



PRECIOUS TIPS

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

LEISURE P2



IRAN ON THE BOIL

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

INTERNATIONAL P10



INDIA FACE USA

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

SPORTS P12



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)

REUTERS PHOTO

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

AGENCIES

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 Saifai, 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. **MORE P7**

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 Routray, allowing a plea challenging the Vigilance court order, also granted Moquim regular bail. Seeking case records from the lower court, the HC adjourned the matter for hearing again October 13.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Shinde sir, 'rubber stamp's is easily available!

Opposing judges' names disclosed

AGENCIES

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, stands discharged.

SC APPOINTMENTS ROW



- 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 CJ 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 names of 11 judges were considered,

till September 30, 2022, the day 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. **Continued on P4**

American trio wins Nobel for Economics

The trio was given the honour for exploring the role of banks, particularly during financial crises



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 Swedish Academy of Sciences in

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 provide that." **Continued on P4**

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 symbol 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-and-arrow symbol ahead of the upcoming by-elections to the Andheri East constituency.



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 Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray.

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, its symbol, the Thackeray family name, etc", but now the EC decision has cleared the air.

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

The ECI rejected the symbols - 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.

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

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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.

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| NIFTY | 17241.00 | ↓ 73.65 |
| DOLLAR | 81.97 | ↑ ₹0.44 |
| EURO | 79.83 | ↓ ₹0.83 |
| GOLD | ₹51,105 | ₹855 |
| SILVER | ₹59,428 | ₹1357 |

| WEATHER | | |
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| | BHUB | CTK |
| TEMP. MAX | 32.5°C | 33.0°C |
| TEMP. MIN | 23.5°C | 23.5°C |
| Humidity | 85% | 92% |
| Rainfall | 6.8mm | Nil |
| Forecast | Light rain likely | |

leisure



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

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ARIES

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 Ganesh. 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. Ganesh 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.

GEMINI

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 bond emotionally. Do not neglect your family members in the group activities that you take up, says Ganesh.

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.

LEO

Your children's health may be a cause of concern today, says Ganesh. The best way 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 your children shall double your joy as a parent.

VIRGO

Ganesh 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

Nothing overshadows your 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.

SCORPIO

There are strong indications that today you will be receptive 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, Ganesh 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 may cause people.

PISCES

The focus today will be on self-improvement. You may find yourself attending seminars 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 Ganesh.

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 non-profit 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

of African, Vietnamese and Indian folk music which influenced me," said Kej 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.

"Stalwarts 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. PNN

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.

Taking to Instagram to spread some positivity, the actress wrote: "It's been two months today...since my injury. Let me tell you honestly, it's NOT been easy. The mental agony has been as severe as the physical pain."

"For someone who's a workaholic and a fitness addict like me, these past eight weeks have had its own share of frustration, anger, sadness, and helplessness. But, I found a

very strong source of motivation 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 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 popularity 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

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

Mumbai: Radhika Apte was recently seen in *Vikram Vedha* alongside Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan and is known for her strong parts in projects like *Sacred Games*, *Lust Stories*, *Andhadhun* to name a few. But for the longest time, not many knew that she's married and is in a long-distance marriage. The actress had been staying away from her husband Benedict Taylor due to her work commitments here, till Covid-19 happened.

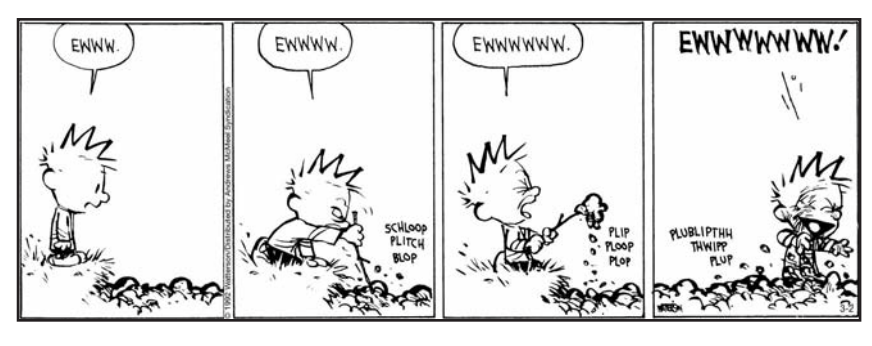
In a recent interview the *Pad Man* actress spoke about how tough long distance relationship is. She said that she had a long-distance marriage till Covid happened but now they're spending much more time together. It's like marriage - chapter two! In the beginning it was sad and heart-breaking for her 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 now.



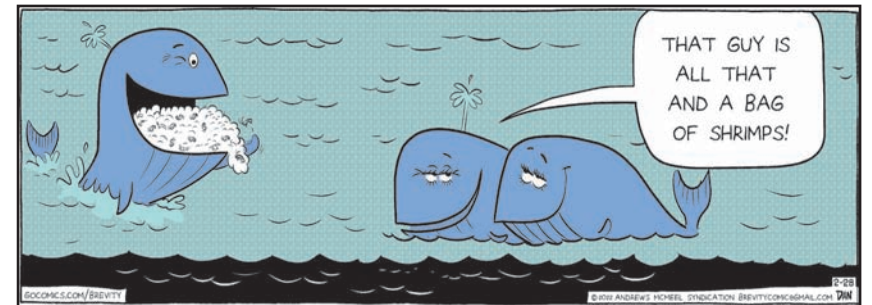
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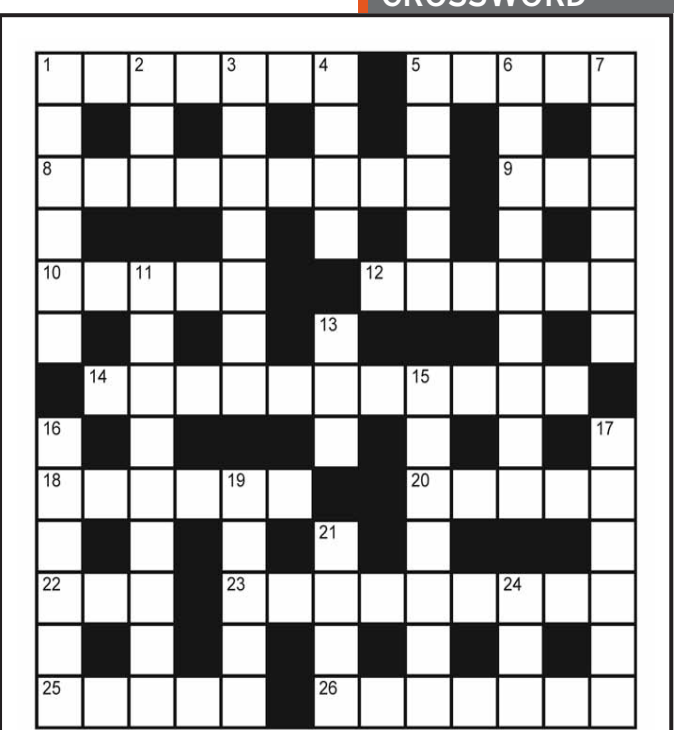
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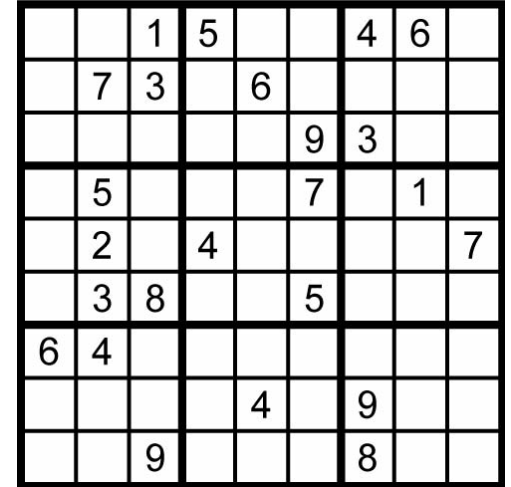
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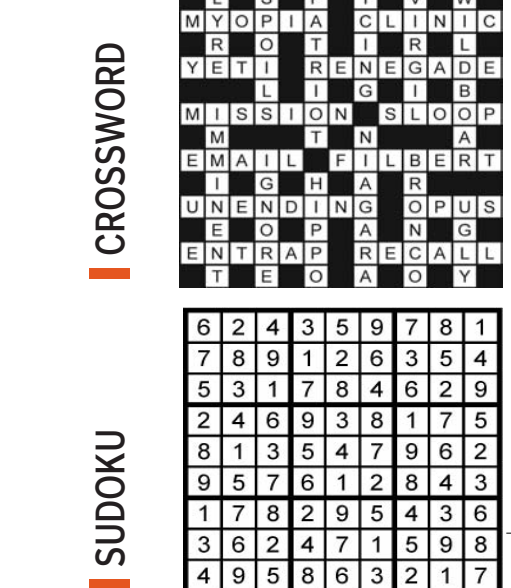
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SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS

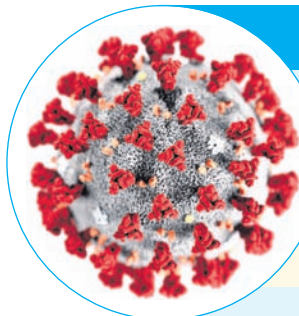


CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



POSTAL WEEK

Postal Services (Headquarters) director Subash Chandra Barik briefs media during the National Postal Week celebration in Bhubaneswar, Monday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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| India | 4,46,14,437 | 4,40,57,544 | 5,28,814 |
| Odisha | 13,34,955 | 13,25,205 | 9,199 |

Vig glare on Public Health asst engineer

POST NEWS NETWORK

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 income.

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 Samal.

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



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

fuel cost to him.

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 Biso 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 Biso 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 Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018 and a probe is on against the official, the official pointed out.



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

OP PHOTO

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 October 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 period 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 SOP.

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 Odisha.

District and region-wise weather information is provided. Possible impact of a cyclonic storm can also be predicted with the help of 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 record wind of speed upto 300 km per hour.

These kinds of modern infrastructure will help in weather forecasting as well as monitoring the condition, officials said.

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.

Archana moves court for bail



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) registered at Khandagiri police station under Sections 385, 386, 387, 420, 506 and relevant Sections of IT Act. The above case against Archana has been registered on the basis of a complaint lodged by a lady who alleged that the 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 girl to keep intimate photos of Parija. Later, the victim was also forced by the accused to ask money from Parija. When she refused, Archana threatened her of dire consequences. Parija had recently filed a case against the victim lady and Archana at Nayapalli police station alleging blackmailing by the duo.

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RN Sahu new Nayagarh DM

Bhubaneswar: In a minor reshuffle among IAS officers, the state government Monday appointed Rabin Nath 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 development 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 sub-collector of Baliguda with additional charge of executive officer, NAC, Baliguda. Newly-appointed IAS officer Vedbhushan has been appointed as Dharmagarh sub-collector. He will also remain in additional charge of executive officer, NAC, Dharamgarh. Another young IAS officer Chavan Kunal Motiram has been appointed as the new Balasore sub-collector. He has been allowed to remain in additional charge of executive officer Balasore Municipality. Besides, 2020-batch IAS officer Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak has been posted as Kuchinda sub-collector with additional charge of executive officer NAC, Kuchinda.

CM to woo investors at Hyd roadshow Oct 17

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 10: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to attend a roadshow of investors in Hyderabad October 17, officials said here Monday. "To woo investors & present investment opportunities in #Odisha, CM @Naveen_Odisha will hold one-on-one meetings with business tycoons at the Odisha Investors' Meet in Hyderabad on Oct 17," the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a tweet.

According to officials, the Chief Minister is likely to hold one-to-one meetings with several industry captains including Hyderabad-based investors in the daytime

while a mega roadshow for the investors will be organised in the evening.

During the meeting, the focus will be given to attract more investors in IT, pharma, health care and textile sectors towards Odisha, they said.

Earlier, the Chief Minister had participated in investors' meetings at Dubai, New Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore.

Notably, the Odisha government is going to organise the third edition of Make-in-Odisha conclave from November 30 to December 4, 2022 to showcase the diverse business-friendly ecosystem of Odisha to potential investors who could invest in the state.



DANCE FEST:

Artists perform during the Fourth Gopikrushna Utsav at Bhanjakala Mandap in Bhubaneswar, Monday

OP PHOTO

Woman murdered over family dispute

POST NEWS NETWORK

Khurda, Oct 10: A woman was murdered allegedly by her brother-in-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 (IC) Jaya Prakash Parida reached the spot along with a scientific team and started an investigation into the incident.

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 brothers indulged in a heated argument over this issue Monday morning.

The verbal duel turned violent when the two elder brothers, Lakshmi and Bainsi, 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

Dr 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 patients.

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 Switzerland-based 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 monitoring of tumour response to therapy. 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 inter-governmental agency part of the World Health Organisation (WHO). 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.

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This study has identified a single salivary exosomal miRNA prognosticator that will aid in improved patient 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

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

water 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 Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Abhay 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 directions December 7.



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

CM inaugurates Brundabati Nivas for Habishyals in Puri



Patnaik inaugurated the building on video conferencing mode. Welcoming the Habishyals, mostly widows, to the new building, Patnaik hoped that it would facilitate them to perform all the rituals needed for the Kartika 'brata' during the holy month of Kartika. He sought blessings of Lord Jagannath for the Habishyals 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 (ST) to Chief Minister VK Pandian coordinated the programme.

Goethe University-UU to promote millets

Bhubaneswar: The Goethe University of Germany will join hands with Utkal University to boost the production of the nutrient-rich millets. With the least water consumption, low carbon footprint, and the fact that millets can be grown even during drought conditions, the millets are referred to as climate-friendly crops, said Roland Hardenberg of Fresenius Institute at Goethe University here Monday. Delivering a lecture on 'Food Sovereignty, Food Security and Religion in Odisha and Beyond' organised by Utkal University's International Office, Roland said his research on tribals of Koraput and Rayagada and their food habits prompted him to improve nutrition at the household level through the revival of millets in farms and on plates of tribal communities in Odisha.

4-tier security arrangements at Kalinga Stadium for WWC

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.

BMC notice to waste generators

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 size 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 size 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



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.

5T Secy Pandian visits WSC

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

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Opposing judges'...

Therefore, the meeting was postponed 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, objected 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 Depression of the 1930s, showing the 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 runs on banks.

Barriers to girls' education are greater than ever before

In November and December 2021, Educate Girls, an Indian non-profit 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

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| The number of adolescent girls not in school is 2.3 times higher in households that have lost most of their income | |

increased burden 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 scenario where older adolescent girls take on the major responsibility of household chores. For all girls, the number of hours spent on household chores has increased by more than 1 hour a day to an average of over 3.5 hours per day. Most of this increase is in chores that need to be done in the morning before they go to school. 3 out of 4 adolescent girls will continue to carry the burden of household chores even when schools reopen. In the risk of early marriage In Uttar Pradesh, roughly 30 per cent of participating girls were either married or engaged. Many

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 Safena 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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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' has no value as his party would never come to power in poll-bound Karnataka

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The special incentives to central government employees posted in Kashmir valley will continue for a further period of three years

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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 quarrel, 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-and-a-half months back.

Three cops suspended in UP

Lucknow: Three police personnel have been suspended in connection with the custodial death of a 30-year-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.



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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



Russia-Ukraine war: India bats for dialogue

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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 of the situation. "India is deeply concerned at the escalation of the con-



conflict 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 Kyiv for the blast.

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

terest. We urge immediate cessation 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 efforts.

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Heavy rains damage crops ahead of harvest



REUTERS

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 yields 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 year the cycle was delayed by lower rainfall in June.



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

PTI PHOTO

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-year-old SP patriarch, who died on Monday at a Gurugram hospital, was "Netaji" for his supporters, the doozy 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 campaigner 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 Bharatiya Kranti Dal, Bharatiya 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 jet 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 could become the state's youngest CM at 38.

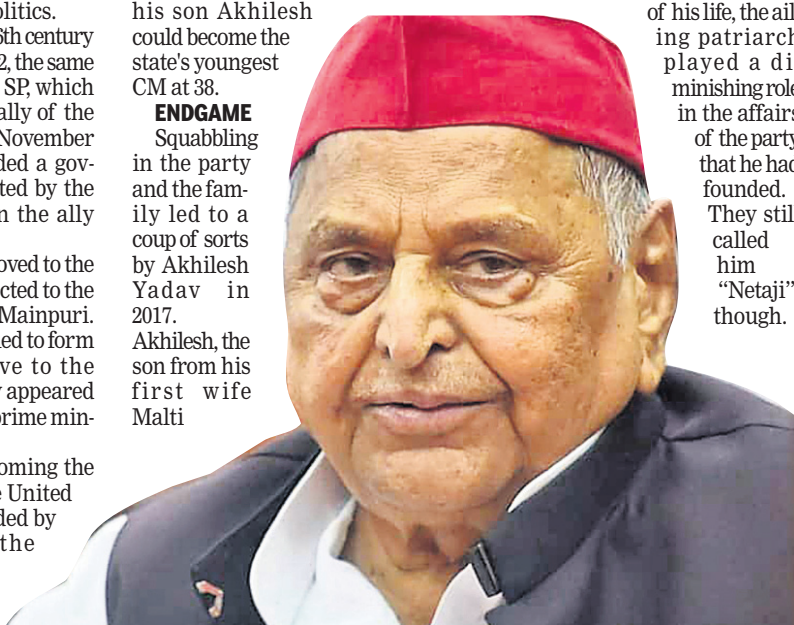
ENDGAME

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

Devi -- he later married Sadhna Gupta -- was at loggerheads with the old guard that included uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav.

As chief minister, the younger Yadav enjoyed popular support within the party as well and wrested it from his father at an SP convention. While the former wrestler's supporters cried foul, the son projected the takeover as a tough but necessary move. In the final years

of his life, the ailing patriarch played a diminishing role in the affairs of the party that he had founded. They still called him "Netaji", though.



PTI PHOTO

Punjab police bust five terror modules

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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.

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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. PTI PHOTO

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 seven villages.

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 the state."

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 woolen Himachali cap and shawls, said the "time has come to bid farewell to cap politics in the state."

For him, flaunting political loyalty 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 ideology? 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 symbolises descendants of upper Himachal, while the maroon one represents lower Himachal.

It started with the late six-time Congress Chief Minister Virbhadr 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 two-time 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 multi-coloured '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 Virbhadr 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 Virbhadr 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 rears 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-leaved plants

and trees on 215 hectares of forest land between 1992-1996.

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

According to Dr Vimal Choudhary, broad-leaved 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 broad-leaved plants served as better fodder as they carried higher levels of nutrients.

Drapadi 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.

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

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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.

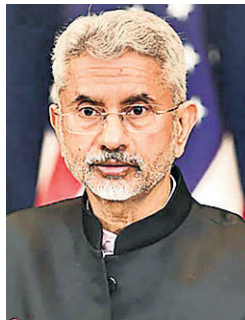
In Bhupinder Singh's village, 70



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.

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 15 years, encouraging others to follow in his footsteps.



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

MALAYSIAN PM DISSOLVES PARL Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob Monday announced the dissolution of the country's Parliament...



of the day quote

We want more representation from Fijians of 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 Secretary of the President of Russia

The bombardment of Ukraine's capital Kyiv and of civilian targets in other Ukrainian cities on Monday was a reprehensible act by Russia

BIGGEST AIR STRIKES SINCE INVASION

Russia blasts Kyiv, other cities

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



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

suggested Russia's plan to escalate may have been drawn up before the bridge was attacked. Monday's strikes tore a huge crater next to a children's playground...

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

Kyiv, 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...

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...

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.

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.

BELARUS ESCALATION

In another sign of possible escalation, Putin's closest ally, President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, said Monday he had ordered troops to deploy jointly with Russian forces near Ukraine...



A missile strikes near the glass bridge

SHORT TAKES

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...

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...

Dutch activists sue government

The Hague: Activists calling for the decriminalisation of assisted suicide in the Netherlands took the Dutch government to court Monday...

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...

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...

NK confirms nuke missile tests to 'wipe out' enemies

Seoul, Oct 10: North Korea said Monday its recent barrage of missile launches were tests of its tactical nuclear weapons to 'hit and wipe out' potential South Korean and US targets...

operation units, the actual war capabilities... of the nuclear combat forces ready to hit and wipe out the set objects at any location and any time were displayed to the full...



북핵무력 강화 강조 (Emphasis on strengthening nuclear power)

ANTI-HIJAB PROTESTS

Iran toughens crackdown

Dubai, Oct 10: Iranian security forces intensified a crackdown on anti-government protests in several Kurdish cities Monday...

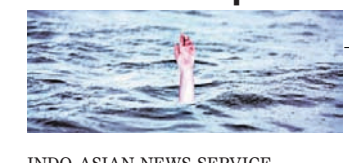


Videos shared on social media showed protests in dozens of cities across Iran early Monday, with fierce clashes between protesters and riot police in cities and towns across Amini's native Kurdistan province.

- Heavy security presence in some Kurdish cities - Hengaw
Fierce clashes reported in Iranian Kurdistan
Protests ignited by Iranian-Kurdish woman's death
Police had held Mahsa Amini for 'inappropriate attire'
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.

Nigeria: 76 killed in boat capsized



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.

The passenger boat carrying 85 people capsized in the state's Ogburu 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...

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

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REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

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"...

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..."

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.

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.

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."

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

Mighty USA test awaits eyes



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 for India.

USA have come into the tournament as winners of the CONCACAF 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 tournament.

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 run-up 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 Shikya 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 out for.

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 in Group B matches.

NUMBERS' GAME

- 7 This is only the seventh edition 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 2018
- 125 Goals scored in the 2010 single edition, most in Trinidad and Tobago, most at a single edition of the event
- 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 Minji in 2010, Korea DPR's Ri Un-Sim in 2012 and Lorena Navarro of Spain in 2016
- 5 No. of goals scored by Lorena Navarro of Spain and Nigeria's Chinwendu Ihezuo in a single game, most by a player in the event.



USA are the 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

THE TEAMS

INDIA

Monalisha Devi Moirangthem, Melody Chanu Keisham, Anjali Munda, Astam Oraon, Naketa, Purnima Kumari, Varshika, Shikya 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 Turkey.

USA

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, Emmeri Adams, Onyeka Gamero, Nicollette Kiorpes, Melina Reimbias, Samantha Smith, Taylor Suarez, Amalia Villarreal.

ENCOURAGING TALENTS

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

700TH FOR MAN UNITED'S NO.7

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 15th.

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 Fulham.

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 VAR check for offside and then a 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 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 wants to inspire Indian girls

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 pas-

Barca struggle past Celta Vigo

Madrid, Oct 10: Barcelona keeps on winning—at least in the Spanish league. The Catalan club edged Celta Vigo 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 Rayo Vallecano at home.

Pedri Gonzalez scored the winner

India end group stage run in style

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



Sneh Rana is delighted after dismissing a Thailand batter, Monday