terrorist Lakhbir Landa gang was arrested from Bihar for his involvement in several heinous crimes pertaining to murder, attempt to murder, assault, robbery and snatching.

The IGP said an ISI-backed Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) terror module being operated by Canada-based terrorist and gangster Arshdeep Singh, alias Arsh Dalla, was busted with the arrest of its two operatives from Chamkaur Sahib.

Police also recovered two illicit weapons, including a .22 bore revolver and .32 bore pistol along with 21 live cartridges.

Two days after, police arrested one more operative of the same module after recovering three hand grenades and two pistols from his car, said Gill.

October 4, the Amritsar rural police busted an ISI-backed narco-terrorism module after arresting its main operative.

An RDX loaded tiffin box fabricated into an IED or tiffin bomb; two sophisticated AK-56 assault rifles along with two magazines and 30 live cartridges; one .30 bore pistol along with six live cartridges; and 2-kg heroin was recovered from his possession.

The next day, another drone-based arms and ammunition smuggling module was busted with the arrest of its two members, including a prisoner, after recovering 10 foreign-made pistols from a location pinpointed by them, he said.

Three more members of this module were arrested with a fresh cache of sophisticated arms and ammunition from their possession, including 17 pistols and one MP-4 rifle besides Rs 1.01 crore in cash and 500-gram heroin, he said.

October 9, a Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) module being operated by Germany-based Gurmeet Singh, alias Bagga, was busted with the arrest of its five members for arranging smuggled weapons and providing logistic support. Police also recovered two 9mm foreign made pistols and one .32 bore pistol, said the IG.





Devotees carry the Guru Granth Sahib during a religious procession, a day before the birth anniversary of the fourth Sikh Guru Ramdas, near the Golden temple in Amritsar, Monday.

Pilot project generates power from treated water

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Shimla, Oct 10: To generate power from a stream, state-run Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Ltd (SJPNL) has commissioned a pilot scheme near the Himachal Pradesh capital that is capable of generating up to 3 kilowatts of power.

The pilot project was undertaken at a water treatment plant in Ashwani Khad by SJPNL where Kirloskar Brothers Limited (KBL) has installed a micro hydropower generator to supply electricity to

The PICO generator is a compact and sophisticated version of 'pump as turbine' (PaT) which are small bundled units capable of generating power up to 5 kW by using flowing stream of water from any source like a river or even can be operated using reject water from a waste treatment plant.

A spokesperson for KBL said: "With this innovative solution, we can help consumers generate hydropower of up to 500 kW from running water stream with suitable head and flow availability. It is basically a pump running in reverse mode (as a turbine) which uses water to generate electricity."

Mandeep Gupta, executive engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, said:
"We shall be eager to see how this concept can harness maximum potential for the department and

GENERATIONAL SHIFT

Himachal witnesses end of cap politics

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Shimla, Oct 10: With a generational shift in the state leadership by the BJP, decades of politics over donning headgear that reflects the ideology and loyalties – from politicians to sarkari babus (from top to bottom) – has literally been given a farewell.

BJP's Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, the youngest politician to be at the helm, is the first who does not indulge in cap politics in his almost five-year stint. He prefers to remain bareheaded. Five-time legislator Thakur, who rose through the ranks and is known for his humble, clean and low-profile nature, is the 14th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

Soon after taking the helm December 24, 2017, Thakur, who advocates the need to brand state handicrafts and products like the woollen Himachali cap and shawls, said the "time has come to bid farewell to cap politics in the state." For him, flaunting political loy-

alty on the head reflects a symbol of political divisions between the BJP and the Congress and areas too - old and new Himachal.

How does the cap reflect one's idealogy? If your cap is moreon in

ology? If your cap is maroon in front, then you must be a BJP supporter. And if it's green, then you are with the Congress.

The round Bushehri cap – named after an erstwhile princely state



in the state - has a green front flap.
The concepts of 'green' and 'maroon' stem from upper and lower areas of the state. The green sym-

areas of the state. The green symbolises descendants of upper Himachal, while the maroon one represents lower Himachal.

It started with the late six-time

Congress Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh. He loved to don a green flap headgear, even during the summer. His supporters too prefer to wear this colour of cap to express their political solidarity with him.

Likewise, BJP leader and twotime Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal had made the maroon flap his trademark in both stints. He is now virtually in political exile after his defeat in the previous Assembly polls.

"Normally the Chief Minister does not prefer to wear any cap. He believes the cap is not only just a headgear but a symbol of pride and holds a special place in people's hearts. It should not be a symbol of regional divide," a close aide of Thakur told IANS Monday.

"Whenever he gets an opportunity, especially at public functions, he loves to don a green flap cap as he believes green reflects the state's pristine natural beauty," he adds.

While inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of 23 developmental projects costing about Rs 62 crore in the Kinnaur Assembly constituency Sunday, Chief Minister Thakur was seen

donning a green cap. Later addressing a function organised by officers and employees of Seraj, his home constituency, at Thunag in Mandi district, the Chief Minister was seen donning the green cap.

Presenting a shawl and a Himachali cap is a common practice at official and public functions.

As the hill state is heading for an election to the 68-member Assembly likely slated in November, the BJP is garnering support on the social media through photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi wearing the traditional Himachali multicoloured 'topi'.

On earlier occasions, cap politics often ignited anger and annoyance. At a function in the state capital in 2017, well ahead of the Assembly polls, state Health Minister Kaul Singh had welcomed Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh by offering a Himachali maroon flap cap and a shawl. At that function Union Minister JP Nadda was also present. Seeing the BJP's trademark colour, the infuriated Chief Minister removed it immediately and wore his own green flap cap that he was holding.

Contrary to this, Modi, at an another function in 2017, didn't lose his patience when he was offered a Congress 'ideology' cap by Virbhadra Singh at the foundation laying ceremony of a Rs 1,350 crore 750-bed AIIMS hospital in Bilaspur town.

Natives bunch together to revive lost forest for fodder

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mandi, Oct 10: When young Nekram Sharma of Nanj in Karsog block of Mandi set out on a mission to revive a forest exactly three decades ago, he had two things in mind - ensuring fodder for cattle in his village and preventing deaths and injuries in falls from heights.

Women had to tread the narrow paths in risk-prone valleys located far away from Nanj to get cattle fodder then. Alarmed by the situation, Nekram, fresh from graduation, approached the forest department for advice on how to revive the forest adjacent to the village, named Prog, which had turned barren due to overgrazing.

Many families had lost a member to slippery slopes, yet they were not ready to join him at first. It took four years, that too after they noticed the benefits that had begun to trickle in.

Initially, people would uproot the saplings or set the forest floor on fire in order to allow new grass to grow in the upcoming season. Many thought Nekram had a political motive and continued to graze their animals in the area where he had planted saplings. Finally, thorny bushes had to be used to keep the saplings intact. They were removed only when the plants were big enough.

"It was difficult, but when they saw the benefits everyone came on board," Nekram said.



Today, Nanj stands as a testimony to how effective community participation makes life easier and better. Every day, a vehicle carrying milk cans leaves for the market from the village. Animals have been highly productive, thanks to Prog forest that provides them with fodder. Not just the cattle rearers in Nanj, even thousands from Khaniyal, Mandi, Mamel and Sarahan panchayats have reaped rich dividends.

Restoring the green patch

Grassy shrubs were present in abundance in the area, but plants that can serve as rich fodder for cattle were missing. So, Nekram decided to plant broad-leafed plants and trees on 215 hectares of forest land between 1992-1996.

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"I first researched the plants and trees that could serve as fodder for animals. In the beginning, I bought 5,000 saplings of shahtoot (mulberry trees) from the forest department nursery and planted them with the help of some villagers." Nekram said.

According to Dr Vimal Choudhary, broad-leafed plants can ensure fodder for decades together. "Their branches can be cut during winter, when grass is in shortage," said Choudhary, who heads the Department of Agroforestry at Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture

and Forestry in Solan.

Dr Sushil Sood, a senior veterinarian with PhD in reproductive technology, claimed that broadleafed plants served as better fodder as they carried higher levels of nutrients.

Draupadi Devi, who is involved in forest conservation, said they had planted 40-plus varieties of plants and fruit-bearing trees. The results are quite astonishing as the forest is now home to mango, pomegranate, lemon, guava, bamboo, shahtoot, kachnar, byul, amla, ber, sheesham, dadu, jamun, drek and sheersh.

The forest department is closely associated with the conservation

from the beginning itself, suggesting species suitable for the place and providing saplings from its nurseries. The department also spreads awareness among locals on forest conservation and community participation. Nekram mentioned the role played by former divisional forest officer Ashok Kumar Simal in increasing the plant diversity of the forest.

ersity of the forest. Benefits aplenty

Chandramani Sharma of Nanj said forest revival changed his life. "Prog forest has bolstered the livelihood of not just me, but every cattle rearer and farmer in the locality." Women sell amla and pomegranate collected from the forest, which earn each of them around Rs 20,000 per annum.

Village women Krishna Devi, Chandravati and Vimala Devi said in unison that they have been spared from long walks in search of cattle fodder. There was a time when they had to set off to distant places along risky routes to find fodder, hoping and praying all the while that they would not fall into a gorge.

"Remember, we had to return home with heavy loads of fodder on our heads. It was a tiring task, not to mention that it would take us the entire morning and most of the afternoon to get back home."

They said rescue was very difficult when someone fell off the slope. "Many died before reaching the hospital."

Farmers shifting to sustainable ways of getting rid of stubble

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Oct 10: A handful of farmers in Punjab have started disposing crop residue – which is usually burnt and causes air pollution – in a sustainable manner, either by using it as natural fertiliser

or selling it for fuel production.

These farmers have not only reduced consumption of fertilisers by mixing crop residue in the soil but have also begun to monetise the practice by managing the stubble of other growers.

Bhupinder Singh (59), who cultivates 30 acres of land in Badarpur, the last village of Mohali district, has not been burning paddy stubble since 2018. Instead, he mixes it with soil using an MB plough, a tillage equipment. "After which the land is ready for sowing the next crop—wheat." He says that after it is buried, stubble residue gets decomposed within a week. "With the absorption of stubble in soil, the consumption of fertiliser has dropped. Earlier, we used to use potash for wheat crop

which we no longer do," he says.
"Farmers do not want to burn stubble. When a grower finds his next crop is getting delayed, he resorts to setting crop residue on fire. Otherwise he is as much concerned about the environment as anyone else." he adds.

In Bhupinder Singh's village, 70



per cent of farmers have already stopped burning paddy stubble. "With more and more people becoming aware of the harmful effects of burning paddy, they are managing it instead of setting it on fire," says Singh who has been awarded for crop residue management at state and national levels.

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Growers in Badarpur have set up a farmers' club from where they dispense crop residue management machinery to farmers. "We have machines like MB plough, mulcher, happy seeder, zero till drill to give to other farmers in nearby villages on rent. However, we do not charge anything from small farmers for use

of these machines," he says.
Amarjit Singh (48) of village
Burj Tehal Dass in Shaheed Bhagat
Singh Nagar district has also not
been burning paddy for the past 15years, encouraging others to follow
in his footstep.

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The real fight of the grand old party is against the BJP and the RSS that are vitiating the political, democratic and social atmosphere in the country MALLIKARJUN KHARGE **CONGRESS LEADER**

NEW NORM ON CARDS

In order to curb drunk driving accidents in state, Goa will implement a new norm as per which bar and restaurant owners will have to arrange cabs for their inebriated customers to drop them home or hotels in case of tourists





however, a need for collective efforts of governments of the

region, if settlement to boundary disputes is to be permanent and final

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA ASSAM CM

We will make and they (the BJP) will break it. The BJP divides society by spreading hatred and we will try to unite people with love and affection.... They will destroy communal harmony and we will work towards spreading love

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and brotherhood in society

Financial discipline of Northeastern states is essential to economy the second largest in the world



AMIT SHAH UNION HOME MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

25 killed in UP

Lucknow: At least 25 people have died in separate rainrelated incidents across Uttar Pradesh till late on Sunday night. Most of the deaths have been reported in cases of house collapse. Water levels are rising in all major rivers in the state following uninterrupted rain during the past 48 hours. The state met department has issued a warning of moderate to heavy rainfall on Monday in eastern, central parts of the state, Bundelkhand, Terai Belt and Rohilkhand areas.

3 killed, 9 rescued

New Delhi: Three persons were killed, including a 4-year old girl and nine were rescued when a building collapsed in Central Delhi's Lahori Gate. police said Monday. The building collapsed on Sunday night due to heavy rainfall. The Delhi Police have lodged an FIR under sections 304A 336, 337 and 338 of the IPC. A three-storey building. Initially, they got a call of roof collapse but when they reached the spot they found that the whole building had collapsed.

Youth ends life

Fatehpur (UP): A youth shot himself dead over a failed love affair in this Uttar Pradesh district on Monday, police said. The 23-year-old man left behind a suicide note that indicated towards a failed love affair. Inspector (Colonelganj) Ram Mohan Rai said that police have recovered a suicide note from the spot.

Bizman shot dead

Bareilly: A Lucknow-based businessman was shot dead by the salesman at a petrol pump in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly district on late Sunday night. The business, Arvind Dwiwedi, 42, was returning to Lucknow from Moradabad with his friends when he stopped at the petrol pump in Kesarpur to get petrol. The salesman at the petrol station refused to give petrol saying that it was past 11 p.m. This led to an argument between the two during which the salesman whipped out a gun and shot the businessman in the chest and fled.

Donkey meat seized in AP

Amaravati: The police in Bapatla district of Andhra Pradesh Monday seized over 400 kg of donkey meat. The meat was seized during early morning raids conducted by police on illegal donkey meat trade with People for the **Ethical Treatment of Animals** (PETA) India and local groups.

Space economy likely to be worth nearly \$13 bn: Report

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New Delhi, Oct 10: India's space economy is likely to be worth nearly \$13 billion by 2025, with the satellite launch services segment set to witness the fastest growth spurred by increasing private participation, according to a report released Monday.

The growing demand for smaller satellites is set to boost satellite manufacturing in the country and will attract global start-ups in the sector to help incubate space tech companies here, said the report released by the Indian Space Association (ISpA) and Ernst and Young.

India's space economy was pegged at USD 9.6 billion in 2020 and

is expected to touch USD 12.8 billion by 2025, according to the report titled 'Developing the Space Ecosystem in India: Focusing on Inclusive Growth'.

In dollar terms, the satellite services and applications segment would be the largest with a turnover of USD 4.6 billion by 2025, followed by ground segment at USD 4 billion, satellite manufacturing at USD 3.2 billion and launch services at USD 1 billion.

"Indian space launch is expected to get a boost due to the government's positive step towards the inclusion of private players in the Indian space ecosystem," the report said. The launch services segment was pegged at USD 600 million in 2020 and is projected to



grow at a compound annual growth rate of 13 per cent to reach USD 1 billion by 2025, the report said.

"The availability of low-cost satellite launch vehicles coupled with mass production will lead to demand from customers around the world. Indian private companies are looking to exploit the space industry by using innovative technologies," it said.

Setting up space parks across the country is likely to give a fillip to companies operating across the space value chain, especially manufacturing, the report stated. "It will be key to attracting global start-ups working in the space sec-

tor and help to incubate space tech companies in India," it said.

Several companies are utilising cutting-edge technologies to develop innovative launch solutions in India and have built considerable expertise around the launch of LEO, MEO and GEO satellites and orbit management solutions.

"The launch segment is fast becoming a key focus area for startups and small and medium businesses (SMEs) in India to drive the innovation agenda and make use of new revenue opportunities," the report said. It noted that currently, India boasts of over 100 space tech start-ups with investments in the segment touching USD 68 million

Violence in Mominpur, over 30 detained

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, Oct 10: More than 30 people have been detained in connection with sporadic clashes that broke out between two communities in South Kolkata's Mominpur, sources said Monday.

A huge police contingent has been deployed in the troubled area to prevent further eruption of clashes that started late on Sunday night and continued till this morning.

Local residents have informed the police that what started as verbal spats between two groups resulted in clashes. Some houses in Mominpur and adjacent Mayurbhanj Roads were also ransacked. The police tried to control the situation and in that process some cops, including a deputy commissioner of police, were also injured. A group of people also staged a protest in front of the local Ekbalpur police station.

On Monday, after the BJP state president in West Bengal and party MP Sukanta Majumdar started moving towards the troubled zone, a huge police contingent stopped him from approaching that spot. Majumdar, along with four of his associates, was also detained

Excise policy scam: CBI arrests bizman

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 10: In a latest development in connection with Delhi excise policy scam involving Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Monday made a second arrest.

The CBI said that they have arrested Abhishek Boinpally in the ongoing investigation of the case related to alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise pol-

"He is from Hyderabad. He is a big businessman there. His name cropped up during the course of in-

West didn't supply weapons for decades: Jaishankar

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New Delhi/Canberra, Oct 10: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Monday that India has a substantial inventory of Soviet and Russian-origin weapons because the Western countries opted a military dictatorship in the region as its "preferred partner" and did not supply arms to New Delhi for decades, in a veiled reference to Pakistan. During a joint press meet with his

Australian counterpart Penny Wong here, Jaishankar also said that India and Russia have a long-standing relationship that has certainly served India's interests well. "We have a substantial inventory of Soviet and Russian-origin weapons. And that inventory actually grew for a variety of reasons. You know, the merits of the weapons systems themselves, but also because for multiple decades. Western countries did not supply weapons to India, and in fact, saw a military dictatorship next to us as the preferred partner," Jaishankar said in a blunt response to a question. He was apparently referring to Pakistan, which was a close ally of the US-led West during the Cold War. Pakistan has been ruled by the Army Generals for more than half of its 73 plus years

'We all in international politics deal with what we have, we make



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar lays a wreath at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Australia

judgments, judgments which are reflective of both our future interests as well as our current situation. And my sense is, in terms of this current conflict, like every military conflict, there are learnings from it, and I am sure my very professional colleagues in the military would be studying it very carefully," Jaishankar said

He was asked by an Australian reporter whether India should reduce its reliance on Russian weapons systems and rethink its relationship with Russia, given what is going on in Ukraine. Last month. Jaishankar, during a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, said that India exercises a choice which it believes is in its national interest when it is offered weapons.

Russia has been a major supplier of military hardware to India. The two countries have been holding discussions on what kind of payment mechanisms can work between them in view of the Western sanctions on Moscow.

Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov said last month that Russia has delivered its most advanced long-range surface-to-air missile defence system S-400 to India on time despite pressure from Washington and the US-led West's sanctions.

The S-400 is known as Russia's most advanced long-range surfaceto-air missile defence system. The "Triumf' interceptor-based missile system can destroy incoming hostile aircraft, missiles and even drones at ranges of up to 400 km.

to enter Gujarat: PM

'Urban Naxals' trying

Minister Narendra Modi Monday said 'Urban Naxals' were trying to gain entry into Gujarat by changing their appearance, but the state will destroy them.

Bharuch (Gujarat), Oct 10: Prime

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The PM was speaking after laying the foundation stone of the country's first bulk drug park in Gujarat's Bharuch district. The project will play a key role

in ensuring import substitution and make India self-reliant for bulk drugs, which accounted for more than 60 per cent of the total pharmaceutical imports in 2021-22, as per a government release.

Modi said, "Urban Naxals are trying to enter the state with new appearances. They have changed their costumes. They are misleading our innocent and energetic youth into following them.'

The Urban Naxals are setting foot from above. We won't let them destroy our young generation. We should warn our children against the Urban Naxals who have taken up the task of destroying the country. They are agents of foreign powers. Gujarat will not bow down its head against them, Gujarat will destroy them," he said in a veiled attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The Arvind Keiriwal-led AAP is trying to make inroads into BJPruled Gujarat where the Assembly



after laying the foundation stone of the country's first bulk drug park in Gujarat's **Bharuch district**

polls are due later this year. 'Urban Naxal' term is often used by some segments of the political spectrum to describe sympathisers of the Naxalism cause as well as certain social activists

PM Modi said "people with Naxal mentality" tried their best to stop the Sardar Sarovar dam project. He had last month alleged that "urban Naxals and anti-development elements" with political backing had stalled the construction of Sardar Sarovar dam on the Narmada river in Guiarat for many years by running a campaign that it would harm the environment.

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vestigation. He was called to join the investigation, but he was not cooperating in the questioning and was trying to mislead the CBI. We had no option but to arrest him. He was placed under arrest this morning. He is not named in the FIR," said the source. The arrested accused will be produced before the Rouse Avenue Court.

TEJASHWI CALLS FOR **OPPOSITION UNIT**

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New Delhi, Oct 10: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav Monday asked opposition parties to set aside personal egos to join hands in fighting the BJP and said they have to decide if they are with the ruling party or against it, as he and his father Lalu Prasad launched a stinging attack on the Modi government.



The party's open convention in the packed Talkatora Stadium here also saw the hold of Yadav over the organisation getting further cemented as it passed a resolution effecting a change in the RJD constitution to vest final decision-making authority on its "name, poll symbol or any other issue" in him as well as his father.

While Rashtriya Janata Dal president Prasad accused the BJP of "communalising" society and "destroying" the Constitution, Yadav referred to ruling party MP Parvesh Verma's speech allegedly calling for a boycott of Muslims and said a huge number of Indians working abroad, many in Muslim countries, will be left unemployed if they face similar treatment.

"What kind of mindset is this? Somebody tell these BJP members that most of our oil comes from Muslim countries. Will you stop it." he asked. Delhi BJP MP Parvesh Verma courted controversy on Sunday after he allegedly called for a total boycott of a community at an event held here to protest the killing of a Hindu youth in northeast Delhi. He has claimed that he did not name any community.



A potter moulds an earthen lamp on a wheel ahead of Diwali in Balurghat

W THE PAST SHAPED THE PRESENT

uno National Park in Madhya Pradesh was billed as an alternate home for the Asiatic lions and ended up hosting the African cheetahs. The arrival of the eight radio-collared cheetahs from Namibia coincided with Narendra Modi's birthday. A special task force has been appointed by the National Tiger Conservation Authority to look after the Namibian felines which are presently in quarantine and a 'super sniffer' dog squad will

be put in place to keep an eye on

Kuno by the Prime Minister is the African variant and opinion on its introduction is divided. If some term it as a bold move, many others term it as the PM's vanity project and question the idea of introducing a sub-species that is alien to India. According to official data, the last three Asiatic cheetahs were hunted down in 1948 and four years later (1952), India officially declared the cheetah extinct in the country.

The official website of the UN World Wildlife Day states that cheetahs have vanished from approximately 90 per cent of their RK MISRA

historic range in Africa and are extinct in Asia except for a single isolated population of less than 50 individuals in central Iran. Thus the planet's fastest land animal also considered the least dangerous big cat now stands reduced to about 7,100 in the wild. A century ago there were one lakh cheetahs, points out the World Atlas.

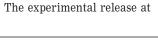
The Prime Minister may take credit for the national headlines that spoke of the return of the cheetah after 70 years but it was

during his chief ministership that Gujarat had brought two pairs of the cheetahs from the Singapore zoo in exchange for an Asiatic lion and two lionesses in 2009 and kept in the Junagadh zoo. Modi had then termed it as part of the state government's efforts to breed them successfully in the country. The pair failed to mate till 2012 and a proposal for assisted reproduction under an expert embryologist could not be implemented because of their age. The two pairs died of natural causes after attaining the age of 12, the last one in 2017.

Interestingly in 1980s, a number of Indian zoos received the African cheetah from abroad but efforts

to breed them in captivity failed. In 2020, the National Tiger Conservation Authority approached the Apex court with a plea for experimental introduction of cheetahs in India in a carefully chosen habitat. The court relented but appointed an expert committee to decide on the viability of introducing the cheetah. The government released a cheetah action plan in 2021 and lo and behold, the first batch of the feline are here with more to folThe expert committee's report

for assessing the potential for reintroducing the cheetah had recommended Shahgarh as its first choice with Kuno Palpur only as the second. Shahgarh was the first choice because its landscape on the international border in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan was found to be suitable for introducing cheetah. "Taking all aspects into account this is the most appropriate site," the report said. Despite this, Shahgarh was overlooked and thereby hangs another tale.



international



As a matter of prudence and policy, we don't predict our votes in advance. We have been very clearly against the conflict in Ukraine S JAISHANKAR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

MALAYSIAN PM DISSOLVES PARL

Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob Monday announced the dissolution of the country's Parliament, paving the way for fresh elections which must be held within the next 60 days

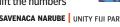


Truss hands trade

Rishi Sunak's ally

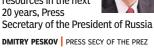


representation Indian descent. But this is currently low and we are looking to lift the numbers



Europe will feel the negative consequences of the rejection of Russian energy resources in the next 20 years, Press

OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



bombardment of Ukraine's capital Kyiv and of civilian targets in other Ukrainian cities on Monday was a reprehensible act by Russia ALEXANDER DE CROO BELGIAN PM



Landslides leave 22 dead

Las Tejerias (Venezuela): A landslide fuelled by flooding and days of torrential rain swept through a town in central Venezuela, leaving at least 22 people dead as it dragged mud, rocks and trees through neighbourhoods, authorities said Sunday. Dozens of people are missing. Residents of Las Tejerías in Santos Michelena, an agroindustrial town in Aragua state 87 kilometers southwest of Caracas, had just seconds to reach safety late Saturday as debris swept down a mountainside onto them.

Power restored on Danish island

Copenhagen: A power outage briefly hit the Danish Baltic Sea island of Bornholm Monday, Authorities initially said that an underwater cable from Sweden that provides electricity had been cut, but later blamed it on a local fault. Energinet, a public company that owns the sea cable that provides electricity to Bornholm, said the power was back up to arly 40,000 res of Bornholm within four hours.

Dutch activists sue government

The Hague: Activists calling for the decriminalisation of assisted suicide in the Netherlands took the Dutch government to court Monday, arguing that its ban on helping a person end their life breaches human rights. The case at The Hague District Court is the latest legal battle in a longrunning debate around end-oflife issues in the country that in 2002 became the first in the world to pass a law that decriminalised euthanasia.

Israel nabs 6 **Palestinians**

Jerusalem: The Israeli police have arrested six Palestinians for their suspected links to a deadly shooting attack in East Jerusalem Saturday, as the search for the shooter is still underway. The gunman opened fire at a military checkpoint near Shuafat, a Palestinian neighborhood of East Jerusalem. killing Noa Lazar, an 18-yearold female sergeant with the military police, reports said.

China imposes lockdowns

Beijing: Chinese cities were imposing fresh lockdowns and travel restrictions after the number of new daily Covid-19 cases tripled during a weeklong holiday, ahead of a major Communist Party meeting in Beijing next week. The latest lockdown started Monday in Fenyang city in northern China's Shanxi province after a preliminary positive case was found in citywide testing the previous day, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

BIGGEST AIR STRIKES SINCE INVASION

Russia blasts Kyiv, other cities minister's job to

Ukraine's army said Russia launched 84 cruise missiles at them, two days after a large explosion damaged a bridge connecting Russia to Crimea

Kviv. Oct 10: Russia launched its most widespread air strikes since the start of the Ukraine war Monday, raining cruise missiles on busy cities during rush hour and knocking out power and heat, in what President Vladimir Putin called revenge for a blown up bridge.

Missiles tore into busy intersections, parks and tourist sites in the centre of the capital Kyiv.

Explosions were reported in Lviv, Ternopil and Zhytomyr in western Ukraine, Dnipro and Kremenchuk in central Ukraine, Zaporizhzhia in the south and Kharkiv in the east. Ukrainian officials said at least 10 people were killed and scores injured, and swathes of the country left without power.

Thousands of residents raced to bomb shelters as air raid sirens rang out through the day. The barrage of dozens of cruise missiles fired from air, land and sea was the biggest wave of air strikes to hit locations away from the front line, at least since the initial volleys on the war's first day, February 24.

'The Kyiv regime, with its actions, has put itself on the same level as international terrorist organisations. With the most odious groups. To leave such acts without a response is simply impossible." Putin said in a televised address. The Russian leader said he had ordered "massive" long range

Seoul, Oct 10: North Korea said

Monday its recent barrage of mis-

sile launches were tests of its tac-

tical nuclear weapons to "hit and

wipe out" potential South Korean

and US Targets, state media

he would conduct more provocative

on the 77th birthday of its ruling

Workers' Party, is seen as an at-

tempt to buttress a public unity

behind Kim as he faces pandemic-

related economic hardships, a se-

curity threat posed by the boosted

US-South Korean military alliance

ing drills of the tactical nuclear

'Through seven times of launch-

Leader Kim Jong Un signaled

The North's statement, released

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reported Monday.

tests in coming weeks.

and other difficulties.



A view shows civilian warehouse damaged by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine in Kyiv

BELARUS ESCALATION

n another sign of possible escalation, Putin's closest ally, President

Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, said Monday he had ordered

accused of planning attacks on Belarus with its Western backers.

Within Russia, the strikes were cheered by hawks. Ramzan Kadyrov,

the staunchly pro-Kremlin leader of Russia's Chechnya region who had

demanded in recent days that military commanders be sacked, hailed

that Russia hasn't even got started yet, so stop complaining ... and run!

Monday's attacks: "Now I am 100% satisfied with how the special

military operation is being conducted." "We warned you Zelenskyy,

Run away without looking back to the West," he wrote. Russia has

with Ukrainian forces bursting through front lines and recapturing

hundreds of thousands of reservists, proclaiming the annexation of

faced major setbacks on the battlefield since the start of September,

territory. Putin responded to the losses by ordering a mobilisation of

occupied territory and threatening repeatedly to use nuclear weapons.

troops to deploy jointly with Russian forces near Ukraine, which he

strikes and he threatened more strikes in future if Ukraine hits Russian territory.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the attacks were deliberately timed to kill people, as well as to knock out Ukraine's power grid. His Prime Minister said 11 major infrastructure targets were hit in eight regions, leaving swaths of the country with no electricity, water or heat.

The Kremlin was humiliated two days ago when a blast damaged Europe's longest bridge, which it had built after it seized and annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula in 2014.

Ukraine, which views the bridge as a military target sustaining Russia's war effort, celebrated the blast without officially claiming responsibility.

With troops suffering weeks of setbacks on the battlefield, Russian authorities have been facing the first sustained public criticism at home of the war, with commentators on state television demanding ever tougher measures.

Ben Hodges, a former commander of US army forces in Europe, said the scale of the strikes

operation units, the actual war ca-

pabilities ... of the nuclear combat

forces ready to hit and wipe out

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any time were displayed to the

full,"," the North's official Korean

in response to recent naval drills

between US and South Korean

forces, which involved the nuclear-

powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald

Reagan. Viewing the drills as a

military threat, North Korea de-

cided to stage "the simulation of an

actual war" to check and improve

its war deterrence and send a warn-

North Korea considers US-South

Korean military drills as an inva-

sion rehearsal, though the allies

have steadfastly said they are de-

fensive in nature.

ing to its enemies, KCNA said.

KCNA said the missile tests were

Central News Agency said.

may have been drawn up before the bridge was attacked. Monday's strikes tore a huge crater next to a children's playground in one of central Kyiv's busiest parks. The remains of an apparent missile were buried, smoking in the mud.

- Attacks across Ukrainian cities during Monday rush hour
- 'They are trying to destroy us,'
- savs Zelenskyv Apparent revenge for explosion on
- Crimea bridge Ukraine says 11 major infrastructure
- targets hit Power, water, heat knocked out in
- swaths of country

London, Oct 10: British Prime Minister Liz Truss Monday handed a junior trade minister's job to an ally of her former leadership rival Rishi Sunak, in a move seen as an attempt to rally the governing Conservative Party behind her and to quell backbench unrest over her premiership.

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there are growing

fears of a backbench

discord within

the Tory party

Greg Hands, a vocal supporter of the former Indian-origin Chancellor, replaced Conor Burns as Minister of State in charge of Trade Policy in the Department for International Trade (DIT) after the latter was sacked recently following allegations of serious misconduct.

Hands was one of Sunak's highprofile backers in the Conservative Party leadership contest and his inclusion was welcomed by other Sunak loyalists as a sign that Truss wants to build bridges with that faction of the party.

"No one is more experienced and knowledgeable than Greg Hands on trade. A welcome addition back to the Liz Truss government," tweeted former Transport Secretary Grant Shapps, also a staunch Sunak supporter.



GREG HANDS

candidate to compete for the top job at 10 Downing Street, was defeated in the Tory membership voting round last month after being a consistent frontrunner to replace Boris Johnson among the governing party's MPs in the shortlisting phase of the leadership battle in July.

After assuming charge as the Prime Minister, Truss removed Sunak supporters including Dominic Raab, Grant Shapps and George Eustice from their cabinet positions.

Hands said it was "an honour and a great privilege" to be part of the government, and is likely to also be involved in the ongoing India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations – believed to be in their final stages ahead of the proposed Diwali deadline.

The new appointment comes at a time when there are growing fears of a backbench discord within the Tory party since the government's embarrassing Uturn over a key tax announcement abolishing the top rate of income tax for the wealthiest.

Sunak, the first British Indian

NK confirms nuke missiles Nigeria: 76 killed **ANTI-HIJAB PROTESTS** tests to 'wipe out' enemies Iran toughens crackdown

Dubai, Oct 10: Iranian security anti-government protests in several Kurdish cities Monday, social media posts and videos showed. pressing efforts to quell unrest ignited by the death of a woman in morality police custody.

A missile strikes near the glass bridge

Protests have swept Iran since Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old from Iran's Kurdish region, died September 16 while being held for 'inappropriate attire", marking one of the boldest challenges to the Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolution.

Tensions have been especially high between authorities and the Kurdish minority which human rights groups say has long been oppressed - a charge the Islamic Republic denies. Human rights group Hengaw reported a heavy presence of armed security forces in the Kurdish cities of Sanandaj, Saqez and Divandareh Monday. It said at least five Kurdish residents were killed and over 150 injured in protests since Saturday.



Videos shared on social media showed protests in dozens of cities across Iran early Monday, with fierce clashes between protesters and riot police in cities and towns across Amini's native Kurdistan province.

The Iranian authorities have blamed the violence on an array of enemies including armed Iranian Kurdish dissidents, with the Revolutionary Guards attacking their bases in neighbouring Iraq a number of times during the latest unrest. Iran has a track record of putting down unrest among its more than 10 million Kurds, part of a Kurdish minority whose aspirations for autonomy have also led to conflicts with authorities in Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Heavy gunfire could be heard in several videos shared on Twitter by the activist 1500 tasvir. rotests ignited by Iranian-Kurdish woman's death

At least 185 killed in the turmoil, rights groups say

A video showed several explosions creating blinding flashes in a neighbourhood of Sanandaj, the capital of the Kurdistan province. Activists said on social media that several people, including two teenagers, were killed by security forces in the province. 'READY TO DIE'

At least 185 people, including 19 minors, have been killed, hundreds injured and thousands have been arrested by security forces, according to rights groups. Blaming the protests

on Iran's foreign foes, authorities

said "rioters" have killed at least 20

members of the security forces.

in boat capsize



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lagos, Oct 10: At least 76 people were killed after a boat capsized in the southern state of Anambra, President Muhammadu Buhari confirmed in a statement.

In the statement issued late Sunday, Buhari acknowledged that rescue agencies had officially reported the death toll of the tragedy October 7, reports Xinhua news

The passenger boat carrying 85 people capsized in the state's Ogbaru area, following rising floods in that area, according to the statement.

An investigation had been launched to determine "other causes of the incident" besides floods, Thickman Tanimu, an official from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was quoted as saying by local media.

Following the tragedy, Nigeria's National Inland Waterways Authority and the NEMA have embarked on rescue and recovery missions in Anambra.

Heatwaves will make a few regions uninhabitable: UN

HEATWAVES ARE PREDICTED TO "EXCEED HUMAN PHYSIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL LIMITS" IN THE SAHEL, THE **HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ASIA**

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Geneva, Oct 10: Heatwaves will become so extreme in certain regions of the world within decades that human life there will be unsustainable, the United Nations and the Red Cross said Monday.

Heatwaves are predicted to "ex-

ceed human physiological and social limits" in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and south and southwest Asia, with extreme events triggering "large-scale suffering and loss of life", the organisations said.

Heatwave catastrophes this year in countries like Somalia and Pakistan foreshadow a future with deadlier, more frequent, and more intense heat-related humanitarian emergencies, they warned in a joint report.

The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) released the report in advance of next month's UN's COP27 climate change summit in Egypt.

They said aggressive steps needed to be taken immediately to avert potentially recurrent heat disasters,



listing steps that could mitigate the worst effects of extreme heat.

"There are clear limits beyond which people exposed to extreme heat and humidity cannot survive," the report said.

"There are also likely to be levels of extreme heat beyond which societies may find it practically impossible to deliver effective adaptation for all.

"On current trajectories, heat-

waves could meet and exceed these physiological and social limits in the coming decades, including in regions such as the Sahel and south and southwest Asia.

It warned that the impact of this would be "large-scale suffering and loss of life, population movements and further entrenched inequality." The combined effects of ageing, warming and urbanisation would cause a significant increase in the number of at-risk people in developing countries in the coming decades. "Projected future death rates from extreme heat are staggeringly high - comparable in magnitude by the end of the century to all cancers or all infectious diseases - and staggeringly unequal," the report said.

Agricultural workers, children, the elderly and pregnant and breastfeeding women are at higher risk

of illness and death, the report claimed. "As the climate crisis goes unchecked, extreme weather events, such as heatwaves and floods, are hitting the most vulnerable people the hardest," said UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths.

"Nowhere is the impact more brutally felt than in countries already reeling from hunger, conflict and poverty.

IFRC Secretary-General Jagan Chapagain urged countries at COP27 to invest in climate adaptation and mitigation in the regions most at risk.

OCHA and the IFRC suggested five main steps to help combat the impact of extreme heatwaves, including providing early information to help people and authorities react in time, and finding new ways of financing

local-level action.

business



India and Indonesia should negotiate a comprehensive free trade agreement as it would help in boosting economic ties between the two countries

SHINTA WIDJAJA KAMDANI CHAIR B20, INDONESIA

AIRPODS TO BE MADE IN INDIA

Apple Inc's wireless earphones AirPods will be manufactured in India, television channel CNBC TV18 reported Monday, citing India's IT ministry. The iPhone 14 will be manufactured by December 2022 at Foxconn's facility near Chennai in southern India, CNBC TV18 added





businesses to consider dual listing to widen their capital raising options. They have the option to list on the main bourses' SME platforms and also on the Gift City in

PIYUSH GOYAL COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER

G-20 should work towards creating and adopting guiding principles for such open source and inter-operable

platforms and standards to promote inclusive digitisation across the world

ANURAG JAIN | SECRETARY, DPIIT

Though we've set a five-year deadline to take the UAE-India bilateral trade to \$100 billion from what it is now, going by the way trade has been growing since the signing of the CEPA, I am confident that we'll achieve the target much earlier, say over the next two-three years

THANI BIN AHMED AL ZEYOUDI JUNIOR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, UAE

SHORT **TAKES**

FM to attend IMF, WB annual meetings

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will leave for the United States Tuesday to attend the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank, which are likely to deliberate on the current global economic situation. She will also attend the meetings of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, besides having interaction with business leaders and investors. During her 6-day visit to the US from October 11-16, the minister would meet US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and World Bank President David Malpass separately to discuss the issues of mutual interest.

BoM raises lending rate by 20 bps

New Delhi: State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) Monday raised the marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR) by 0.20 per cent or 20 basis points across tenors. The revision will make loans linked to MCLR benchmark costlier. The benchmark one-year MCLR will be 7.80 per cent from Monday, as against 7.60 per cent. The one-year rate is used to fix most consumer loans such as auto, personal and home loans. The overnight to six months tenor MCI Rs are raised by 0.20 per cent each in the range of 7.30 to 7.70 per cent.

Adani in talks to raise \$10 billion

Bangalore: Indian billionaire Gautam Adani and his family are in early discussions with investors, including Singapore investment firms Temasek and GIC, to raise at least \$10 billion to fund its expansion into clear energy, ports and cement businesses. Mint newspaper reported. Adani Group will invest more than \$100 billion over the next decade, most of it in the energy transition business, its Chairman Adani said last month, as the portsto-energy conglomerate accelerates an already aggressive expansion plan.

Tata Motors global sales up 33 per cent

New Delhi: Tata Motors Monday reported 33 per cent increase in global sales, including that of Jaguar Land Rover to 3,35,976 units in September quarter 2022. It had sold 2,51,689 units in the same period last year. Global wholesale units of all Tata Motors' commercial vehicles and Tata Daewoo range in the guarter stood at 1.03,226 units. up 16 per cent from 89,055 units a year ago, the company said.

BLEEDING CURRENCY ₹ at new nadir of 82.40/\$

Indian currency has gone from trading under 80 per dollar to above 82 in a span of less than three weeks, with the central bank seen stepping in occasionally to curb volatility

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Oct 10: The rupee slipped 10 paise to finish at a fresh lifetime low of 82.40 against the US dollar Monday, weighed down by riskaverse sentiment among investors.

Moreover, a negative trend in domestic equities and a firm greenback overseas-sapped investor appetite, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 82.68, then fell further to an all-time intra-day low of 82.69.

According to forex traders, the local unit pared initial losses on possible central bank intervention and finally settled for the day at an all-time low of 82.40 against the American currency, down 10 paise over its previous close.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, advanced 0.23 per cent to 113.05.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.71 per cent to \$97.22 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 200.18 points or 0.34 per cent to end at 57,991.11, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 73.65 points or 0.43 per cent to 17,241.00.

Foreign institutional investors were net sellers in the capital market Friday as they offloaded shares worth ₹2,250.77 crore, as per exchange data.

Surge in crude oil prices as OPEC+ has decided to cut down on oil production by 2 million barrels per day from November to stabilise oil prices may also put downside pressure on rupee.

RUPEE vs DOLLAR (Inverted Scale) *Provisional (+33p)(+20p)82.34* (-55p)03

Rupee fell to fresh all-time lows as the dollar continued to strengthen against its major crosses. The dollar gained after data showed the economy added 263,000 jobs in September as compared to expectation of 250,000 job addition

GRAPHICS

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FEAR

Dupee slipped 10 paise to Rfinish at a fresh lifetime low

t had depreciated by 13 paise to close at 82.30 Friday

Depleting foreign exchange reserves in the face of rupee's rapid depreciation is becoming a point of concern, as it fell 16% at September-end compared to the beginning of the year

Mumbai: Large Indian lenders are reluctant to process direct rupee trade transactions with Russia months after

over the invasion of Ukraine, sources said. Two smaller lenders have moved to adopt the system after the Reserve

rupees with immediate effect. But bigger lenders with more exposure to the international financial system, and in

particular the dollar, are worried their businesses could be disrupted if targeted by sanctions. Western sanctions

to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine are trying to limit Moscow's access to foreign exchange, particularly

the dollar. India has deep trade ties with Russia, and the rupee mechanism can help bypass the US dollar and

the euro for settlements. An Indian diplomat in Russia said Russian banks had reached out to eight large Indian

counterparts to set up rupee trade settlements, but the Indian banks had not responded. Some of these banks

Central Bank of India, the source said. But several sources at the banks privately confirmed they had decided

using such a settlement mechanism could be a violation of some sanctions rules. "They (Western nations) can

continue to settle trade with non-sanctioned Russian entities in dollars or euro, but the sources said they believe

that settlements in rupees could come under greater scrutiny. Another banker said the new settlements system

could raise questions in the West, and could lead to sanctions. "The process of getting them lifted may take

months and it is a risk banks are not willing to take," the source said

not to use the structure, at least for now. One of them, a senior executive at a large state-owned bank, said

impose a sanction on us, it will be a major business and reputational loss," said the banker. Indian banks

include India's largest lender State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and

the mechanism was put in place for fear of becoming the target of sanctions by the United States and Europe

Bank of India (RBI) said in July that it had set up an arrangement for international trade settlements in Indian

.arge lenders shun ₹ mechanism in Russia trade

'Rupee could touch 84-85/\$ by March'

Mumbai: The Indian rupee could drop to 84-85 to the dollar by March due to rising crude oil prices, high trade deficit and depleting foreign exchange reserves, Elara Global Research said in a note Monday, when the currency hit a record low of 82.6825. "The rupee, so far, has borne the brunt of aggressive global tightening as a hawkish (US) Federal Reserve and interest rate differentials weigh on its outlook," Garima Kapoor, an economist at Elara, said. "Elevated trade deficit prints and the recent surge in crude oil prices add to the near-term headwinds." Kapoor expects the rupee to fall to 83.50 per US dollar by December, before slipping even further to 84-85 by March. Higherthan-expected jobs additions in September and an unexpected dip in the unemployment rate cemented bets of another 75 basis points Fed rate hike next month, pressuring the rupee. Rising oil prices added to the challenges. Brent crude jumped more than 11% last week after the OPEC+ announced its largest supply cut since 2020, despite concerns that

could lead to a recession.

Adani Group, the ports-to-energy conglomerate had recently forayed into the cement sector with the acquisition of Ambuja

Cements and ACC Ltd to become the nation's second-largest cement maker with annual production capacity of 67.5 million tonne

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: Adani group is in talks to buy the cement businesses of debt-laden Jaypee Group for about ₹5,000 crore as the conglomerate helmed by the richest Asian consolidates its presence in a sector it entered a few weeks back.

Sources said Adani group is in advanced talks with the management of Jaiprakash Associates and the deal could be announced shortly.

Jaypee group had sold its cement business to UltraTech but a few units were still housed in group firms. The boards of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd and Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd Monday approved plans to divest their cement business as well as some non-core assets to reduce debt.

If the deal goes through, Adani would get nearly 10 million tonne per annum (MTPA) of capacity from the Jaypee group.

Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) presently has an aggregate capacity of around 6 MTPA and Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd (JPVL) has around 4 MTPA.

On Monday, JAL and JPVL, both part of the Jaypee group and facing business headwinds, announced plans to divest their cement busi-

Cement war intensifies as Adani plans another acquisition for ₹5K-cr

ness as well as some non-core as

sets to reduce debt. The companies' decision to sell their cement business also comes against the backdrop of a recent plea by the country's biggest lender SBI to initiate insolvency proceedings against Jaypee group's flagship firm Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL).

"With a view to give thrust to the ongoing efforts of the company to reduce its debt, the board of directors in their meeting... Decided to divest company's significant cement business," JAL said in a regulatory filing.

The board of JPVL has also "decided to divest company's Nigrie Cement Grinding Unit as well as other non-core assets," according to another regulatory filing. Nigrie Cement Grinding Unit,

which is based near Jaypee Nigrie Super Thermal Power Plant at Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, has a capacity of 4 million tonne per annum. At present, 2 million tonne per annum is in operation.

In September 2018, ICICI Bank filed an insolvency petition against JAL but the matter is still pending before the Allahabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

TCS sees softness in

sold during Navratri: FADA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: Vehicle retail sales in the country rose 57 per cent during the Navratri festival this year, clocking a record sales of nearly 5.4 lakh units, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations said Monday.

Total vehicle retail sales between September 26 and October 5, 2022, stood at 5,39,227 units compared to 3,42,459 units sold during Navratri last year, FADA said.

The sales registered this year were also a record, bettering the previous best of 4,66,128 units in Navratri of 2019, it added "Navratri sales show that cus-

tomers are back in showrooms after a gap of three years," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said.

As per the FADA data, two-wheeler retail sales in this year's Navratri stood at 3,69,020 units against 2,42,213 units during the festive period last year, showing a growth of 52.35 per cent. Compared to 3,55,851 units clocked in the Navratri of the pre-Covid year 2019 the two-wheeler sales growth was 3.7 per cent.

"Two-wheeler category, which was continuously showing weakness when compared to pre-Covid



months, also registered single-digit growth," Singhania said.

Passenger vehicle sales during this year's Navratri stood at 1,10,521 units against 64,850 units last year, a growth of 70.43 per cent, FADA said. Similarly, commercial vehicle

retail also grew by 48.25 per cent to

22.437 units from 15,135 units sold in Navratri last vear. The growth was also witnessed in the three-wheeler category, which posted sales of 19,809 units in Navratri this year compared to 9,203

units last year. Tractor sales also

jumped 57.66 per cent to 17,440 units from 11,062 units sold in Navratri 2021. "We now hope that this trend continues till Deepawali so that apart from passenger vehicle dealers, who will see a decade high during this festive, the two-wheeler dealers also have a good season and hence helps them liquidate their stock, which they have built in anticipation of a good festive," Singhania said.

Record 5.4L units vehicles IDBI may become private by Sept '23

SHARES OF IDBI BANK CLOSED AT ₹46.55 APIECE. UP 9.02% OVER PREVIOUS CLOSE ON THE BSE. AT THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE. THE SALE OF 60.72% STAKE WOULD FETCH ABOUT ₹30,000 CRORE TO THE EXCHEQUER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: The financial bids for IDBI Bank privatisation is likely to be invited by March and the conclusion of the sale process is expected in the next financial year, officials said.

Last week, the government along with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) invited preliminary bids for selling 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank. The last date for putting in Expression of Interest (EoI) is December 16.

Once the EoIs come in and the interested parties clear RBI's 'Fit and Proper' assessment and gets Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) security clearance, data room access would be given to qualified bidders. It is only after due diligence, that bidders would put in financial bids

Usually it takes about six months for the process of due diligence to get completed and financial bids to come in. We hope to invite financial bids for IDBI Bank by March,

Considering that this would be



the first case of strategic sale in bank, a lot of queries are expected to be raised during the due diligence process

The process of IDBI Bank strategic sale is likely to conclude by September, the officials added.

Private sector banks, foreign banks, Reserve Bank of India(RBI) registered non-banking finance companies, Sebi-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), a fund/investment vehicle incorporated outside India would be allowed to submit bids, either individually or as consortium.

The net worth threshold for bidders has been kept at ₹22,500 crore, and they must report net profit in three of the past five years. Besides, 40 per cent of the equity would have to be locked in for 5 years. Currently, LIC holds 49.24 per

cent stake in IDBI Bank, while the government holds 45.48 per cent stake. The remaining 5.2 per cent stake is with the public shareholders. The combined stake of the gov-

ernment and LIC in IDBI Bank would come down from 94.72 per cent, to 34 per cent after the conclusion of this strategic sale.

The government will sell 30.48 per cent stake and LIC will offload 30.24 per cent, taking the total to 60.72 per cent, along with transfer of management control.

The announcement of IDBI Bank privatisation was first made in Union Budget of 2021-22, following which the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment and transfer of management control in May 2021.

long-term deals after 2nd-gtr beat REUTERS Bangalore, Oct 10: Tata

Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) said it was seeing some softness in long-term deal decision making after India's top IT exporter reported a bigger-than-expected rise in second-quarter profit Monday.

The Mumbai-based company's order book for July-September stood at \$8.1 billion, consisting of several small- and medium-sized deals rather than large ones, TCS said.

The company's net profit rose 8.4% to ₹104.31 billion in the three months ended Sept 30 from a year earlier. Analysts on average had expected a profit of ₹102.44 billion, according to Refinitiv data. Revenue from operations rose 18% to ₹553.09 billion.

Many of India's top IT services firms are looking at various costcutting measures, as they are worried that tightening budgets at recession-weary US and European clients will sharply hit their own profits after a pandemic-led boom.

TCS is the first among its peers to report quarterly results, setting the tone for the industry, which has been benefiting from a pandemic-led boom in demand.

Car prices to soar as firms gear for stricter emission norms

Deteriorating air pollution situation in various Indian cities is one of the prominent reasons to usher in stricter vehicular emission norms in the country

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 10: Passenger and commercial vehicle prices are expected to rise as automobile companies invest in upgrading vehicles to meet stricter emission norms that kick in from April next year.

The Indian automobile industry is currently working to make their products meet the second

phase of Bharat Stage VI, equivalent to Euro-VI emission norms, in real time driving conditions.

Vehicles will need to have an on-board self-diagnostic device to monitor the real time driving emission levels. The device will constantly monitor key parts for meeting emission standards such as the catalytic converter and oxygen sensors, to keep a close watch on emissions.

In a scenario wherein the emissions exceed the parameters, the device will indicate through warning lights that the vehicle be submitted for a service. Additionally, in order to control

the level of fuel burnt, the vehicles

will also carry programmed fuel in-

jectors, which would control the tim-

to be added to meet the next level of emission standards Industry players expect an crease in the overall roduction cost, which could be passed on to buyers starting next year

> ing and amount of fuel injected into the petrol engine. Even the semiconductors used by

the vehicle will have to be upgraded

to monitor throttle, crankshaft po-

sitions, air intake pressure, tem-

Indian automobile industry

is currently working to make

second phase of Bharat Stage

Four-wheeler passenger and

commercial vehicles will need

more sophisticated equipment

their products meet the

VI, equivalent to Euro-VI

perature of the engine and the contents of the emissions from the exhaust (particulate matter; nitrogen oxide, CO2, Sulphur), etc.

new norms are likely to lead to a marginal increase in the overall vehicle price, with the changes required relatively lower vis-à-vis the previous transition (BS IV to BS VI)

rohan kanwar gupta | VP & SECTOR HEAD (CORPORATE RATINGS), ICRA

India had leapfrogged to BS-VI emission regime from BS IV norm with effect from April 1, 2020. The transition saw the domestic automobile industry pumping in around ₹70,0000 crore to upgrade its tech-

In 2016, the government asked the automobile industry to upgrade to BS-VI norms by April, 2020. The short deadline was unprecedented anywhere in the world as it was a leap from BS IV to BS VI.

Sulphur content is the major difference between BS IV and BS VI norms. India adopted Euro-III equivalent (or Bharat Stage-III) fuel with a sulphur content of 350 ppm in 2010 and then took seven years to move to BS-IV that had a sulphur content of 50 ppm. BS VI petrol and diesel contain just 10 parts per million (PPM) of sulphur.









India open FIFA women's U-17 World Cup campaign today with hope to get at least a point

THE TEAMS

Monalisha Devi Moirangthem,

Melody Chanu Keisham, Anjali

Munda, Astam Oraon, Naketa,

Purnima Kumari, Varshika,

Shilky Devi Hemam, Babina

Devi Lisham, Nitu Linda, Shailja, Shubhangi Singh, Anita

Kumari, Lynda Kom Serto,

Neha, Rejiya Devi Laishram,

Shelia Devi Loktongbam, Kajol

Hubert Dsouza, Lavanya

Upadhyay, Sudha Ankita Tirkey.

Abigail Gundry, Victoria

Safradin, Valentina Amaral,

Ella Emri, Nicola Fraser,

Jorydn Bugg, Savannah King,

Cameron Roller, Gisele

Thompson, Mia Bhuta, Riley

Jackson, Charlotte Kohler, Lauren Martinho, Ella Sanchez,

Emeri Adames, Onyeka Gamero, Nicollette Kiorpes,

Melina Rebimbas, Samantha

Smith, Taylor Suarez, Amalia

Villarreal.

Mighty USA test awaits eves



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: One of the least fancied sides in the tournament, India will begin as clear underdogs in their FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup opening match against the mighty USA here Tuesday.

India had booked an automatic berth in the age-group showpiece as hosts and they are one of the three debutants in the tournament along with fellow Group A side Morocco and Tanzania (Group D).

Head coach Thomas Dennerby had said that the hosts will be a tough side to score against and taking a point from the formidable USA at the Kalinga Stadium Tuesday can be a big achievement

USA have come into the tournament as winners of the CON-CACAF championships and they would look to open their campaign with a win, knowing fully well that a slip-up against India can cost them dear in a Group which also has title contenders Brazil.

The top two teams from each of the four groups will qualify for the quarterfinals and every point is

crucial in such a high-stake tour-

Dennerby's side has prepared well for the tournament with exposure tours to Italy, Norway and Spain, though they have not played against very strong European and South American sides in the runup to the showpiece.

He has said that his team has improved a lot in fitness and in defence while conceding that attacking is an area which his players will need to work upon.

The core of the Indian team is made up of the players who won 2022 U-18 Women's SAFF Championship. Lynda Kom Serto, the leading scorer of the tournament, will spearhead the attack. Anita Kumari and Nitu Linda will operate from the wings while young Shilky Devi could be the midfield kingpin.

USA are playing the tournament for the fifth time and for the third consecutive time. But they have not gone past the group stage after finishing runners-up in 2008 edition and they would be looking to end the jinx this time.

Fifteen of the 21 who helped the

USA win the Concacaf U-17 Women's Championship are in India. Midfielder Riley Jackson, who was adjudged the best player in the Concacaf tournament, will

be one player to watch out for.

Amalia Villarreal, who finished as the joint-highest goal-scorer, will lead the attack while Victoria Safradin, who won the Golden Glove, will man the USA goal. Midfielder Mia Bhuta, whose father was brought up in Rajkot in Gujarat, will also be another player to watch

In the run-up to the tournament, USA had beaten defending champions Spain once (2-0) and drawn once (1-1) while also notching up a 1-0 victory over European qualifying tournament winners Germany. In seven games in the CONCACAF tournament, USA had scored 58 goals while conceding one.

In other matches on the opening day, Morocco take on Brazil in Group A at the Kalinga Stadium here. Chile face New Zealand in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao while Germany play against Nigeria at the same venue

This is only the several of FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup since its introduction in 2008

660 The number of goals plundered in the event so far since its introduction – 113 in 2008, 125 in 2010, 119 in 2012, 113 in 2014, 104 in 2016 and 86 in

125 Goals scored in the 2010 edition in Trinidad and Tobago, most at a single edition of

18 No. of seconds for opening up the scoring in a match, fastest in the event's history. New Zealand's Grace Wisniewski was the one who recorded the feat against Canada in the play-off for third place in the 2018 edition

8 No. of goals scored by players in the single edition, most in the event. It has been achieved three times: by Korea Republic's Yeo Minii in 2010. Korea DPR's Ri Un-Sim in 2012 and Lorena Navarro of Spain in 2016

No. of goals scored by Sol No. of goals scored by Lorena Chinwendu Ihezuo in a single game, most by a player in the event.

NUMBERS' GAME

This is only the seventh edition

favourites against us, no doubt about that. But that is on paper and football is played on a pitch for 90 to 95 minutes. We feel that we

also have a chance to get points against USA THOMAS DENNERBY | HEAD COACH

We have prepared well since February and the players are ready for the tournament. Reaching the quarterfinals will be a huge achievement but we are currently focussing on USA game

ASTAM ORAON | CAPTAIN

Only four teams - Germany, Canada, Japan and New Zealand have been regular participants in the tournament since 2008

2 No. of titles for Korea DPR (2008 & 2016) in six editions, while Korea Republic (2010), France (2012), Japan (2014) and Spain (2018) have triumphed once each

5 The record number of own-goals scored in the 2012 edition. Gambia put two past their goalkeep-

er in the 10-2 group-stage defeat at the hands of France, which features in the history books as the tournament's highest-scoring game

Three nations will make their tour-nament debuts in the 2022 edition hosts India, Morocco and Tanzania

284320 The 2014 edition in Costa Rica drew the biggest crowds (an average of 8,885 per game) taking their place in

ENCOURAGING TALENTS



In a candid act, USA women's team, Monday, gifted football kits to the young women footballers of Bhubaneswar Sports

700TH FOR MAN Mia wants to inspire Indian girls India end group

ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, Oct 10: Sunday turned out to be a memorable one for Cristiano Ronaldo as he, not only opened his account in the Premier League this season, but also took his tally in club career to 700.

The 37-year-old Portugal striker scored the landmark goal in Manchester United's 2-1 victory over Everton. Ronaldo came off the bench in the 29th minute to replace the injured Anthony Martial and scored 15 minutes later, running onto Casemiro's through ball and driving a low left-footed shot under England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

It was Ronaldo's 144th goal for United across two spells at the club. He also netted 450 goals for Real Madrid, 101 for Juventus and five for Sporting.

Just as in the Europa League Thursday, United had to come from behind to win after Alex Iwobi put Everton ahead with a curling shot from outside the area in the fifth minute. Antony equalised in the

Gianluca Scamacca is adjusting nicely to life as West Ham's new striker. Make that a goal in each of his three games over the past week, his latest a brilliant but contentious one in a 3-1 win over

The Italy striker showed his

growing composure in front of goal

with an audacious chip over Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno to make it 2-1, after bringing the ball down just inside the area almost in slow motion. Scamacca barely celebrated, suggesting he felt something was amiss, but the goal survived an initial

second, lengthy review of the ball appearing to brush the striker's fingers after he controlled it. The goal was given and prompted a touchline meltdown from Fulham manager Marco Silva, who was

VAR check for offside and then a

booked for his angry protests. Fulham led through Andreas Pereira's first goal for the club but he gave away the penalty that Jarrod Bowen tucked away for the equalizer. Michail Antonio scored West Ham's third in stoppage time.



Mia Bhuta (2nd from R) speaks to Sports Hostel girls, Monday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: American midfielder Mia Bhuta wants to flaunt her "Indian heritage" as she is set to fulfill her childhood dream of playing in a World Cup and that too against the country where her father was born and brought up.

A key player of the USA team which begins its FIFA women's U-17 World Cup campaign against India here Tuesday, Mia says she would be happy if she can inspire the young girls of the host country

to take up football. Mia became the first-ever player of Indian descent to represent the US women's national team in a World Cup. "It is truly special for me to be here. My father was born here in India. He grew up in Rajkot in Gujarat. When he was 16, he came to USA to pursue his passion for tennis and to get better education," Mia said at the prematch press conference.

"I have been to India a few times before. My grandparents still live here in India. The Indian culture has influenced me a lot. I am very proud of my heritage," said the 16-vear-old.

Mia is one of the most experienced players of the USA team in this age-group as she has been capped 10 times for the U-17 national team. She has also worn the captain's armband earlier.

"I am super excited, especially because I am going to play against India. To play in the World Cup has been my dream every since I was young. I think India will be a great opponent.

"I know Indian culture. I really hope that my team and the Indian team can inspire the young girls in this country to take up to football. I want them to dream big and think that nothing is beyond reach if they worked hard. I have seen how much these girls have potential to

stage run in style

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sylhet, Oct 10: The Indian bowlers hardly broke sweat to dismiss minnows Thailand for a paltry 37 before knocking off the runs in just six overs with nine wickets in hand to top the seven-team group league in the Women's Asia Cup, here Monday.

The emphatic win was India's fifth victory in six games, with the only defeat coming in a low-scoring match against arch-rivals Pakistan. India have 10 points from six games and are expected to be joined by Pakistan, Sri Lanka and one among Thailand and Bangladesh in the semifinals.

Bangladesh have a match left and they need to just win it to enjoy a better net run-rate (+0.423 after 5 games) over Thailand (-0.949 in 6 games).

When stand-in skipper Smriti Mandhana won the toss, she had no hesitation to put Thailand onto bat and from thereon, it became an ordeal for the inexperienced Thai women.

The gulf in class was so huge that before getting out in the 16th over, Thailand could manage only 37

runs. The only batter to reach double figures was Nannapat Koncharoenkai (12) as the second highest score was 7 by Nattaya Boochatham.

In fact, Nannapat and Natthakan Chantham's (6) 13-run opening stand was their highest as wickets tumbled like nine pins once India were able to drew the first blood. Predictably, off-break bowlers

Deepti Sharma (2/10) and Sneh Rana (3/9) choked the run-flow and was duly backed by left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/8). Meghna Singh also chipped in with a wicket while the only one to

go wicketless was Pooja Vastrakar. Vastrakar (12 not out) was, however, was sent up the order at No. 3 to get some batting time under her belt as she along with opener S Meghana (20 not out) knocked off the runs in just six overs.

Brief scores: Thaliand Women 37 (Nannapat Koncharoenkai 12; Sneh Rana 3/9, Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/8. Deepti Sharma 2/10) lost to India Women 40/1 (S Meghana 20 n o; Nattaya Boochatham 1/15) by 9 wickets

Barca struggle past Celta Vigo

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madrid, Oct 10: Barcelona keeps on winning—at least in the Spanish league. The Catalan club edged Celta Viga 1-0 for their seventh straight victory in the competition, regaining first place and restoring some confidence going into a decisive Champions League game against Inter Milan.

Barcelona have not been able to repeat their league success in the group stage of the European competition, and anything but a home victory against Inter Wednesday will leave the club on the brink of elimination for a second consecutive season after the departure of Lionel Messi.

Barcelona lost to Inter last week in Italy for their second consecutive Champions League defeat. In



Pedri Gonzalez celebrates his goal against Celta Vigo, Sunday

the Spanish league, though, Barcelona has been perfect since a scoreless opening draw against

Ravo Vallecano at home Pedri Gonzalez scored the winner Sunday in the 17th minute with an easy shot into the open net after Celta defender Unai Nunez couldn't fully clear a low cross by Gavi Paez. Celta, which had won three of its

last five league games, played well in the second half but failed to capitalize on its scoring chances at the Camp Nou.

The visitors had a goal disallowed for offside in the 70th and Barcelona needed a good performance from goalkeeper Marc-André ter Stegen.

The result sets up a showdown between Barcelona and Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium next Sunday in the first clásico of the season. The rivals have the same 22 points after eight matches, but Barcelona is ahead on goal difference. The Vigo club sit in 11th place with 10 points from eight matches.



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