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Actor Urvashi Rautela, after her recent arrival in Australia, was brutally trolled by netizens for allegedly following cricketer Rishabh Pant

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Iran intensifies crackdown amid protests sparked by the death of a woman detained by the morality police

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Spinners help India clinch the three-match ODI series against South Africa with a dominating 7-wicket win in third ODI

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GALA OPENING FOR FIFA U-17 WWC



AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, FIFA Secretary General Fatma Samoura, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Youth Affairs & Sports and I&B Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Goa Sports Minister Govind Gaude and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik during the inauguration of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

BHUBANESWAR: Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Anurag Singh Thakur Tuesday attended the opening ceremony of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (WWC) 2022 at Kalinga Stadium here. Thakur also watched the match between India and the USA. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju were among the dignitaries who also attended the inaugural ceremony of the World Cup. India is hosting the FIFA U-17 WWC 2022, which is being organised at three venues. The matches will be played at Kalinga Stadium in the City, P.J.N Stadium in Goa and DY Patil Sports Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

Unemployment rate at six-month high: CMIE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Odisha's unemployment rate rose to a six-month high of 2.9 per cent in September, according to the latest data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

The unemployment rate, which stood at 9.7 per cent in March 2022, came down to 1.5 per cent in April before rising to 2.6 per cent in May. It nosedived to 1.2 per cent in June and further to 0.9 per cent in July before rising to 2.6 per cent in August and 2.9 per cent in September this year, the CMIE data showed. Over a longer time period, state's unemployment has moved from 0.2 per cent in December 2020 to its current rate.

Economists say job opportunities have been hit by sluggish domestic demand and the slow pace of economic recovery amid rising prices. Expressing concern, noted economist Amarendra Das called for an urgent intervention by the Centre and the state to create livelihood opportunities both in rural and urban areas.

"At a time when CMIE data highlights the rising unemployment in Odisha, huge posts have been lying vacant in government departments. The state as well as the Centre must act swiftly to fill them," said Das.

According to the CMIE data, unemployment rate in September was the highest in Rajasthan at 23.8 per cent, followed by Jammu and Kashmir at 23.2 per cent, Haryana at 22.9

FIGURES SAY IT ALL

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SC NOTICE TO STATE ON CHIT FUND SCAM

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Odisha government and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on a petition seeking probe in multi-crore chit fund scam in Odisha. A two-judge bench of Justices MR Shah and Krishna Murari issued the notices and posted the matter for hearing to November 14. "We will issue notice to the CBI and Odisha government," the bench said. During the hearing, advocate Prashant Bhushan submitted that not a single investor has got their money back.

2 WOMEN KILLED IN 'HUMAN SACRIFICE'

Kochi: Two women were allegedly sacrificed as part of black magic to bring prosperity to a village of Pathanamthitta in Kerala and three people, including a couple, suspected to be involved in the crime, were taken into custody, police said Tuesday. The two women, who had earned their daily bread selling lottery tickets on the streets, were allegedly sacrificed by the accused to settle their financial issues and bring prosperity in life, police said. Expressing shock over the murders, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said only those who are sick in the head could commit such crimes. Such blackmagic and witchcraft rituals could only be seen as a challenge to civilised society, he said in a statement.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



His name or work doesn't matter. What matters is his followers form a huge vote bank. Focus on that!

Justice Chandrachud set to become new CJI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: Chief Justice of India UU Lalit Tuesday recommended to the Centre the name of the senior-most Supreme Court judge Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud as his successor.

Justice Chandrachud, who has been part of several Constitution benches and landmark verdicts of the top court including on matters relating to the Ayodhya land dispute, right to privacy and adultery, will become the 50th CJI November 9 once the recommendation is accepted by the government.

Justice Chandrachud, who was elevated to the top court May 13, 2016, will have a tenure of two years as the CJI and is due to retire November 10, 2024. Supreme Court judges retire at the age of 65.

Setting in motion the process of appointment of the next CJI, the incumbent Chief Justice handed over the copy of his letter of recommendation to Justice Chandrachud, who is the son of the longest serving CJI YV Chandrachud. The former CJI was the head of the judiciary from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985.

On October 7, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had sent a letter to CJI Lalit, who is set to retire on November 8, to recommend his successor. CJI Lalit will have a short tenure of 74 days.



CJI Lalit, who wrote back to Rijiju recommending the name of Justice Chandrachud, requested all the judges of the apex court to assemble at the judges' lounge at 10.15 AM. He then handed over the letter designating the successor to Justice Chandrachud, who has also played a pivotal role in digitization of the judiciary.

According to the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP), which governs the process of appointment of judges in the higher judiciary, the outgoing CJI initiates the process of naming the successor after getting a communication from the Law ministry.

The MoP says the senior-most judge of the apex court is considered fit to hold the office of the CJI and the views of the outgoing head of the judiciary have to be sought "at an appropriate time".

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VALUE	VARIATION
SENSEX	57147.32	↓ 843.79
NIFTY	16983.50	↓ 257.50
DOLLAR	82.31	↓ ₹0.07
EURO	79.92	↑ ₹0.01
GOLD	₹51,200	↑ ₹177
SILVER	₹58,722	↓ ₹380

What if Putin uses nuclear weapons?

With Russian president Vladimir Putin saber-rattling with tactical nuclear weapons as a warning to the Ukraine and free world, US president Joe Biden comparing the current nuclear risk to the Cuban Missile Crisis, it is worth contemplating what to do to treat acute radiation syndrome (ARS).

Just as Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Israel Aerospace Industries developed the Iron Dome to shoot down missiles and rockets hurled at the country from across its borders, a Haifa company named Pluristem, has been researching ARS for years and found a way to cope.

Acute radiation syndrome

ARS can harm people not only in wartime and terrorist attacks, but also in nuclear accidents such as the one that occurred at Chernobyl in Ukraine in April 1986. This leading regenerative medicine firm recently announced that a clinical study conducted by the US Department of Defense's (DoD) Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences of its novel placenta-based cell therapy product called PLX-R18. The studies were designed to evaluate PLX-R18 as a potential prophylactic countermeasure against ARS administered prior to radiation exposure.

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In addition, the data show an increase in recovery of blood lineages (platelets, neutrophils, white blood cells and lymphocytes) and a favorable safety profile. Furthermore, it showed a significant increase in bone marrow cell numbers and improved regenerative capability into all blood lineages.

"We are very pleased with the positive results from the studies showing that PLX-R18 can potentially be used prophylactically, before exposure to radiation. We believe that this outcome is an important contribution to protect the armed and medical forces that may need to enter contaminated areas," said Yaky Yanay, president and CEO of Pluristem. "It is Pluristem's goal to provide the different

federal agencies access to PLX-R18 that it may be used as a countermeasure both before and after radiation exposure in order to minimize hematological and other organ damage. We look forward to the continued development of this unique agent as an off-the-shelf product."

The animal studies were conducted following guidance from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as efficacy studies are not yet permitted in humans for this indication.

PLX-R18, which was granted an FDA designation for the treatment of ARS, is also being evaluated by the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as a treatment following radiation exposure (ARS).

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RIZZO PENS EMOTIONAL NOTE IN MEMORY OF LATE HUSBAND

Nine months after actor Bob Saget's death his wife Kelly Rizzo took to Instagram and penned an emotional note in his memory. "It feels like forever and also one day all at the same time," she wrote, reflecting the times that have passed since Bob died suddenly at 65.

JLO, JOSH-STARRER SHOTGUN WEDDING TO RELEASE IN INDIA DECEMBER 28

Studio Lionsgate India Monday announced that *Shotgun Wedding*, a dramedy starring Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel, will hit the screens across India December 28. Written by Mark Hammer, the movie also stars Jennifer Coolidge and Sonia Braga in key roles.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
Flow with the tide today. This is Ganesha's tip pertaining to your relationships. You are assertive as a general rule but you can save it for later. Today is the day to be generous and accede to the wishes of your beloved. You may even propose to him/her.

TAURUS
This day you will be compelled to be resigned to your fate. Ganesha does not see your own will power in operation today. Though you would be surrendering yourself to the whims of destiny, do not expect anything good to come out of it. You are likely to take wrong decisions and go of course.

GEMINI
You will end up having an argument with people owing to your aggressive nature. These people could slander your reputation on account of your enmity. However you will be able to defeat them. They will have to give up against your intellectual superiority.

CANCER
Today, you are likely to achieve something that you have badly wanted for a long time. It is very likely that you will get very emotional in the moment of victory today, predicts Ganesha. Your arrogance and overconfidence can throw you off track.

LEO
Unlike Dennis or Calvin, expect your sometimes haughty and mostly naughty kids to behave 'just right' at the right time. It's not that children like to break rules, they just want to have some fun, reminds Ganesha. Keep this in mind while you go about arranging for special classes to improve their academic skills and performance.

VIRGO
Expenditures will be like oil spills- wasteful and dirty. But cosmic energies and positivity are gathering wind today, and you should do well to make full use of them in your personal and professional life, says Ganesha.

LIBRA
Lady Luck smiles on you today. With all the good fortune on your side, it's assured to be a day when financial gains come your way, especially if you are in the banking business. Agreed everything is going your way today, but be careful not to let your emotions cloud your reasoning and slow you down. Don your rational hat and lower your expectations a little.

SCORPIO
Today, there are chances that you would be disturbed by continuous flow of negative thoughts in your mind. Try to divert your mind and look for positive people or friends who would cheer you up. Understanding needy people and living up to their expectations would bring some respite to your disrupted mind, says Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS
Expect yourself to be hit with religious fervour. You may find yourself in the spotlight for an event or inauguration. Ganesha indicates travelling, so pack your bags for a long-distance business trip.

CAPRICORN
After all the drudgery you endured in a bid to reach a certain point in your career, it's time to sit back and enjoy the rewards, says Ganesha. Today, you can expect to get a transfer, a promotion, a pay hike or all the three. But these will be accompanied by added responsibilities and work, leaving you wondering if it really was an achievement or a bait used to trap you.

AQUARIUS
You will tackle complicated issues with infinite ease! But you will also find people passing the buck onto you. It irks you no end, having to take the blame for others' mistakes. But here's a chance, says Ganesha, to turn a weakness into a strength.

PISCES
You could swing both ways today! Fortunately, this alludes to nothing more sinister than the mix of the introvert and the extrovert that you are. So, between a quiet evening out by yourself at a classical music concert, or performing on the dance floor at the local disc-take your pick, says Ganesha.

Sharvari raises fashion bar several notches higher

Chennai: A variety of beautifully dressed women were present at the 67th Parle Filmfare Awards South 2022. But it was *Bunty Aur Babli* 2 actress

Sharvari Wagh who stole the show with her ground-breaking attire. The diva arrived dressed to the nines in a contemporary ensemble that hit all the right notes. Monday, Sharvari posted some stunning pictures of herself wearing the eye-catching outfit to Instagram. Sharvari dressed into a three-piece embroidered ensemble from renowned designer Anamika Khanna's own line. She wore a seductive and glittering silver bralette under vivid green separates. She topped the sparkling bralette with a long jacket that was embroidered with

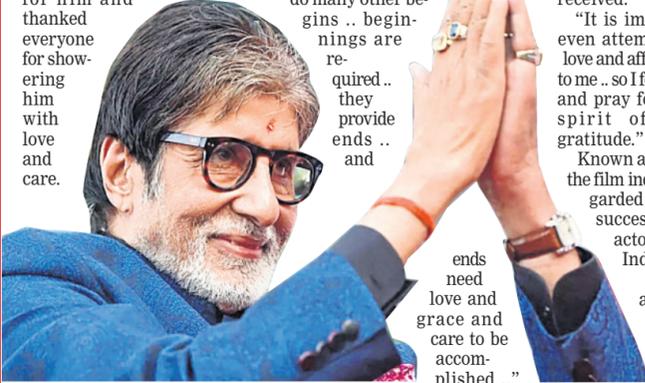


tone-on-tone flower embroidery that is exclusive to the designer. Her outfit was completed by an embroidered waistband on an asymmetrical pleated skirt. With her regal jewels, the actress gave her neo-traditional appearance a hint of an ethnic vibe. She accessorised with a matching pair of drop earrings and an elaborate polki choker. She rounded off her look with transparent shimmer heels. Her attractiveness was enhanced by her immaculate makeup and neatly styled sleek hair bun. Sharvari's dress certainly provided some inspiration to the fashionistas.

Big B: Another 365 begins

Mumbai: Top star Amitabh Bachchan, who turned 80 Tuesday, shared that another 365 days have begun for him and thanked everyone for showering him with love and care.

The cine icon took to his blog and wrote: "And another 365 .. and another begins .. as do many other begins .. beginnings are required .. they provide ends .. and ends need love and grace and care to be accomplished .."



He then thanked all his fans, whom he lovingly calls his extended family or EF, for showering him with all the love he has received.

"It is impossible for me to even attempt what your love and affection means to me .. so I fold my hands and pray for all in the spirit of generous gratitude."

Known as the Shahenshah of the film industry, Amitabh is regarded as one of the most successful and influential actors in the history of Indian cinema.

Several top actors and directors across industries wished him on his birthday and they include

Dharmendra, Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, Akhay Kumar, Shahrukh Khan, Ajay Devgn, Chiranjeevi, Mamooty, Anupam Kher, Nimrat Kaur, Mohanlal, Karan Johar, Anand Pandit and several others.

His fans also lined up on the lane outside the actor's house with huge flex prints, LED screens and screens installed on moving vehicles, celebrating the screen legend's birthday.

A special video shows the fans of all age groups having a gala time as they cut the cake outside Big B's bungalow in the Juhu area of Mumbai. On the work front, Amitabh's latest release is *Good Bye*. He will next be seen in *Unchaa!*, which also stars Parineeti Chopra.

'OTT' will be a parallel industry to theatres'

Mumbai: Actor Rajkumar Rao feels the OTT space will continue to flourish even after the re-emergence of box office business after the pandemic.

When it comes to Rajkumar Rao's filmography, it reflects a mix of big screen outings and OTT releases, and the actor admits that's a sign of beautiful coexistence of the platforms, admitting that there are no signs of competing between the two.

"It's a great time to tell stories because now you have so many platforms. Of course, theatres will always be there. But what the OTT platforms have done is that they have created so many opportunities for so many people who were not getting the kind of work that they deserve," said the *Badhaai Do* actor. Citing example of

how in the recent times, talent has come out through content on web platforms, the actor feels it's a great way of telling stories.

"I'm just happy because there are so many of my friends, who were immensely talented but were not getting enough work. But through these platforms, they are getting to show their talents through different stories and different characters," added the 38-year-old.



Urvashi's latest cryptic post from Australia

Mumbai: Urvashi Rautela recently took off to Australia and netizens were quick to troll the actress for allegedly following Rishabh Pant, who is stationed there for the upcoming T20 World Cup. The duo have indulged in a cryptic war of words in the past and the actress often gets trolled for attending matches where Rishabh Pant is playing.

Soon after announcing her arrival in Australia, Urvashi has shared a picture of hers sporting sindoor and mangalsutra, which is worn by married Hindu women. She added a cryptic romantic caption to it which spoke about a woman in love. The actress didn't mention Pant in her post but netizens were certain that the actress was hinting at the cricketer in her post.

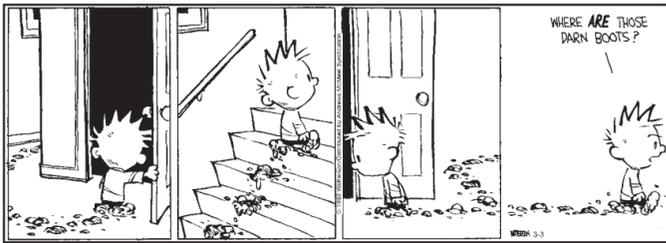
Urging the actress not to divert Rishabh's attention from the game, one netizen commented on Urvashi's post. "World cup ke baad hum shaadi karwa denge but please usko divert na karo". While another user wrote, "Fantastic lines".

Rishabh and Urvashi's controversy began after the actress allegedly revealed details of the cricketer waiting for hours in a hotel lobby to meet her.

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

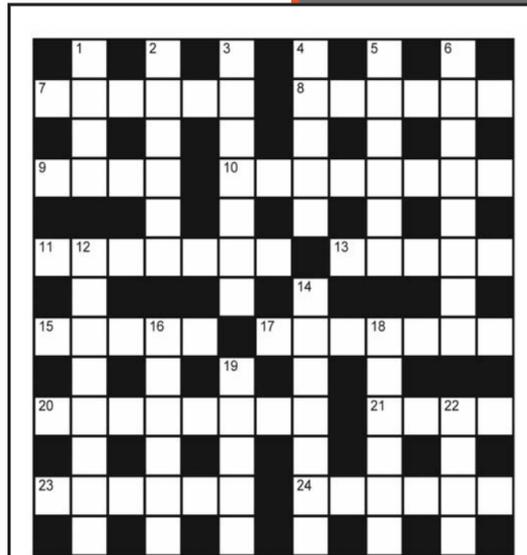


BREVITY



FUN post

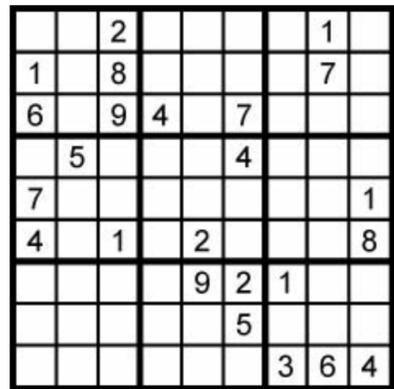
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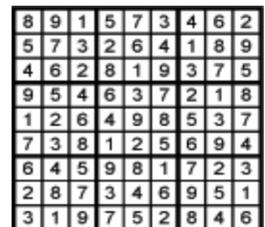
- Across**
- 7 Doctor's concern
 - 8 Hang out
 - 9 Look after
 - 10 Expensive stuff, usually
 - 11 Graceful antelope
 - 13 TV, radio, etc.
 - 15 Video store section (3-2)
 - 17 Pike-like freshwater perch
 - 20 Cute and lovable
 - 21 Fire
 - 23 With hands on hips
 - 24 Transparent gem
 - 4 Drivers' woes
 - 5 Thick cream soup
 - 6 Quietude
 - 12 Franz Ferdinand, e.g.
 - 14 English courtier
 - 16 Group meetings
 - 18 Effulgence
 - 19 Abominate
 - 22 Word in many French restaurant names
- Down**
- 1 Sugar serving
 - 2 Curly-coated dog
 - 3 Pale cane syrup

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



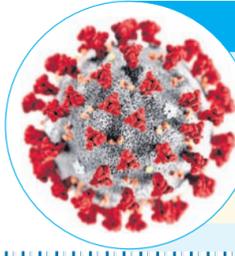
CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

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REMEMBERING JP

BJD leaders after garlanding the statue of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan on the latter's 120th birth anniversary at CDA in Cuttack, Tuesday



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	62,72,64,996	60,69,73,232	65,62,640
India	4,46,16,394	4,40,60,198	5,28,822
Odisha	13,35,050	13,25,318	9,199

Chit fund scam: SC issues notices to CBI, state govt

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Oct 11: The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Odisha government and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on a petition seeking probe in multi-crore chit fund scam in Odisha.

A two-judge bench of Justices MR Shah and Krishna Murari issued the notices and posted the matter for hearing to November 14.

"We will issue notice to the CBI and Odisha government," the bench said.

During the hearing, advocate Prashant Bhushan submitted that not a single investor has got their money back.

Significantly, the petition stated chit fund scam that has hit West Bengal, Tripura, Assam and Odisha involves collection of nearly Rs 10,000 crore (approx) from the general public especially the weaker sections of the society.

The petition further states that more than 25 lakh claims have so far been received by the Commissions of Enquiries set up in the states of Odisha and West Bengal which is indicative of the magnitude of scam in terms of number of citizens that have been defrauded by the ponzi companies.

The petition also stated that CBI has not filed final report regarding investigation into 44 companies as directed by the apex court in 2014.

The apex court order came on a petition filed by Pinak Pani Mohanty pleading the court to constitute a single commission/standing committee under a sitting Judge of High Court/Supreme Court to secure the seized cash and properties of investors by CBI, Enforcement Directorate (ED), Finance department of Odisha, Crime Branch of Odisha, Odisha Protection of Interests of Depositors (OPID) special court, Sebi, other state and Central agency and pay off the money to the investors in appropriate manner.

The petitioner also prayed the SC to direct the CBI and ED to submit final report qua investigation to 44 companies and sought direction to the CBI to investigate four Sahara Group Credit Cooperative Societies namely - Sahara Credit Cooperative Societies Ltd, Humara India Credit Cooperative Society Ltd, Sahariyan Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd and Star Multipurpose Cooperative Societies Ltd.

Startup Odisha ties up with TiE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Startup Odisha Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Bhubaneswar taking them on board as an institutional partner for the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022. The primary objective of the MoU is to forge a strong alliance with the organisation that will provide support to Startup Odisha during the conclave.

The MoU proposes a smooth exchange of information, knowledge, and an action plan to leverage the strengths of both the institutions. Startup Odisha will take benefit of TiE Bhubaneswar's network of industry leaders and investors from across the globe for its plenary sessions and to introduce global best practices during the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022.

Further, TiE Bhubaneswar is going to facilitate industry associations, make willing investors join hands with Startup Odisha ahead of the conclave. Both the institutions are set to jointly organise Investor Pitching, Mentor Clinic, B2B meetings during the conclave. Speaking on the occasion, Startup Odisha executive chairman Omkar Rai said, "It heralds a new chapter of collaboration between the organisations with shared objectives."

Fifty startups have been short-listed to exhibit in the innovation zone of Make in Odisha Conclave.



HSRP date extension likely as booking centres unavailable



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Following the hue and cry over fixation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) in vehicles, the state government has asked the transport commissioner to reconsider the deadlines for fixing the number plates in vehicles registered prior to April 1, 2019.

The department asked the commissioner to review the situation at ground level and fix the deadlines accordingly.

Commerce and Transport department joint secretary Kishore Chandra Das has written a letter to transport commissioner Arun Bothra to this effect.

The State Transport Authority (STA) had fixed October 31, 2022 as the deadline for the vehicles carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 1, 2, 3, and 4, while November 30 and December 31 has been set as the deadline for the Odisha registration vehicles with registration number ending with 5 & 6 and 7 & 8, respectively.

Similarly, vehicle owners carrying Odisha registration mark and registration number ending with 9 and 0 will have to affix the HSRPs by January 31, 2023.

"It has come to the notice of the government that people are facing problems for online registration and are unable to fix such number plates within the scheduled time," Das said in the letter.

As reported, in some cases, booking slots are not available within the scheduled time; in remote areas, people are facing problems as online booking systems and affixation centres are not available easily, he mentioned.

The joint secretary further said in some cases, where vehicle manufacturers have shut down their businesses, vehicle owners are facing problems as no facility is available in the portal for booking HSRP.

Keeping all these in view, the transport commissioner has been asked to assess the number of old vehicles, the capacity of HSRP manufacturers to prepare and affix

INFRA BOTTLENECKS

The Transport dept directed the commissioner to take steps in consultation with HSRP manufacturers for fixation of number plates in vehicles whose original manufacturers have shut down their businesses

In some cases, booking slots are not available within the scheduled time. In remote areas, people are facing problems as online booking systems and affixation centres are not available easily, said the Transport dept joint secretary

The transport commissioner was also asked to ensure through RTOs that the HSRP supplied by the manufacturers are in compliance with Rule 50 of CMV rules, 1989

HSRP in a day and calculate the time required to affix HSRP in all such old vehicles and re-fix the timeline accordingly after due approval by the government.

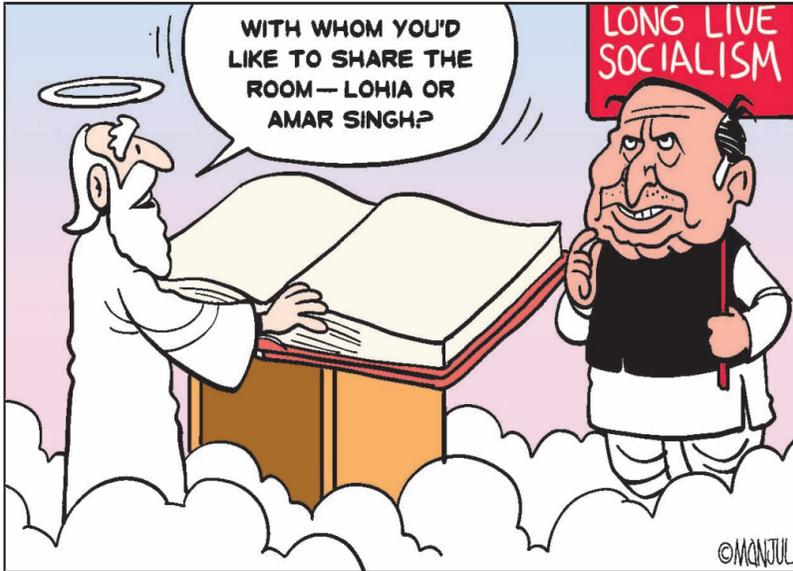
The Transport department further directed the commissioner to take steps in consultation with HSRP manufacturers for fixation of number plates in vehicles whose original manufacturers have closed down their businesses in the meantime.

Besides, the commissioner was asked to ensure through Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) that HSRPs supplied by the manufacturers are in compliance with Rule 50 of Central Motor Vehicle (CMV) Rules, 1989.



NEW OFFICE: Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the office of the Deputy Solicitor General of India on the High Court premises in Cuttack, Tuesday. Orissa HC Chief Justice S Muralidhar and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Rights activist seeks action against OSFC

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: A state-based rights activist has written a letter to Governor Ganeshi Lal seeking action against the commissioners of Odisha State Food Commission (OSFC) who, the activist claimed, have been sitting idle for the last three years.

Rights activist Dillip Kumar Das said that the OSFC is mandated to monitor the flagship programmes - Ration under public distribution system (PDS), mid-day meal (MDM), ICDS and all social security schemes. "However, it is unfortunate that the OSFC has been careless in discharging its duties for which marginalised people suffer in getting their entitlements," alleged Das.

The activist also tried to draw the attention of the Governor towards some instances that exposed the failure of the commission in discharging its duties. He referred to the recent report by the CAG which revealed that the state registered as many as 1,327 cases related to spurious/poisoned foods served in MDM scheme in Odisha during the last six years.

He alleged that incidents of food poisoning have been reported from different schools across the state at regular intervals. However, the commission turned a blind eye to the plight of such children.

He cited a recent incident in which several schoolchildren in Sohela block of Bargarh district fell sick after consuming MDM.

Barbeque treat for City slum children

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: As part of Daan Utsav initiative, Commissionerate Police in association with Bakul Foundation and restaurant Barbeque Nation invited around 120 children from slums to have a full barbeque meal at the Gajapati Nagar restaurant here, Tuesday.

The children, assembled by the Commissionerate Police under the banner of Basti Connect programme, came from different slums under six police stations - Saheed Nagar, Nayapalli, Khandagiri, Bharatpur, Mancheswar and Infocity - to relish the unique buffet with barbeque on the table for free at the restaurant.

Barbeque Nation has launched the Big Appetite, Bigger Hearts' campaign as part of its Daan Utsav celebrations. This initiative will see the restaurant chain serving meals to 40,000 underprivileged kids across all its outlets in India, UAE, Malaysia, and Oman. Over the next month, each of the 200 outlets will serve 200 meals to children.

Sujit Mahapatra of Bakul Foundation said, "Giving food is a popular way of giving daan. We are excited about Barbeque Nation's kind gesture as they look to cross the milestone of 200 restaurants. Such an experience at such a size and scale has seldom been offered to children. This idea of spreading



Around 120 slum kids from areas under 6 police stations relished the unique buffet hosted by Commissionerate Police, Bakul Foundation and Barbeque Nation

kindness through providing food is a tremendous act of generosity by Barbeque Nation."

Police official Gyan Ranjan Swain said under the Basti Connect programme they have tried to bring kids and youth from the slum to the mainstream and make them understand that police are their friends and are always there to help them.

The Commissionerate Police also aims to take youths from different slums in the City as police mitras (friends), who will assist the cops in activities such as crowd control and traffic regulation during major festivities.

Archana case: Oppn for high-level probe

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Opposition BJP and Congress Tuesday demanded a high-level investigation into Archana Nag honey-trapping and blackmailing case.

While the BJP demanded a CBI probe, Congress pitched for formation of a special investigation team (SIT) to unmask all influential persons involved in the episode.

Holding a presser here, state BJP Mahila Morcha president Smruti

Patnaik alleged that the ruling BJD was trying to suppress the case as several party leaders and ministers are involved in it. She demanded the government to make public all information about BJD leaders, ministers, cops and bureaucrats retrieved from the gadgets seized by the police. "This case should be handed over to CBI," she said.

Congress leader Debasish Patnaik said names of various leaders are coming to the fore. "So, we are demanding an SIT probe

to unearth all persons behind the case," he said.

However, BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said those who are supposed to respond to the pictures of leaders with Archana roaming on social media are asking questions. "It is laughable," he added.

Archana was Tuesday produced before the SDJM court here through videoconferencing. The court asked her to identify the advocate as two lawyers staked their claim to represent her in the case.

Video games may trigger lethal heart problems: Study

Playing video games may lead to life-threatening irregular heartbeat in susceptible children whose predisposition may have been previously unrecognised, according to a study.

The research, published recently in the journal Heart Rhythm, documents an uncommon, but distinct pattern among children who lose consciousness while playing video games.

"Video games may represent a serious risk to some children with arrhythmic conditions; they might be lethal in patients with predisposing, but often previously unrecognised arrhythmic conditions," said study lead by investigator Claire M Lawley from The Heart Centre for Children, Australia.

"Children who suddenly lose consciousness while electronic gaming should be assessed by a heart specialist as this could be the first sign of a serious heart

problem," Lawley said. The team reviewed research literature and carried out a multi-site international outreach effort to identify cases of children with sudden loss of consciousness while playing video games.

Across the 22 cases they found, multiplayer war gaming was the most frequent trigger.

Some children died following a cardiac arrest, they said. Subsequent diagnoses of several heart rhythm conditions put the children at continuing risk, according to the researchers.

Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT) and congenital long QT syndrome (LQTS) types 1 and 2 were the most common underlying causes. Both the conditions are characterised by an abnormal heart rhythm.

The researchers noted a high incidence of potentially relevant genetic variants (63 per cent) among



the patients, which has significant implications for their families.

In some cases, the investigation of a child who lost consciousness during video gaming led to many family members being diagnosed with an important familial heart

rhythm problem, they said.

"Families and healthcare teams should think about safety precautions around electronic gaming in children who have a condition where dangerous fast heart rhythms are a risk," Lawley said.

CHILDREN WHO SUDDENLY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS WHILE ELECTRONIC GAMING SHOULD BE ASSESSED BY A HEART SPECIALIST

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The researchers attributed adrenergic stimulation - of the nerves in body's sympathetic nervous system - related to the emotionally charged electronic gaming environment behind this phenomenon.

At the time of the cardiac incidents, many of the patients were in excited states, having just won or lost games, or were engaging in conflict with companions, they said.

"We already know that some children have heart conditions that can put them at risk when playing competitive sports, but we were shocked to discover that some patients were having life-threatening blackouts during video gaming," added study co-investigator Christian Turner, from The Heart Centre for Children.

"Video gaming was something I previously thought would be an alternative 'safe activity'. This is a really important discovery," Turner said.

The researchers noted that the need is to ensure everyone knows how important it is to get checked out when someone has had a blacking out episode in these circumstances.

The study notes that while this phenomenon is not a common occurrence, it is becoming more prevalent.

INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

A girl child is the future of a family, country and world: CM

THE CM ALSO ASKED PEOPLE TO CHEER FOR THE GIRLS IN FIFA U17 WOMEN WORLD CUP AT KALINGA STADIUM

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: With right education and skill, every girl can become a powerful agent of change in society said, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the occasion of the International Girl Child Day Tuesday.

In his Twitter account CM said "A girl child is the future of a family, country & the world. On the International Day of the Girl Child, reaffirm pledge to remove every limitation imposed by biases and stereotypes for girls to realise their immense potential."

He also asked people to cheer for our girls in U17 Women World Cup at Kalinga Stadium. Kick off the dream that celebrate their immense potential and pledge to remove every barrier they face to help them reach their true potential. He also tweeted that "With right education and skill, every girl can become a powerful agent of change in society. Let's celebrate their immense potential and pledge to remove every barrier they face to help them reach their

EDUCATION IS A CRUCIAL COMPONENT TO EMPOWER GIRL CHILDREN AND IS DEEPLY INTERLINKED TO SAFEGUARDING GIRLS FROM THE VARIOUS PROTECTION ISSUES

THE STATE GOVERNMENT ALSO LAUNCHED 'ADVIKA', A SPECIAL INITIATIVE, RECENTLY TO CONNECT ADOLESCENT GIRLS WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT WELFARE PROGRAMMES

true potential.

Odisha Police also tweeted "On the occasion of International Day of The Girl Child, let us recognize the rights of girls and also the problems they face around the globe to give them a better life and a better future.

Education is a crucial component of any effective effort to empower girl children and is deeply interlinked to safeguarding India's girls from the various protection issues. These issues significantly affect girls' education as they are forced to drop out/discontinue their schooling, making them vulnerable/exposed to victimisation.

The state government recently had laid down stringent criteria for villages, or wards in urban areas, to be eligible for the tag of child marriage free dwelling units. According to the guideline, there should not be any child marriage in the village or ward in urban areas, for a minimum period of two years, while the village level Child Protection Committee should have regular quarterly meetings.

The state government had also launched 'ADVIKA', a special programme, recently to connect adolescent girls with various government welfare programmes. The Advika programme enables all adolescents - especially girls and with a special focus on boys - to exercise their rights and make informed choices with equal opportunities to grow, acquire knowledge, skills and access opportunities for an empowered future. As many as 12 lakh adolescents have so far joined the Advika programme and the state government is expecting to become a child marriage free state by 2030.



RAZING DOWN: An excavator deployed by BMC razing down an illegally constructed house at Aiginia in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

OP PHOTO

36TH MO SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ₹770 cr proposals approved

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Instituted with the noble aim of transforming government and government aided schools, Mo School Abhiyan, started by the government of Odisha, will celebrate the fifth year of its foundation November 14 this year. In this regard, decisions have been taken in the 36th Executive Council of Mo School Tuesday to organise various programmes at the state and district level.

Held under the chairpersonship of Aswathy S, Commissioner cum Secretary, S&ME Department, the Council decided to lay emphasis on promoting service volunteering at the school level with the aim to connect with a greater number of alumni under Mo School Abhiyan. The alumni members will pose as the source of inspiration and guide the young generation through their skills, expertise and interest. The former will facilitate a healthy and conducive environment to interact with the latter to help them build a better future. The district collectors and Mo School district level committees will roll out the alumni engagement campaign.

Proposals worth Rs 769.70 crores from 29 districts have been approved in the Executive Council. Within the past two months, 20,370 alumni have joined hands with Mo School Abhiyan and have contributed Rs 11.48 crores for the development of their alma mater. Mo School Abhiyan has received grants worth Rs 248.25 crore from



various CSR funds. Coupled with the donors' contribution, CSR funds and a 2X matching grant from the state government, the Executive Council has approved projects worth Rs 769.70 crores which will be used in the development of the 3465 primary, upper primary and high schools across the state. The alumni have contributed Rs 5.48 crores in Balasore, Rs 1.38 crores in Jagatsingpur, Rs 67 lakhs in Cuttack, Rs 39.79 lakhs in Bhadrak, Rs 33.30 lakhs in Mayurbhanj and Rs 24 lakhs in Kendrapara districts respectively. Till date, 7.05 lakh alumni have been connected with Mo School Abhiyan. 'Infrastructure Stabilisation Programme', a 90-day special drive has been initiated to make function of all facilities to the schools transformed in the first and second phase of High School Transformation programme. The schools have been instructed to submit the progress report by November 10.

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ARS results from exposure to high levels of radiation, as in the case of a nuclear accident or attack, and it may cause severe or fatal systemic effects such as injuries that hinder the bone marrow's ability to produce blood cells and platelets, as well as other organs and systems within the body, increasing patients' susceptibility to life-threatening hemorrhage, infection, and anemia.

Pluristem has also entered into a collaboration agreement with Fukushima Medical University in Japan to examine PLX-R18 cells for the treatment of hematological ARS and gastrointestinal effects.

Pluristem was founded in 2003 as a 3D cell manufacturing company. It is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on using placental cells and its 3D technology platform to develop cell therapies for conditions such as inflammation, ischemia and hematological disorders.

Several years ago, its chairman and CEO, Zami Aberman, realized the company's technology could also be relevant to victims of radioactive catastrophes.

The first experiments were done on small animals, in collaboration with Prof. Raphael Gorodetsky, head of Biotechnology and Radiobiology Laboratories at the Sharet Institute of Oncology, Hadassah-University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

How do you know if you're suffering from radiation poisoning?

According to the Mayo Clinic, when a person has experienced known or probable exposure to a high dose of radiation from an accident or at-

tack, medical personnel take a number of steps to determine the absorbed radiation dose. This information is essential for determining how severe the illness is likely to be, which treatments to use and whether a person is likely to survive.

Details about the distance from the source of radiation and duration of exposure can help provide a rough estimate of the severity of radiation sickness.

The time between radiation exposure and the onset of vomiting is a fairly accurate screening tool to estimate absorbed radiation dose. The shorter the time before the onset of this sign, the higher the dose. The severity and timing of other signs and symptoms also may help medical personnel determine the absorbed dose.

Frequent blood tests over several days enable medical personnel to look for drops in disease-fighting white blood cells and abnormal changes in the DNA of blood cells. These factors indicate the degree of bone marrow damage, which is determined by the level of an absorbed dose.

A device called a dosimeter can measure the absorbed dose of radiation but only if it was exposed to the same radiation event as the affected person. A device such as a Geiger counter can be used to survey people to determine the body location of radioactive particles. A part of the larger emergency response to a radioactive accident or attack would include identifying the type of radiation exposure.

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GIRLS' IMPORTANCE: Dignitaries attended a district level programme on International Girl Child Day on the theme Our Time is Now-Our Right Our Future at Zilla Swasthya Bhawan in Cuttack, Tuesday

OP PHOTO

BJB college asked to submit report

Bhubaneswar: The Higher Education department Tuesday directed the Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar (BJB) Autonomous College, to submit feasibility report in respect of Youth Organisation for Urban and Rural Services (YOURS) Trust opening of self-financing courses.

Land titles under FRA lend dignity to 21 single women

Sundari Huika is happy that her daughter-in-law Rupai Huika, with whom she shares a cordial relationship even after her son Sanjays death, now owns land. Rupai is one among the 21 single women who received individual land titles under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) January 7 last year, in tribal-dominated Boriguda village of Rayagada district. This is the first instance of single women gaining such rights anywhere in Odisha.

Rupai placed her claim in October 2018. Though just 0.28 acres, the land helps Rupai and son Suman Huika sustain by cultivating khandu (toor dal). "It is tasty. We store some for personal consumption and sell the rest at Rs 60 per kg," Sundari told 101Reporters.

A life of dignity

According to Bhubaneswar-based FRA expert Ranjan Praharaj, though 70 per cent of the forest in Rayagada is in hilly areas, the word jungle or forest is not mentioned in the government records, which makes it difficult to recognise titles under the FRA as only those in actual occupation of forestland are eligible as per law. Boriguda being a roadside village, the residents did not own much land anyways.



Many people encroached on the government-owned lands.

Gaining access to land titles is difficult for women, especially when many claims are rejected arbitrarily. In Boriguda, altogether 75 households (52 joint titles, two single men and the rest single women) had applied for individual claims. Though the benefits are mostly economical, land possession gives social status too. Many women in Rayagada district said they felt nice seeing their names in the document, which gave them an identity.

"While collaborating with UN Women on gender in Rayagada, Pradan organised training on gen-

der sensitisation with the help of organisations like Jagori. In the four sessions held in Boriguda, we tried to spread the message that it was not fair for women not to own lands," said Panda, who leads Pradan's work on the FRA in Odisha.

"The main problem is that people behind the implementation of FRA lack an understanding on how to include women or single women, which include widows, unmarried women and those abandoned," Praharaj said.

Under individual forest rights (IFR), a person can claim up to 10 acres of land for livelihood purposes. A family can claim the right

jointly. However, Praharaj said women generally faced exclusion. "In almost all tribal communities, women can get user rights, like share of the produce as a family member, but are deprived of legal rights or share of the landed property with a title in their names."

A positive transformation

Sabitri Hikaka was busy transplanting paddy on her one-acre land on a sultry day. The feisty woman in her 40s led the group of single women during their fight for land titles. Now she owns another 2.15 acres, which unlike the other comes under the IFR. "Initially, the land was dry in nature. Much

work was required to make it suitable for cultivation," Sabitri said.

Besides paddy, she has planted mango and cashew trees. She got mango saplings from the horticulture division, and cashew trees from the soil conservation and watershed development division, both functioning under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment.

Sabitri worked for about 12 years in a ferromanganese plant from early 2000s for a daily wage of Rs 30 to 50. There too, she was instrumental in getting safety kits for women. The receipt of land title has secured the position of her family comprising her mother and sisters. Sabitri's social standing has also increased, as she now guides the forest management protection committee.

Owning land also means a busy schedule for these women. Notwithstanding heavy rains, Sinami Hikaka was at work in the morning itself. "All the land plots received by single women were in the government's possession earlier and in poor condition. A lot of work went into making them suitable for farming. Bunds had to be built to slow down runoffs and prevent soil erosion," she said.

Sinami was abandoned when her husband married a second time. Polygamy is common in several villages of the district. In her case, the 3.05 acres were jointly claimed in the name of her son Roki Hikaka and her daughter-in-law Rasmita Hikaka. Sinami happily handed over the right, being an elderly.

Meanwhile, Sabitri said Rasmita's name was put first at the time of filing the claim. However, her husband's name appeared first in the land title. Sailabala Panda said even the sub-divisional level committee, which verified the claims, was initially hesitant to help single women. But armed with their new-found confidence, the women articulated their needs well.

Single women and landless people can also benefit from community forest resource rights, which allow them to collect arrowroot, turmeric and medicinal plants. August 15 last year, Boriguda received these rights for 363.71 acres, of which 208.5 acres are forestlands. The title gives Boriguda residents rights to protect and manage forest, collect non-timber forest produce and fuelwood, and graze cattle.

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DHAMNAGAR BYPOLL

Acid test for all parties

RESULT OF THE BYPOLL WILL BE AN INDICATION OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE 2024 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN ODISHA



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak, Oct 11: After the Election Commission announced November 3 as the date for bypoll to the Dhamnagar Assembly constituency, the political fervour is increasing by the day. The BJP has already announced the name of Suraj Suryabanshi as its candidate. He filed his nomination Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Congress Tuesday announced the name of Baba Harekrushna Sethi as its nominee. He will file his nomination October 14. However, the BJD still hasn't nominated its candidate. The BJD and Congress however, will certainly make it hard for the BJP to retain the seat.

As per political analysts, this contest is an acid test for the three parties ahead of the 2024 general elections. The bypoll has been necessitated due to the demise of incumbent MLA and deputy leader of the BJP Legislature Party, Bishnu Charan Sethi, who breathed his last September 19.

A total of 134 out of 252 booths under Dhamnagar Assembly segment will undergo change in names.



This was informed by District Collector Siddheshwar Baliram Bondar during a meeting of the political parties and a state-level training programme for the election officials, Monday. The change of names will take place as some of the schools (booths) have been merged with other educational institutions or have been upgraded.

In the last Assembly elections, seven candidates were in the fray. BJP's Sethi had scraped past his nearest rival, BJD's Rajendra Kumar Das. Sethi got 80,111 votes while Das managed 75,486 votes. Bidyadhar Jena of Congress was a poor third with 7,303 votes only.

The BJD is banking on the sympathy factor to retain the seat. On the other hand, the BJD is working hard to wrest the constituency back from the saffron outfit just like

it had done in the Balasore Assembly seat in 2020. Notably, the BJD has won all the five bypolls after the 2019 Assembly elections.

BJP's district unit president Hemanta Padhi asserted that the party will retain the seat as Sethi had done a lot of development work in Dhamnagar. He asserted that the aim is not just to retain the constituency, but to increase the victory margin. Suraj has already started a door-to-door campaign to woo the voters. Padhi added that Suraj will win by a huge margin.

The BJD however, appears confident about wresting the constituency back from the BJP. District unit president Jagannath Swain pointed out that the BJD candidate had been defeated by a margin of only 4,625 votes in 2019. Party workers are working hard to bridge the gap at the grassroots level he said and added that the clean image of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will work in favour of the candidate whose name will be announced soon.

Congress on the other hand, is aiming to improve on its 2019 show. Party leaders said that even if they finish second best it will be an achievement. The president of the district unit of Congress, Subrat Das said that they will strive their best to make a mark. "A survey team was in Dhamnagar. Our candidate was chosen on the basis of the report filed by the team," Das said.

The last date for filing nomination is October 14 while scrutiny of the papers will be done October 15. The last date for withdrawal is October 17. Counting will be held November 6 and the results announced the same day.



CROWD PULLER: A Lakshmi Puja pandal inside a pond at Kulad village under Banarpal block in Angul district has become a crowd puller in the area. OP PHOTO

MANAS SWAIN MURDER CASE

Six accused produced in court

Bhadrak: Six persons who have been accused in the kidnap and murder of cameraman Manas Swain were produced in the District Judge Court here Tuesday, amid tight security. Charges have been framed by the Crime Branch against the six accused. Notably, cameraman Manas, hailing from Nayagarh district, was kidnapped in March this year from Palaspur village under Chandbali block and murdered at Dayal Ashram in Bhubaneswar.

Child marriages still rampant in some Rayagada pockets

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, Oct 11: The government has implemented a host of legal provisions and awareness programmes to prevent child marriages. However, despite the best efforts of the government, child marriages continue to be rampant in most parts of tribal-dominated Rayagada district. The district is in fourth place in the state in terms of girl child marriages, a report said.

October 11 is observed as 'International Girl Child Day' to create awareness on gender equality and to protect their rights. However, marriage of underage girls is still in practice in various parts of this tribal-dominated district.

The district administration is doing its best under 'Prachestha Abhiyan' to check girl child marriages and give them proper education and nutrition. Accordingly, plans are being drawn up, but the district is yet to get rid of the malady of child marriages.

As per a National Family health survey, the rate of child marriage



in the district stands at 33.2 per cent. About 9.2 per cent of the married girls become mothers between the age of 15 and 19 years. Despite the figures, the district administration has declared 1,345 villages as free of child marriage.

According to the district social welfare officer, the administration has managed to stop 97 child marriages in 2020; 89 in 2021 and 69 in 2022. Child marriages are being

reported from various parts of the district except this town, Gunupur, Kolnara, Padmapur and Rannagada blocks.

Surprisingly, the district administration has no official data about the number of child marriages that have so far taken place in the district and those that have been prevented before 2020. Social activists and experts claimed that many child marriage cases have not been recorded by the district administration.

Sources added that in some areas, adolescent girls (attending 18 years) elope with their lovers and get married. The district social welfare officer said that cooperation is required at all levels to stop such incidents.

Intellectuals said that though the administration is taking steps to prevent child marriages, it has become ineffective in remote rural areas. They noted there is need to create massive awareness at the grassroots level for guardians, adolescent girls and boys to prevent child marriages.



VENTING THEIR IRE: Students of Badakhaliapali School under Bakati panchayat of Agalpur block in Bolangir district planting paddy saplings on a road that leads to their school in protest against the bad road conditions, Tuesday. OP PHOTO

Similipal to reopen for visitors from Nov 1

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, Oct 11: Similipal National Park (SNP) in Mayurbhanj district will reopen for tourists from November 1 after being closed for more than four months due to the monsoons, informed Similipal Tiger Reserve field director T Ashok Kumar here Tuesday. He added that park had

remained closed for visitors since June 15. Tourists will be allowed to enter the sanctuary from the two gates located at Jashipur and Pithabata, he informed.

Thirty-five four-wheelers will be permitted to enter the national park through the Jashipur checkpoint and another 25 through the Pithabata gate between 6.00am and 9.00am every day from November

1, Kumar said. He stated that use of plastics inside the sanctuary has been banned. Tourists can also stay at night at cottages inside the park at Jamuani, Ramtirtha and Kumari, he informed.

Visitors are not allowed to enter forests and hilly regions inside the sanctuary during the rainy season every year as it may be dangerous for them.

JSW Foundation offering free computer training for students

POST NEWS NETWORK

Barbil, Oct 11: The JSW Foundation has taken the unique step to make its high-quality courses in computer science available to the students of Kolmonga. A total of 40 students will benefit due to the programme and gain knowledge on various courses for three months. The Foundation has taken the initiative considering it as crucial in imparting basic knowledge about using computers, the internet and other educational resources.

CSR AGM Sabal Jha and deputy manager Partha Sarathi Behura inaugurated Tuesday the three-month training programme for the students. Along with free computer



training classes, the JSW Foundation is also offering a 'Personality Development Course' for the students.

The participating students will be guided for their professional enhancement by focusing on their communication skills and personality grooming. On the inaugural day Tuesday, the students enthusiastically attended the classes and also responded with valuable and effective inputs.

Revival of Chhinda Kharasrota nullah on anvil

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, Oct 11: The Chhinda Kharasrota nullah originating from Kharasrota river is all set to get a new lease of life, sources said Tuesday.

The matter came to the fore after the state Water Resources department launched efforts for revival of the water-body which has completely dried up after construction of a 12.5km-long embankment over it at Sribantapur in 1992-93. The department is trying to make the water body perennial all round the year.

Under secretary Bhagirathi Padhi of Water Resources department has directed the chief engineer to examine the proposal and take necessary steps in this regard. This has spread happiness among the locals as they feel that their long-standing demands will be fulfilled soon and their water woes will be solved.

People while welcoming the move have also demanded construction of a sluice gate in the river which will help over 30,000 people in meeting their water needs for their farmlands. The sluice gate will help in controlled release of water and prevent waterlogging on the farmlands.

People alleged that lack of any sluice gate for over 16km area to the north on the upstream of the river has led to waterlogging over



hundreds of acres of farmlands in the past. Development and Relief Commissioner Pradip Jena has been informed about the problem by Korei MLA and locals. They also apprised him about the present condition of Kharasrota river and demanded a solution to the problems. The commissioner has assured them that the matter will be looked into.

The Kharasrota originates from the Brahmani river near Marthapur in Jajpur district. Kharasrota is known as the district's lifeline due to increasing dependency of people on the river for agriculture, drinking water, fishing and other needs. The Kharasrota river earlier was re-

sponsible for devastating floods, but the situation was brought under control with the construction of Rengali project in 1974.

The Kharasrota flows through Rasulpur, Korei, Jajpur, Bari, Dasarathpur and Binajharpur blocks of the district and enters Kendrapara district and then flows into the Bay of Bengal. People have been demanding that the river be made perennial, so that water is available all round the year. Recently, environmentalist Gopinath Pati and villagers had urged the chief secretary to revive the river.

The Chhinda Kharasrota water-body has dried up after closure of its mouth. Moreover, the water-body has been badly affected due

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to rampant sand mining and mindless cutting of trees on the riverbank. Sand mining is polluting the water-body due to creation of small artificial lakes on the riverbed that have become safe breeding haven for mosquitoes and other insects.

With no options available, the riparian villagers are consuming this water and are falling sick. The disposal of various wastes is also polluting the water body.

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Swiss exposure trip for Berhampur ITI head

Berhampur: Principal of the ITI in this town, Rajat Kumar Panigrahy has been invited to the World Skills competition which is going to be held in various cities of Switzerland next year. Panigrahy has been invited to the conference by the Swiss Skill Council on behalf of the Switzerland government. Panigrahy will gain experience and exposure in what is known as the Olympics of skill competition. Accepting the invitation, the Odisha government has allowed Panigrahy to visit Geneva. It is being hoped that Panigrahy after this trip will help in setting up of an international standard training infrastructure in Berhampur ITI. This will help the students get highest quality of training and prepare them for any challenges in future. Four ITI students will also participate in the skills competition in Switzerland.

Only the soul that is naked and unashamed, can be pure and innocent, even as Adam was in the primal garden of humanity

SRI AUROBINDO



Hate Canker

The assertion of the Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit October 10 that a petitioner may be right in saying the country's atmosphere is being vitiated by hate campaigns speaks volumes for the abuse of religions by a section of politicians to capture power and control the country's resources. The Bench not only decided to go into the matter in depth with concrete examples of such cases, but also suggested to the petitioner if she needed the court's help in collecting data and submitting them before it for proper adjudication of such a serious matter: In fact, the Supreme Court had only last month asked the Centre to explain its silence on hate speech and spoke of the need for stricter regulation.

The petitioner raised the issue of governmental inaction over hate speeches and expressed the fear that hate-mongering is being resorted to in order to "win the majority Hindu votes, grab power at all costs, commit genocide and make India a Hindoo Rashtara before 2024 elections." Crimes are already being committed to further that objective, the petitioner pleaded.

The CJJ, however, rightly ruled that the plea was rather vague, lacking specifics or detailed information. The court has no tangible evidence on hand of such crimes. Though any court of law needs concrete evidence to act on, it is for all to see how polarisation politics has become a canker of the body politic. The court's observation that the petitioner may have "every justifiable ground to say that this needs to be curbed" is, indeed, a sad commentary on the pathetic state of affairs prevailing in the country.

Petitioner Harpreet Mansukhani told the Bench that "hate speech has been turned into a profitable business." As proof of her contention she mentioned that she had evidence to show how a political party had funded a Hindi film on Kashmir to widen the communal divide for electoral gain.

At the outset, the Bench observed that in incidents of hate speech, normal proceedings under criminal law will have to be initiated on a case-to-case basis. "We have to see who is involved and who is not," the CJJ said. The petitioner regretted that it was too late to stop incidents of hate campaigns and pleaded for directions from the court to tackle the menace. The Bench responded with due concern and made clear its intent to handle the issue with all the seriousness it deserves. It asked for some immediate instances and the petitioner said she would file an affidavit detailing specific instances. The court will hear the PIL November 1.

As if to prove the point, BJP MP from Delhi Parvesh Verma, known for giving incendiary speeches targeting the minority population, spoke at a congregation in Delhi organised by, among others, a unit of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad October 9, of "total boycott of these people." He did not name the community to be boycotted, but no one is in doubt about his target since the meeting was held to protest against the killing of a Hindoo in Sunder Nagar in connection with which six men, all Moslems, were arrested. He followed it up with his loaded threat that "if these people point a finger at our temples, madrasas and mosques will not be spared." His provocative remarks against the anti-CAA protesters at Shaheen Bagh in January, 2020 had drawn the ire of even the EC.

Days before Verma's hate speech, 10 Moslems were flogged in public in Gujarat by a policeman in plain clothes. He was helped by his colleagues, a police van standing by, and the crowd was seen cheering. A police inquiry into the incident has been ordered. But not much can be expected from such routine exercise as the policemen got a pat on their back from no less than Gujarat's minister of state for home.

The rot has set in because both, Hindoos and Moslems, are seemingly playing active roles in complicating matters and building mistrust that is rapidly transforming into deep seated hatred.

WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM

FOCUS SOCIETY

Four events centering around women have made headlines over the past month: Giorgia Meloni's electoral victory in Italy, Queen Elizabeth II's death and funeral, the release of the film The Woman King, and the widespread protests in Iran following the killing of Mahsa Amini by the country's morality police. Taken together, these four stories highlight essential features of the political terrain.

With the Left failing to offer an adequate response to the crisis of liberal democracy, the rise of new Right-wing governments in Europe is not particularly surprising. But women's central role in this movement has yet to receive the attention it deserves. Right-wing leaders like Meloni and Marine Le Pen in France are presenting themselves as stronger alternatives to traditional mainstream masculine technocrats. They embody both Right-wing hardness and features usually associated with femininity, such as a focus on care and the family; fascism with a human face.

Now consider the televised spectacle of Elizabeth II's funeral, which highlighted an interesting paradox: as the British state has fallen ever further from its former superpower status, the British royal family's ability to inspire imperial reveries has only grown. We should not dismiss this as ideology masking actual power relations. Rather, monarchical fantasies are themselves a part of the process whereby power relations reproduce themselves.

Elizabeth II's death reminded us of the modern distinction between reigning and ruling, with the former being confined only to ceremonial duties. The monarch is expected to radiate compassion, kindness, and patriotism, and to stay out of political conflicts. As such, monarchs represent not the transcendence of ideology but rather ideology in its purest form. For seven decades, Elizabeth II's role was to serve as the face of state power. The coincidence of her death with Prime Minister Liz Truss' rise to power may have been highly contingent, but it was also deeply symbolic of the shift from Queen to Woman King. In her new role, Truss has partly preempted



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a world-historical significance, because they combine different struggles (against women's oppression, religious oppression, and state terror) into an organic unity. Iran is not part of the developed West, and the protesters' slogan "Zan, Zendegi, Azadi" ("woman, life, freedom") is not some mere offshoot of #MeToo or Western feminism. Though it has mobilised millions of ordinary women, it speaks to a much broader struggle, and it eschews the anti-masculine tendency that one often finds in Western feminism.

The Iranian men who are chanting "Zan, Zendegi, Azadi" know that the struggle for women's rights is also the struggle for their own freedom – that the oppression of women is merely the most visible manifestation of a larger system of state terror. Moreover, the events in Iran are something that still awaits us in the developed Western world, where the trends toward political violence, religious fundamentalism, and the oppression of women are accelerating.

We in the West have no right to treat Iran as a country that is desperately trying to catch up with us. Rather, it is we who must learn from Iranians if we are going to have any chance of confronting Right-wing violence and oppression in the United States, Hungary, Poland, Russia, and many other countries. Whatever the immediate result of the protests, the crucial thing is to keep the movement alive, by organising social networks that can continue to operate underground in the event that the forces of state oppression achieve a temporary victory.

It is not enough simply to express sympathy or solidarity with the Iranian protesters, as if they belong to some faraway exotic culture. All the relativist babble about cultural specificities and sensitivities is now meaningless. We can and should see the Iranian struggle as synonymous with our own. We don't need female figureheads or Woman Kings; we need women who will mobilise us all for "woman, life, freedom," and against hate, violence, and fundamentalism.

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PROJECT SYNDICATE



Slavoj Žižek

WITH THE LEFT FAILING TO OFFER AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, THE RISE OF NEW RIGHT-WING GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE IS NOT PARTICULARLY SURPRISING

the Left by mixing energy subsidies with tax cuts for the rich.

Gina Prince-Bythewood's The Woman King also deals with the political logic of monarchy. A historical epic about the Agojie, an all-female warrior unit that protected the West African kingdom of Dahomey from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries, it stars Viola Davis as the fictional general Nanisca. She is subordinated only to King Ghezo, a real-life figure who ruled Dahomey from 1818 to 1859, and who engaged in the Atlantic slave trade until the end of his reign.

In the film, the Agojie's enemies include slave traders led by Santo Ferreira, a fictional character loosely inspired by Francisco Félix de Sousa. But, in fact, de Sousa was a Brazilian slave trader who helped Ghezo gain power, and Dahomey was a kingdom that conquered other African states and sold their people into the slave trade. While Nanisca is depicted protesting to the king against the slave trade, the real Agojie served him.

The Woman King thus promotes a form of feminism favoured by the Western liberal middle class. Like today's #MeToo feminists, the Amazon warriors from Dahomey will ruthlessly condemn all forms of binary logic, patriarchy, and traces of racism in everyday language; but they will be very careful not to disturb the deeper forms of exploitation that underpin modern global capitalism and the per-

sistence of racism.

This stance involves downplaying two basic facts about slavery. First, white slave traders barely had to set foot on African soil, because privileged Africans (like the kingdom of Dahomey) furnished them with an ample supply of fresh slaves. And, second, the slave trade was widespread not only in western Africa but also in its eastern parts, where Arabs enslaved millions, and where the institution lasted longer than in the West (Saudi Arabia didn't formally abolish it until 1962).

Indeed, Muhammad Qutb, the brother of the Egyptian Muslim intellectual Sayyid Qutb, vigorously defended Islamic slavery from Western criticism. Arguing that "Islam gave spiritual enfranchisement to slaves," he contrasted the adultery, prostitution, and casual sex ("that most odious form of animalism") found in the West with the "clean and spiritual bond that ties a maid [a slave girl] to her master in Islam." One still hears such talk from some conservative Salafī scholars, such as Sheikh Saleh Al-Fawzan, a member of Saudi Arabia's highest religious body. But one wouldn't know it from listening only to Western middle-class liberals.

Fortunately, Islam's historical associations with slavery need not impede predominantly Muslim societies' emancipatory potential. The massive protests in Iran have

WISDOM CORNER

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

THOMAS A. EDISON

A man can be himself only so long as he is alone, and if he does not love solitude, he will not love freedom, for it is only when he is alone that he is really free.

ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER

Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.

STEPHEN HAWKING

WORDSWORTH

Campaign

Campaign comes down to us from the Latin *campagna*, "open field; plain; level countryside". This passed into Old French as *champaigne* in its broader sense of "open country", a name that was given in particular to a region of eastern France. It also passed into English in the fourteenth century in the form *champaign* with the same meaning (though it was stressed on the first syllable, unlike the French), a word which is now archaic. Champagne was later re-borrowed in that spelling to mean the characteristically bubbly drink made in that region of France. In Italian, the form was *campagna*. It, too, was used as a name for a stretch of open countryside and in particular for the *Campagna di Roma*, that rich and flat province of Italy lying south-west of the Tiber. Until modern times, armies normally only did battle in the summer months, because the bad weather of winter made movement difficult or impossible. In winter they stayed in camp, and only when the weather improved did they venture out into "the field", into the *campagna*. This specialised use of the word moved into French and then in the seventeenth century into English in the modern spelling *campaign*. At first it was used for all the senses of its predecessor *champaign*, but was soon applied solely in the military sense. From there, it broadened a little to mean any sustained military operation, at whatever time of year, and from the early nineteenth century took on the sense that last weekend's demonstrators meant, an organised set of actions intended to mobilise public opinion. Some of those who marched would describe themselves as champions of the countryside, another word which derives from the same Latin source as *campaign*. The root Latin word for both was *campus*, 'open field; arena', which could also mean "a place of battle" (a particularly well known one was the *campus Martius*, a level ground by the Tiber that was used for sports, military drill and assemblies). Those who fought in staged battles in the arena were called in Latin *campiones*, which is the source of our English word, again via French. In Latin, by the way, it meant anyone who took part, not just the winners, a sense in English that only dates from the 1730s. The Latin word is also the source of our *camp*, taking up the association on its way through Italian and French of "a place where troops are housed" and was borrowed again as the name for the grounds of a college, being first applied to Princeton University in the 1770s. The wild flowers called *campions* were at one time thought to be so named because they were used as garlands by the ancient Greeks (rose *campion* was formerly placed in the genus *Agrostemma*, from the Greek *agros* "field" and *stemma* "garland"), but it may be they're actually named after *campus* in its sense of "country". Either way *campion* is a book name of the sixteenth century. By the way, *country* has no connection with any of these words. It's from the Latin *contra*, used in the phrase *terra contrata* to mean the landscape which is spread out opposite one, or in front of one. Later the second word took on a life of its own and arrived in English as the term for a tract of land, but more specifically one controlled by a particular race, family or people. Its meaning of "rural" as differentiated from "urban" seems not to have developed until the sixteenth century.

SPECTRUM SUSTAINABILITY

The 'third pillar' of climate change policy



Asad Mirza

RICH COUNTRIES HAVE TO ADOPT AND PUT INTO PRACTICE POLICIES, WHICH MITIGATE THE DAMAGE IN POORER COUNTRIES, INSTEAD OF JUST OFFERING ONE TIME AID TO EASE OFF THEIR BURDEN

Various reports highlight the fact that climate change has been caused by rich nations and thus poor countries have started demanding compensation for climate change, which has adversely impacted them. The forthcoming COP27, UN climate talks due to be held in Egypt in November, may highlight the compensation system for poorer countries known as "loss and damage," caused by climate change. It is a fact, corroborated by various UN and independent reports that climate change over the last 25 years particularly has caused droughts, rising heat, less or more rains, tropical cyclones and more gradual changes, such as desertification and rising sea levels across the globe. It has been proven that these changes could be attributed to the presence of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The rich industrialised countries are responsible for most of the emissions causing these phenomena.

The poorer countries, as they are unable to take timely corrective measures to mitigate these changes caused by others in the past, face the negative effects of climate change first. Thus, the new concept of 'loss and damage' has started taking roots amongst them. Under

this new concept they are demanding adequate financial help to take corrective measures to mitigate climate change. Loss and damage is also referred to as the 'third pillar' of international climate change policy, after mitigation (tackling the root cause of the problem by reducing emissions) and adaptation (preparing for current and future impacts).

However, developed countries have pushed back against this since 1990s when the text of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was being drawn up, terming it completely implausible. Meanwhile, a group of island countries had proposed that an international insurance fund be created to compensate low-lying countries for the damage caused by rising sea levels. The Economist magazine reports that in 2015, at the talks, which culminated in the adoption of the Paris Agreement, developing countries again sought a strong clause on loss and damage financing. But they ended up with only a vague reference to the issue and concrete action was left for future discussions.

Denmark has recently pledged just over \$13m to developing countries that have suffered damage from climate change and more de-

veloped countries may follow suit. Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, at COP26 in Glasgow last November, promised \$2.7m as a one-off loss and damage payment, apparently hoping that other rich countries might follow suit, however, they did not. But the pressure for them to do so is increasing. Last month ministers from an alliance known as the Least Developed Countries Alliance (LDCA) having 46 members, called the creation of a financial mechanism for loss and damage a 'fundamental priority' for COP27. At the UNGA last month, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres suggested that windfall taxes on fossil fuel companies might provide the funding for one. But it is easier said than done and may not happen at all. There is an utter lack of enthusiasm among developed countries for such a payout. Some developing countries are tentatively seeking redress through international law. September 22, the UN Human Rights Committee ordered the Australian government to pay compensation to indigenous people living on the islands of the Torres Strait, which are being eroded by rising seas. Perhaps it is for the first time that such a payment has

been ordered.

Meanwhile, the developed world is also not safe from the climate change vagaries. Last year marked the seventh consecutive year in which ten or more billion-dollar disasters pummeled the US. By July of this year there had already been nine such disasters. To reduce such natural mishaps happening again and again, both developed and developing nations need to adopt practices, which rapidly reduce and remove heat-trapping emissions from the atmosphere to limit warming extremes.

In addition, they'll have to look towards greener sources of energy instead of fossil fuels, which have contributed to a large extent to greenhouse gas emissions. But at the same time, they'll also have to adopt and put into practice policies, which mitigate the damage in poorer countries, instead of just offering one time aid to ease off their burden. The forthcoming Egypt Summit should strive to find a new feasible approach to counter climate change disasters.

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Renewed aggression

Sir, This refers to "Russia blasts Kyiv, other cities," *Orissa Post*, Oct 11. Russia retaliated Monday for an attack on a critical bridge by unleashing its most widespread strikes against Ukraine in months, a lethal barrage that smashed civilian targets, knocked out power and water, shattered buildings and killed at least 14 people. It seems, Putin has been under intense domestic pressure to take more aggressive action to stop a largely successful Ukrainian counteroffensive and to react forcefully to last Saturday's attack on the Kerch bridge, whose construction he used to cement his 2014 annexation of Crimea. Also, Putin's increasingly frequent descriptions of Ukraine's actions as terrorist could portend even more bold and draconian actions. Meanwhile, Moscow's war in Ukraine is approaching its eight-month, and the Kremlin's renewed aggression dashed the hopes of seeing a light in the end of the tunnel. Adding fuel to the fire, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko announced that he and Putin agreed to create a joint "regional grouping of troops." However, the duty-bound UN mandated to maintain the global peace and tranquility turned mute spectator watching a humanitarian crisis and a global economic meltdown, triggered by an unwanted war.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Alarming scenario

Sir, It is depressing to learn that the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has a negative impact on both our physical and mental health, elevating mental health to a top priority on a worldwide scale. In terms of global health problems, mental health has surpassed cancer in recent years. The WHO estimates that the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the prevalence of anxiety and depression worldwide by 25%. There has been a rising understanding of the critical role mental health plays in accomplishing global development goals in recent years, as indicated by the inclusion of mental health in the Sustainable Development Goals. Mental health plays a significant role in today's world. We all struggle with our mental health from time to time. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. People frequently suffer in silence and refuse treatment because of stigma and misunderstandings around mental health disorders. To better understand mental health problems and provide individuals who require it with access to healthcare, mental health awareness is an essential endeavour.

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, HYDERABAD

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day quote

I feel proud to lead a state that has produced some of the finest football players for the country and continues to do so. We are very excited to see six of our players from Jharkhand representing India in the World Cup

HEMANT SOREN | JHARKHAND CM

The government will soon complete the process of regularising the remaining 28,000 contractual employees in the state

BHAGWANT MANN | PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

Jayaprakash Narayan (JP) was a towering national leader, he can't be confined to UP and Bihar only

AMIT SHAH | UNION HOME MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Rain inundates parts of Assam

Guwahati: Heavy rain in various parts of Assam and adjoining Arunachal Pradesh has led to the inundation of several areas in Assam, affecting over 33,000 people, an official bulletin said Tuesday. The Regional Meteorological Centre, Guwahati, has forecast more rain over the next two days, which may further deteriorate the situation. An Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in its flood bulletin said Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Dibrugarh districts have been affected by the rain that lashed the state since Monday.

TMC MLA held in school jobs scam

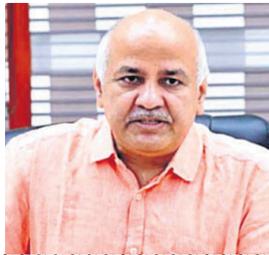
Kolkata: A special ED court here Tuesday remanded Trinamool Congress MLA and former president of West Bengal Board of Primary Education (WBBPE), Manik Bhattacharya, to 14 days custody of the probe agency for his alleged involvement in multi-crore West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) recruitment scam. Bhattacharya will now be presented at the same court October 25.

Prez on 3-day visit to Tripura, Assam

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu will be on a three-day visit to Tripura and Assam beginning October 12, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said Tuesday. The president will inaugurate the Tripura State Judicial Academy and lay the foundation stone for the Tripura National Law University at Narsingarh in Agartala Wednesday. On the same day, she will virtually inaugurate an MLA Hostel at the Capital Complex in Agartala and lay the foundation stones for various Tripura government projects related to roads, schools and hostels for students, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement.

15 kids injured as van overturns

Chennai: At least 15 school children were injured when their van overturned in Virudhachalam in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu. The accident occurred after the van carrying the students entered into a race with another van from the same school. The school van, according to the police, entered into a race with the other van at Adhanur near Virudhachalam and the driver tried to overtake it. He lost control after the van hit the other van, veered to one side and overturned. The driver of the van was also injured. Police have registered a case against the drivers of the two vans for speeding and rash driving.



The Congress will support the BJP before the election, it will join the BJP after the election. Voting for the Congress is equal to voting for the BJP

MANISH SISODIA | DELHI DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

MODI INAUGURATES MAHAKAL CORRIDOR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday dedicated to the nation the Mahakal Lok corridor at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. He also performed puja at the famous Lord Mahakal temple. The total project cost of the more than 900 metres long Mahakal Lok (corridor) is Rs 856 crore with the first phase costing Rs 351 crore, a state official said



FESTIVE PREPAREDNESS: Women buy bangles ahead of the upcoming festival of 'Karwa Chauth', at a market in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh

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HUMAN SACRIFICE IN KERALA

Two women found dead, Oppn seeks investigation

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Thiruvananthapuram, Oct 11: The case of suspected human sacrifice, where two women were found murdered and buried by a couple in Thiruvalla in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, has now turned political with the Congress and the BJP demanding a proper probe as the prime accused allegedly has close links with the ruling CPI-M.

The couple, identified as Bhagaval Singh and his wife Laila, used to run a massage centre near Aranmula in Pathanamthitta district at their house.

Kochi Police Commissioner CH Nagaraju said that the two women were killed and buried by the couple. State Congress president K Sudhakaran said the revelations that are coming out has send shockwaves across the state and what is even more alarming is this has been done by a local CPI-M leader (Singh).

Minister of State for External Affairs and BJP leader V Muraleedharan took to the social media and said a heinous crime in the name of black magic.

State BJP President KSurenran said this is a shocking episode and the role of a CPI-M member in this is even alarming.

According to reports that have emerged, Shihab alias Mohammed Shafi has been identified as the

mastermind behind the murders of the two women.

He first created a fake social media account in the name of Sreedevi and became friendly with the couple, Bhagaval and Laila. He convinced the couple that there is a person named Rashid, who has superpowers and if they please him, they will flourish financially.

Later, Shihab, for the first time, met the couple, identifying himself as Rashid, and they become friendly. The idea of a human sacrifice was discussed for which he and Laila should have sex in front of Singh.

Shihab says he will come back with a woman for the human sacrifice and in August arrived with a woman, who has now been identified as Rosalyn.

Later, he came with Rosalyn to the couple's house under the pretext that she will be paid Rs 10 lakh if she acts in a soft porn film.

Rosalyn was then asked to lie on a bed and as part of the film shooting, the accused trio tied her up on the bed. Soon, Singh came with a hammer and smashed her head.

Singh's wife Laila using a sword slashed Rosalyn's neck and used a knife to stab her private parts and that blood was sprayed around the house. Later, Rosalyn's body was buried in the couple's house. Chief Minister Vijayan, currently on a trip to London, termed the incident "shocking".



Undated photos of Rosilyn (L) and Padma who were allegedly murdered and buried in a case of black magic and human sacrifice at Elanthoor in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala. Bhagaval Singh (R) has been arrested by the police for his alleged involvement in the case

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K'taka govt warns cab aggregators of ₹5K fine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bangalore, Oct 11: Days after an order was issued, banning the 'illegal' autorickshaw services of app-based cab aggregators in the city, the Karnataka government Tuesday warned of imposing a fine of Rs 5,000 on those vehicles found operating illegally.

State Transport Commissioner THM Kumar also said the ride hailing platforms such as Ola and Uber cannot provide the autorickshaw services till

the government takes a decision. "In case the companies violate the order, then they should know that autorickshaw is not there in the Karnataka On-Demand

Transportation Technology Aggregators Rule (KOT-TAR), 2016," the transport commissioner said briefing reporters here. The transport commissioner pointed out that there is no scope for the taxi aggregators to offer autorickshaw services on their applications under KOTTAR 2016.

'Two swords and a shield' symbol for Shinde faction

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: The Election Commission Tuesday allotted 'two swords and a shield' as the poll symbol to the Shiv Sena faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

The Shinde faction, which is now named as 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena', will be able to use the symbol for the Andheri East assembly by-poll, should it decide to contest the election scheduled for November 3.

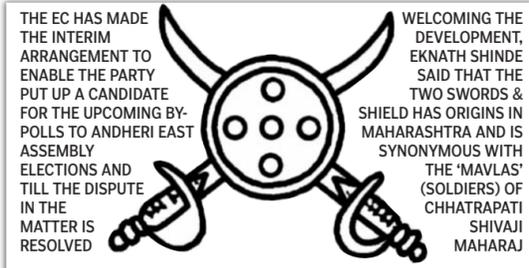
Shinde welcomed the allocation of the poll symbol and asserted that his group was the true torchbearer for the staunch Hindutva ideology laid down by Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray.

"We will be the shield that protects the innocent and the sword that destroys the rogues," he said on Twitter.

In a letter to Shinde, the Commission said it has decided to declare 'Do Talwarein aur Ek Dhal (Two Swords & Shield)' to be a free symbol and allot it to the candidate set up, if any, by the Shinde-led group in the current bye-election.

The Shinde faction had suggested 'peepal tree', 'shield and sword' (dhal-talwar), and 'sun' as its choice of poll symbols.

The Commission turned down all the three suggestions made by the Shinde-group contending that they were not in the list of free symbols. However, it allotted the poll



THE EC HAS MADE THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT TO ENABLE THE PARTY TO PUT UP A CANDIDATE FOR THE UPCOMING BY-POLLS TO ANDHERI EAST ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND TILL THE DISPUTE IN THE MATTER IS RESOLVED

WELCOMING THE DEVELOPMENT, EKNATH SHINDE SAID THAT THE TWO SWORDS & SHIELD HAS ORIGINS IN MAHARASHTRA AND IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE 'MAVLAS' (SOLDIERS) OF CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ

symbol 'two swords and a shield' to the Shinde-led group noting that it resembled the 'dhal-talwar' (shield and sword) sought by the outfit.

The 'two swords and shield' symbol was earlier allotted to the People's Democratic Movement, which was de-recognised as a state party in 2004 and subsequently delisted in 2016, the Commission said.

Turning down the claim to the 'sun' symbol, the poll authority said the Shinde faction's choice resembled the poll symbols 'sun (without rays)' and 'rising sun' of the Zoram National Party and DMK respectively. It also said that the Shinde faction's choice also seemed to resemble free symbols of 'apple', 'cauliflower' and 'football'.

On Saturday last, the Commission had barred the factions led by Uddhav Thackeray and Shinde from using the party name 'Shiv Sena' and its 'bow and arrow' symbol for the November 3

Andheri East assembly by-poll.

The interim order said the party name and symbol stand frozen till the dispute between the two factions on which is the real Shiv Sena is adjudicated by the EC.

On Monday, the Commission had allotted 'flaming torch' (mashaal) election symbol to the Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena and recognised it as 'Shiv Sena - Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray'. It recognised the Shinde faction as 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' (Balasaheb's Shiv Sena).

Shinde had rebelled against Thackeray's leadership, claiming the support of 40 of the Shiv Sena's 55 MLAs and 12 of its 18 members in the Lok Sabha.

Following Thackeray's resignation as Chief Minister of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress coalition government, Shinde became chief minister with the support of the BJP.

MULAYAM CREMATED

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Saifai, Oct 11: Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav was cremated with full state honours at his native Saifai village in Uttar Pradesh Tuesday afternoon.

His son and party chief Akhilesh Yadav lit the funeral pyre. The former Uttar Pradesh CM had died aged 82 at a private hospital in Haryana's Gurugram Monday. His body was brought to Saifai Monday evening. A large number of people and dignitaries turned up for his funeral in Saifai.

With hundreds queued up for the final darshan amid the drizzle, Yadav's body was moved around 10 am Tuesday from his 'kothi' to a bigger hall on the Mela Ground premises to allow people to pay their last respects.

The former Chief Minister's son Akhilesh Yadav, brother Shivpal Yadav and other family members were onboard a truck decked up with garlands of flowers. A large number of people marched along the vehicle. Frequent chants of "Netaji amar rahe" by lakhs of people rent the air. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar were among those who paid tributes to the leader.



Govt mulls 233 GW new transmission capacity

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New Delhi, Oct 11: The Ministry of Power Tuesday said the government is mulling electricity transmission for renewable energy capacity of about 233 GW, latest by 2030, across the country.

"Planning of transmission system for integration of additional 52 GW potential REZ (renewable energy zone) by 2026-27 have been carried out...Transmission schemes for another 181.5 GW... By 2030 have been planned and the same would be taken up for implementation in a progressive manner," the ministry told members of Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to it in a meeting held Tuesday.

The Meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Power was held here, as per a statement. Union Minister for Power R K Singh chaired the meeting. Minister of State for Power and Heavy industries Krishan Pal Gurjar was also present in the meeting. Members



At present, the power consumption in the country is 1,400 billion units, which is estimated to double by 2030

of Parliament of various political parties took part in the meeting.

The subject of the meeting was 'Development of National Electricity Grid in India - Its Significance'.

The initiatives for integration of non-fossil fuel energy are implementation of green energy corridors, transmission system for ultra mega solar power parks, transmission system for 66.5 GW renewable energy zones by 2022 and establishment of 13 RE management centres (REMCs) to address variability and uncertainty of RE (renewable energy) generation, the members were told.

They were also told that all five regional grids in India were synchronised into the national grid by December 2013.

Govt expands 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme

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New Delhi, Oct 11: The Centre has revised its flagship 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme to include skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood options, increasing their enrolment in secondary education, raising awareness about menstrual hygiene, and promulgating elimination of child marriages, a senior official said.

Non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options are those where women are historically under-represented.

Speaking at a national conference on skilling in non-traditional livelihoods for girls, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said to give a fillip to Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, a component of skilling in NTL has been introduced as part of the programme.

Through this initiative, girls will be given skill training in non-traditional vocations thereby making them torchbearers of women-led aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India), she said.

Women and Child Development Secretary Indevan Pandey said the focus will also be on removing the barriers that stop girls from pursuing diverse livelihood opportunities. An operational manual to implement the scheme in districts



Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs Smriti Irani at the National Conference on Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood (NTL) for Girls 'Betiyan Bane Kushal' under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child in New Delhi

was also launched at the event. "It has BBBP activity calendar that has been streamlined to aid the districts to implement the scheme in sustained and inclusive manner throughout the year. We will also focus on removing the barriers that stop girls from pursuing diverse livelihood. We will also try to form a system that will enable

girls to be exactly who they want to be in future," Pandey said.

According to the manual, a national committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, made under the larger Mission Shakti mandate, will be the apex committee to review implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao at

regular intervals with state governments and Union territory administrations.

The committee shall meet at least once in a year preferably in the month of April and monitor the progress of the overall scheme activities and status of achievement of objectives.

At the state-level, the overall implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao will be done by a committee, made for Mission Shakti, headed by the Chief Secretary. The committee will have officers from the Department of Women and Child Development, Social Welfare Department and other relevant departments of the state concerned.

At the district level, the implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao will be done by the Mission Shakti Committee headed by District Magistrate/District Collector and having officers in charge of the Women and Child Development Department and other nodal departments.

An MoU was signed as a joint commitment to skilling girls by the Women and Child Development Ministry, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

ONE MONTH OF BHARAT JODO YATRA

Congress looking at visible gains

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Hiriyur/Siddapura (Karnataka), Oct 11: One month into the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the Congress is looking at some visible gains, with the party donning a revived, aggressive look.

Currently in power on its own in just two states - Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan -- the Congress has embarked on the marathon 3,570 km journey eyeing political and electoral revival, riding on the enthusiasm of Rahul Gandhi.

Party leaders are upbeat as the yatra has entered its 34th day. They list three clear positive outcomes -- an activated Congress which has hit the ground running leaving the past inertia behind, an interactive top brass which is directly engaging the people, and a mobilised organisation which was dormant for many years.

AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh, one of the key drivers of the exercise, sees the yatra as a psychological boost for the party. "I think what the yatra has done is show to the Congress party that we can do it. We are on the roads, on the streets, we are fighting the BJP. We are taking the battle to their camps. We are raising fundamental issues. We are not reactive. In fact, now the BJP is reacting to us and that I think is the greatest contribution of the yatra.



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It is psychological rather than electoral," Ramesh said.

He expressed confidence that the gains would consolidate as 117 Bharat Yatris traverse the entire 12-state route. Congress strategists claim that the principal aim is to connect with the masses and raise their issues, as decided at the Udaipur Chintan Shivir where

both Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi acknowledged that the party was disconnected from the ground.

Leaders say Rahul Gandhi has met more than 550 people individually while walking during the yatra, and interacted with several pressure groups with specific concerns. "This is for the first time in

many years that the Congress is being discussed in remote areas, villages, and people are in awe of the fact that Rahul Gandhi is walking all the way," former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijay Singh, who heads the yatra organising committee, said.

In many ways, the yatra is shaping up as the former Congress president's personal image building exercise, with senior party leaders repeatedly claiming that India will see a new Rahul Gandhi after the journey. The party's social media department has been careful to project the affectionate side of their leader -- tying his mother's shoelaces, playing with children, hugging an elderly woman, and so on. The idea is to fight the BJP's narrative of "Rahul Gandhi being a reluctant leader and a tourist politician who takes many holidays".

"This is a transformational moment for Rahul Gandhi. His endurance and clarity of thought are emerging in the yatra," said Jairam Ramesh, adding that the yatra has seen three impromptu press conferences by the Congress scion, who has taken two clear ideological lines.

One, he has said the Congress does not differentiate between minority and majority communalism and will fight both. Two, he has clarified that the Congress is against monopolies and not industrialists.

Nayanthara, Vignesh in trouble over birth of twins

SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE RAISED AS TO WHETHER THE SURROGACY LAWS APPLICABLE IN THE COUNTRY WERE FOLLOWED BY NAYANTHARA AND VIGNESH

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Subramanian during a press conference on Monday evening said that surrogacy law is itself subjected to a lot of debates.

He said that those who are above 21 years of age but under 36 are eligible for surrogacy with the consent of their families.

The Health Minister said that an inquiry will be conducted and he would instruct the Director of Medical Services to conduct an inquiry.

Subramanian said: "An inquiry will be conducted and I will be directing the Medical Services Directorate to conduct an inquiry into the same." In India, commercial surrogacy is banned and the criteria are that the surrogate should be at least married once and should have her own child.

Even as the couple did not make any official statement, there were reports that the babies were conceived through surrogacy

According to the latest surrogacy regulation bill, with effect from January 25, 2022, the idea is the prohibition of commercial surrogacy.

Only altruistic surrogacy would be allowed wherein except for the medical expenses and the insurance cover of the surrogate, no other charges or expenses would be covered by the couple who engages the surrogate.

14 minors held for flashing swords

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Bangalore, Oct 11: The Karnataka Police Tuesday arrested 19 youths, including 14 minors in connection with the flashing of swords and other dangerous weapons in full public view and dancing to a remix of Akbaruddin Owaisi's anti-Hindu speeches.

The police investigations have shown that the group gave a slip to the police on the day of Eid Milad festival and took to dancing with weapons after the procession on Tank Garden Road. The youth uploaded the video on social media, including their Instagram accounts by giving the title "apna (our) area". Police found more videos of the incident.

According to police, the incident took place on October 9, after the procession of Eid Milad. The group of youth and minors played a remix song made out of the provocative speeches of the AIMIM leader and Telangana MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi.

"All Hindus living in Hindustan



The group started flashing dangerous weapons and dancing at Siddapur in Ward number 144. The photos and videos of the incident had gone viral on social media

account for 100 crore population in the country. Our population is just 28 crore. You are much more than what we are. Let us see who is powerful. Let the police be taken off for 10 minutes, let us see what happens," the lines of the speech were played loudly with music, police explained. The Siddapur police in Bengaluru city, which have lodged the FIR, said that action will be initiated against the minors as per the provisions of law.

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ing at Siddapur in Ward number 144. The photos and videos of the incident had gone viral on social media.

The police swung into action after instructions from the senior officers. The operation was carried out till 3 a.m. on Tuesday to arrest the youth and the boys. The parents of the arrested gathered in front of the Siddapura police station and demanded that their children be released. However, the police sent them away. Further investigation was on.



Commuters wade through a waterlogged street following rains in Hubballi

PTI PHOTO

BJP allowing RSS camps in govt schools, says SFI

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, Oct 11: Student, Muslim organisations and activists Tuesday alleged that the ruling BJP government is allowing the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to hold training camps for students in government residential schools in Karnataka and opposed it.

Vasudeva Reddy, State Secretary of the Student Federation of India (SFI) said: "The ruling BJP in Karnataka is allowing running of RSS camps in the Morarji Desai Residential Education institutions, which should be immediately stopped."

"If the organisation of camps by the RSS is not stopped, the SFI would take up a state-wide agitation," he said. Presently, the camp is being held in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar and Bidar of north Karnataka, he said.

"The RSS, known as a communal force, is allowed to conduct camps for students. Social Welfare Development Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari has himself recommended the holding of camps for students," Vasudeva Reddy said.

"This is a part of saffronisation of education by the ruling BJP. The BJP is coming with this idea of communalism as continuation of hijab, school syllabus revision



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VASUDEVA REDDY | STATE SECRETARY OF SFI

issues. This is an attempt by the ruling BJP to hand over educational institutions to the RSS. We condemn it," he alleged.

"These RSS camps must be stopped immediately. In those camps, weapons are being used. RSS is involved in anti-social activities," Vasudeva Reddy said.

Permission has been given to hold the Prashikshan Shivir (training camps) and is being done to train young men in Yogasana, personality development and nationalism, a notification issued by the state government said.

The permission has been accorded by the Social Welfare Development Minister. The permission has been given to Prerana Pratishthan to hold one-week camp in Kolar district residential hostel.

The government has also allowed a similar camp through Akshaya Seva Pratishthana in the Uttara Kannada district. Another camp is being planned in north Karnataka, according to sources.

Free bus rides turn bumpy

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Chennai, Oct 11: The DMK government in Tamil Nadu announced free bus rides for all women in the state after assuming office. It gained traction across the country as a project which helps women to access free rides on public transport and makes them more independent.

The scheme was well received during the initial days and the percentage of women riding buses touched an all-time high with around 61% of the total passengers in the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) buses being women. The DMK government touted this as one of its major achievements and showcased that the party always stood for women. However, the honeymoon was short-lived with several cases of bus drivers and conductors belittling the women travelling free in buses, even hinting that they were doing so at the benevolence of the staff.

R. Sundari, a domestic help in Tiruchi, said that "Initially we thought it was good as we could juggle work and work at two places or three places as we did not have to bother about travelling as it was free. After some days, the bus conductors started abusing us, using the choicest expletives, and the men used to laugh at this. Anyone who has a little self-respect would stop taking free rides. Initially, I did not want to reject it as it was saving me good money but later I decided not to travel for free and forcibly asked the conductor to accept money."

She said that the bus conductor did not accept the fare but she insisted that she be taken off the bus if they were not accepting the



money. The issue gained momentum after the Tamil Nadu minister for higher education, K. Ponmudi at a public function made some comments reminding the women in the audience about the free bus rides introduced by the Stalin government.

He asked the women there, "How are you going in the bus today? If you want to go from here to Koyambedu (a place in Chennai) or anywhere you are going in 'OC'. 'OC' is a term used in Tamil for free.

This infuriated several people and a video of an elderly woman arguing with a conductor that she won't travel unless he takes the money for a ticket went viral. The woman asked the conductor: "The minister is talking like that!?! We going in 'OC'? We don't want to go in 'OC'. We will travel by paying for the ticket. Prices of everything have risen and five rupees is not a big deal. Take the money and give me a ticket. We don't want to travel free."

This led to an uproar in the state

and those close to the DMK came out with the statement that the woman in the video, Thulasiammal, was an AIADMK supporter and that she had tried to belittle the government.

In another instance, four women rejected free travel and insisted on paying. After these incidents, the TNSTC has reportedly issued oral instructions to the conductors to collect the fares if the women passengers insist on paying.

A conductor in Salem division said that "There is no provision to collect money and issue tickets to women passengers but daily many women are now asking us to take the payment, and if we don't take the money an argument breaks out. We have mentioned the matter to our department heads and they told us to collect the money and issue tickets if the women insist." However senior officials of the TNSTC denied such an arrangement and said that there was no provision for collecting money from women passengers in buses.

TN govt to deliver books at doorsteps

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Oct 11: After the delivery of medicines at the doorsteps in Tamil Nadu, the state government will now deliver books at the doorsteps of readers.

The Tamil Nadu Directorate of Public Libraries will launch the Noolangam Nanbaragal or Friends of Library scheme in 2,500 libraries across the state.

Tamil Nadu school education minister, Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi in the 2022-23 Budget announced that the Noolangam Nanbaragal scheme would be implemented in the state.

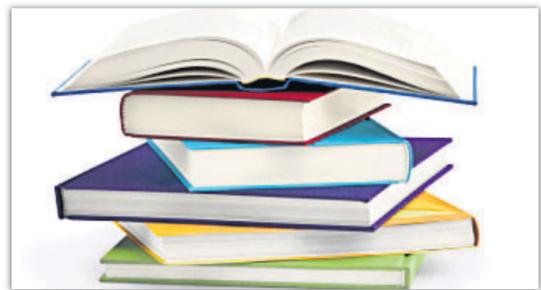
The Directorate of Public Libraries will select five volunteers for each library and the volunteers will deliver books at the doorsteps of readers and create awareness among the public on the importance of books and reading. A meeting of the librarians would be held at the district level next week and then the notification for the selection of volunteers

would be issued.

In a statement, the Directorate of Public Libraries said that the scheme would be implemented in 31 district central libraries, 300 full-time branch libraries, 1463 other libraries, and in 706 village libraries in the state.

R.J. Mukundaraj, librarian at a public library in Tiruchi said, "Reading has been on a decline across the state for some years with the advent of latest electronic gadgets and the government has taken this move to increase the interest in reading for the younger generation. This will inculcate interest in children, youngsters, and others alike."

According to the library department, the volunteers who are selected would not be given any remuneration and instead would provide Rs 500 per year if they perform well enough. With this scheme, the Tamil Nadu government is expecting a large number of people to be engaged in books and libraries.



of the day quote

Thousands of our youths are in jails, religious scholars are raided and they are jailed. Today, (NIA) raid was conducted at Rehmatullah sahib (religious scholar in Bandipora), because some days back he had given a statement on religious interference by them

MEHBOOBA MUFTI | PDP CHIEF

I was asked to fight the presidential poll 18 hours before the filing of nomination papers. When I questioned why am I being asked to throw my hat in the ring, I learnt that Rahul Gandhi does not want any member from his family to occupy the top party post

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE | CONGRESS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Some of their leaders in the party, to whom they are beholden, have instructed them to support my rival and they feel they cannot defy these netas openly. Many such people may eventually choose to cast their vote in my favour

SHASHI THAROOR | CONGRESS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

SHORT TAKES

Kejriwal flags off 50 low-floor CNG buses

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday flagged off 50 low-floor CNG-powered cluster buses and said they will improve connectivity to the rural belts of the national capital. He also flagged off 30 Innova cars and 36 motorbikes for the enforcement wing of the Transport Department. "These vehicles will be involved in enforcing lane discipline. From April, we started the lane discipline drive," he said at the event.

Altaf Shah dies of cancer at AIIMS

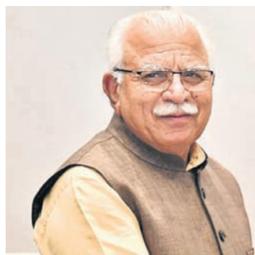
New Delhi: Jailed Kashmiri separatist leader Altaf Ahmad Shah, the son-in-law of late pro-Pakistan Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, died of cancer at the AIIMS here Tuesday, a few days after he was taken to the hospital on the orders of the Delhi High Court. Shah, popularly known as 'Altaf Fantooch', was 66 and is survived by his wife, son and two daughters. The separatist leader was arrested in 2017 with six others in a terror funding case and was lodged at the Tihar jail.

Heavy rains lash Haryana, Punjab

Chandigarh: Rains lashed parts of Haryana and Punjab Tuesday, leading to a fall in the temperature. A sharp spell of rain lashed Chandigarh and its adjoining towns of Mohali in Punjab and Panchkula in Haryana. Some other parts of the two states also received showers. Earlier Monday, rains had lashed a few places in Haryana. Moderate to heavy rains have lashed several parts of Haryana and some parts of Punjab intermittently during the past fortnight.

Dalit murdered

Hazaribagh: A Dalit youth was dragged out of his house and murdered in Pachda village in Keredari police station area of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand. His body was tied with his shirt and hung from an electric pole. The victim has been identified as Sitan Bhuiyan. The body was seen hanging on Tuesday morning by the villagers. The Keredari police reached the spot and brought the body down and had to face the villagers' opposition while sending it to Hazaribagh for post-mortem. The villagers protested that they will not allow the police to take the body until the accused were arrested.



The Haryana government is working on a plan to buy paddy straw at minimum support price in a bid to find a permanent solution to the issue of stubble burning

MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR | HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER

BKS ANNOUNCES FARMER RALLY

The RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) Monday announced a protest rally of farmers in the national capital December 19 to press their demands for increasing financial assistance under the PM-KISAN scheme and removing GST on agricultural equipment and fertilisers



India rejects Russia's call for secret ballot on Ukraine

MOSCOW'S DEMAND FOR A SECRET BALLOT WAS REJECTED AFTER 107 UN MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING INDIA, VOTED IN FAVOUR OF A RECORDED VOTE

AGENCIES

New Delhi/United Nations, Oct 11: India voted to reject Russia's demand for a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on a draft resolution to condemn Moscow's "illegal" annexation of four regions of Ukraine, with New Delhi favouring a public vote on the text along with over 100 other nations.

The 193-member UN General Assembly Monday voted on a motion by Albania that action on the draft resolution that would condemn Russia's "illegal so-called referendums" and "attempted illegal annexation" of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine be taken by a recorded vote.

Russia had demanded that the resolution be voted upon by secret ballot. Moscow's demand for a secret ballot was rejected after 107 UN member states, including India, voted in favour of a recorded vote. Only 13 nations voted in favour of Russia's call for a secret ballot while 39 abstained. Russia and China were among the countries that did not vote. After the motion to hold a recorded vote was adopted, Russia appealed against the ruling of the president of the general assembly.

A recorded vote on Russia's appeal was held and India was among the 100 nations who voted against the challenge made by Moscow. Russia then sought reconsideration of the decision to adopt the motion submitted by Albania for a recorded vote. The General Assembly decided not to reconsider the motion after 104 nations, including India, voted against such a reconsideration, while 16 voted in favour and 34 abstained.



Russia's Permanent Representative Vassily Nebenzia said the UN membership had "become witnesses to an outrageous fraud in which the president of the general assembly, unfortunately played a key role". "We were not given the floor to make a point of order (the indicator light at our seat is still on), our statement was distorted, and now UN member states are being robbed of their right to express their opinion freely

India last month had abstained while Russia vetoed a draft UN Security Council resolution tabled by the US and Albania to condemn Moscow's "illegal referenda" and declared the annexation of four Ukrainian territories as invalid. The 15-nation UN Security Council had voted on the draft resolution on "Illegal So-Called Referenda in Ukraine", hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin in a ceremony in the Kremlin had signed treaties to annex the Ukrainian regions of Luhansk, Donetsk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia. The resolution failed to get adopted as permanent UNSC member Russia vetoed it. Of the 15-nation council, 10 nations voted for the resolution and China, Gabon,

India, as well as Brazil abstained.

UN General Assembly President Csaba Korosi reconvened the emergency special session on Ukraine where a senior US administration official had said that the European Union, on behalf of a cross-regional drafting group of several dozen UN member states, was working on a resolution to be introduced in the assembly and considered at the emergency special session to condemn Russia's actions as a clear violation of the UN Charter and the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The resolution would also call upon all states, international organisations, and United Nations specialised agencies not to recognise any alteration by Russia of the status of any or all of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk or Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine, and to refrain from any action or dealing that might be interpreted as recognising any such altered status. The action in the UNGA came hours after Russia carried out strikes against multiple Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv where at least 10 people were killed and around 60 others wounded across Ukraine.

Top court admits pleas against Talaq-e-Hasan

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New Delhi, Oct 11: The Supreme Court Tuesday admitted the pleas seeking "Talaq-e-Hasan" and all other forms of "unilateral extrajudicial divorce" to be declared unconstitutional.

"Talaq-e-Hasan" is a form of divorce among Muslims by which a man can dissolve the marriage by pronouncing the word 'talaq' once every month over a three-month period.

A three-judge bench headed by Justices S K Kaul asked the Centre, National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission and others to file their responses within four weeks. "Counsel for the private respondent (husband) has entered appearance and seeks to affirm that he is not agreeable to settlement even on issue of further alimony. List in the third week of January for final hearing," the bench, also comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Vikram Nath, said.

The apex court was hearing three separate petitions, including the one filed by Ghaziabad resident Benazeer Heena, who claimed to be victims of unilateral extrajudicial Talaq-e-Hasan.

They have also sought a direction to the Centre to frame the guidelines for gender and religion-neutral and uniform grounds of divorce and procedure for all citizens.

The top court had earlier impeached the husbands of the petitioners and sought their response to the pleas filed by them.



CBI to probe Palghar mob lynching case



AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: The Maharashtra government has told the Supreme Court that it has no objection to handing over the 2020 Palghar lynching case to the CBI.

Maharashtra Police Assistant Inspector General of Police (L&O), in an additional affidavit, said: "I say that, the petitioners have sought transfer of investigation to the CBI, in as much as according to them, it is imperative for achieving an impartial and independent investigation in the matter. I say and submit that the State of Maharashtra is ready and willing to hand over the investigation in C.R. No. 76/2020 and C.R. No. 77/2020 to the CBI and would have no objection for the same."

The Maharashtra Police response came on petitions filed by advocate Shashank Shekhar Jha and others. The petitions raised the issue of lynching of two sadhus, namely, Maharaj Kalpavriksha Giri @ Chikna Baba and Shri Sushil Giri Maharaj, and sought an independent probe into the matter.

In June 2020, Hindu Sadhus of Shri Panch Dashban Juna Akhara and relatives of the two deceased Sadhus also moved the Supreme Court alleging bias by the state authorities in investigating the matter.

The common prayer in all the petitions sought transfer of investigation to the CBI in order to con-

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"In pursuance of the order dated August 6, 2020, the State of Maharashtra has filed charge sheets on record vide its affidavit dated August 28, 2020... in addition to the aforementioned charge sheets, the details of the action taken against the police personnel through departmental enquiry was also brought on record vide the affidavit dated August 28, 2020," added the affidavit.

The top court had issued notice to the Maharashtra government, Maharashtra DGP, Centre and others. The then Maharashtra government had opposed the plea seeking an independent probe into the matter and had submitted the charge sheets before the top court, and also informed it that action had been taken against the errant police personnel through departmental enquiry.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

SC upholds bail granted to Anil Deshmukh by HC

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 11: The Supreme Court Tuesday upheld the Bombay High Court order granting bail to former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh in a money laundering case.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli said: "We will not interfere with the high court order granting bail."

It added since the observations in the high court order were only confined to if he was entitled to bail, it would clarify that these observations will not affect the merits of the trial or any other proceedings.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had moved the apex court challenging the high court order granting bail to Deshmukh.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the ED, contended

that the high court drew incorrect conclusions in connection with dismissed cop Sachin Waze, who was co-accused in the case before he turned into an approver. He added that the money collected from bar owners was for Deshmukh, and if he has health problems, he can be transferred to a hospital, but cannot get bail.

The top court said that it is only on bail and not on the merits of the case and it will only interfere with the high court order, if it is perverse.

Mehta submitted that he is attempting to show the perversity which is writ large in the order. The bench asked how long Deshmukh has been in custody. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Deshmukh, said his client has been in custody for one year and added that the high court order cannot be interfered with, unless it is perverse.



SHOW OF STRENGTH: Indian Army's combined arms manoeuvre in Akhnoor for the operational preparedness

'Direct India-China flights unlikely soon'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi/Beijing, Oct 11: Direct passenger flight services between India and China are unlikely to resume in the near future unless Beijing modifies its policy of sudden cancellation of scheduled flights every time some passengers are tested positive for Covid on arrival in Chinese airports, informed sources here said.

Flight services between the two countries have been disrupted ever since coronavirus was first reported in Wuhan in late 2019 and spread across the world.



The flight disruption turned out to be a major problem for hundreds of Indian students as well as families of Indians working in China and businessmen to travel back and forth though Beijing recently lifted the visa ban after about three years.

Following this, about 23,000 Indian students, mostly studying medicine who were stranded back home due to China's Covidvisa bans, made preparations to travel to China to rejoin their colleges but experienced difficulties due to the absence of direct flights.

The flights through the third countries were exorbitantly expensive in view of the demand. However, over 100 Indian students reportedly returned to China in recent weeks travelling through the third country routes, especially via Hong Kong.

Informed sources here said, in view of the unlikelihood of the resumption of flights, Indians are advised to travel through Hong Kong which has daily connectivity from India.

From there they can take a flight to Chinese cities, where they have to undergo a seven-day quarantine. Indian passengers are currently travelling to China through Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar.

India up 6 places to rank 123 for reducing inequality: Report

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New Delhi, Oct 11: India has moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending, according to the latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII). The 2022 CRII looks at government policies and actions in 161 countries to fight inequality during the first two years of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Norway leads the CRII followed by Germany and Australia.

The Index which is prepared by Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI) measures governments policies and actions in three areas proven to have a major impact on reducing inequality. Under the 'Impact of public spending on reducing inequality indicator', India



has moved up 27 places and under 'Impact of tax on reducing inequality indicator', India has moved up 33 places.

The three areas are public services (health, education, and social protection), taxation and workers' rights.

The Oxfam report based on the index said India features among the

lowest performers on health spending again. The index showed that it has dropped a further two places in the rankings, to 157th, the 5th lowest in the world.

"The 2022 CRII report shows India making marginal gains when it comes to reducing inequality during the Covid-19 pandemic,

India which was ranked 129 in the previous index in 2020 has moved up six places mainly due to indicators quantifying impact of public spending and impact of tax on reducing inequality," said Amitabh Behar, CEO of Oxfam India.

"These are the positives from the report but what's worrying is that India is still lagging when it comes to spending on health, education and social security" added Behar.

He pointed out that India unfortunately features among the lowest performers on health spending again. "India has dropped a further two places in the rankings, to 157th (or 5th lowest in the world). India even made small cuts on health spending between 2019 and 2021 - at a time of unprecedented health need and crisis. Given the wide criticism of the government's response to Covid-19 and the great need for healthcare improvements,

it is disappointing to see that things are still moving in the wrong direction", said Behar.

India's health spending is 3.64 per cent of total spending. This is the lowest out of all BRICS and neighbouring countries, the report said. While China and Russia are spending 10 per cent, Brazil is at 7.7 per cent and South Africa is highest at 12.9 per cent.

The 2022 CRII shows that despite the worst health crisis in a century, half of low and lower middle-income countries in the Index, cut the share of health spending of their budgets.

Twelve countries in the Index have no national minimum wage - with India joining this list since 2020.

Despite huge pressure on government finances, 143 of 161 countries froze the tax rates on their richest citizens, and 11 countries even lowered them.

international

of the day quote

The New Zealand government has released for consultation a proposal to reduce agricultural emissions, helping give the country a competitive advantage in green conscious global marketplace

JACINDA ARDERN | NZ PM

We believe that the internal issues is related to the (Iranian) government and the people of Iran and we do not allow any other country to interfere in Iran's internal affairs

NASSER KANAANI | IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN

Ukraine would be a constant, direct and clear threat to Russia. The aim of our future actions must be the full dismantling of the political regime in Ukraine

DMITRY MEDVEDEV | FORMER RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

SHORT TAKES

Gabbard quits Democratic Party

Washington: Former Congresswoman and the first Hindu American to run for the White House in 2020, Tulsi Gabbard, Tuesday announced that she is leaving the governing Democratic Party, denouncing it as an "elitist cabal of war-mongers." Gabbard, 41, who retired from the House of Representatives last year, made the announcement on Twitter. She has, however, kept everyone guessing on her next move. Gabbard was the first-ever Hindu to be elected to the US House of Representatives in 2013 from Hawaii, and she was subsequently elected for four consecutive terms.

King Charles to be crowned on May 6

London: The coronation of Britain's King Charles III will take place at Westminster Abbey in London on May 6 next year, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday. The 73-year-old monarch, who acceded to the throne on the passing of his mother Queen Elizabeth II last month, will be officially bestowed with his crown and royal paraphernalia at the coronation ceremony to be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The palace said the King will be crowned alongside his wife, Queen Consort Camilla. "The coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry," the palace said.

Imran booked

Islamabad: Pakistan's ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan and other senior leaders of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party have been booked by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Tuesday for allegedly receiving prohibited funding from abroad. The case was filed by the state through FIA's Corporate Banking Circle in Islamabad. According to the first information report (FIR), one Arif Masood Naqvi, who is the owner of the Wooton Cricket Limited, transferred "ill-gotten" money to a bank account registered under the name of the PTI, the Dawn reported.

25 children injured

Allentown (US): An apparent carbon monoxide leak at a Pennsylvania day care centre sent about two dozen children to the hospital early Tuesday, but none of the injuries were considered serious, authorities said. Emergency responders went to the Happy Smiles Learning Centre in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on reports of an unconscious child.



We again call on Russia to end this unprovoked aggression immediately and remove its troops from Ukraine
JOE BIDEN | US PRESIDENT

UNDP REVELATION

Fifty-four developing economies accounting for more than half of the world's poorest people need urgent debt relief as a result of 'cascading global crises', the UN Development Program (UNDP) said Tuesday



ALARMS KEEP UP FEAR

MORE MISSILES, DRONES STRIKE UKRAINE

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Kyiv, Oct 11: Russian forces showered Ukraine with more missiles and munition-carrying drones Tuesday after widespread strikes killed at least 19 people in what the U.N. Human rights office described as a "particularly shocking" attack that could amount to war crimes.

Air raid warnings extended throughout the country for a second straight morning. Ukrainian officials advised residents to conserve energy and stock up on water after strikes in the capital and 12 other regions the previous day caused widespread power outages and pierced the relative calm that had returned to Kyiv and many other cities far from the war's front lines.

"It brings anger, not fear," Kyiv resident Volodymyr Vasylenko, 67, said as crews worked to restore traffic lights and clear debris from the city's streets. "We already got used to this. And we will keep fighting." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed the leaders of the Group of Seven industrial powers by videoconference Tuesday. After the meeting, the G-7 leaders said their countries



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Russia launched the widespread attacks in retaliation for a weekend explosion that damaged a bridge linking the country to the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014. Russian President Vladimir Putin alleged

the Ukrainian special services masterminded the Saturday attack on the Kerch Bridge.

Russia has concentrated most of its firepower during the 7 1/2-month war in eastern and southern Ukraine, and Ukrainian officials said the previous day's diffuse strikes on power plants and civil-

ian areas made no "practical military sense."

However, Putin's supporters had urged the Kremlin for weeks to take more drastic steps in Ukraine and actively criticised the Russian military for a series of embarrassing battlefield setbacks. Pro-Kremlin pundits lauded Monday's attack as an appropriate and long-awaited response to Kyiv's recently successful counteroffensives, and many of them argued that Moscow should keep up the intensity in order to win the war.

The bombardment Tuesday struck both power plants and civilian areas, just as Monday's attacks did. One person was killed when 12 missiles slammed into public facilities in the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, setting off a large fire, the State Emergency Service said. A local official said the missiles hit a school, residential buildings and medical facilities.

Energy facilities in the western Lviv and Vinnitsya regions also took hits. Although officials said Ukrainian forces shot down an inbound Russian missile before it reached Kyiv, the capital region experienced rolling power outages as a result of the previous day's strikes.

UNREST PERSISTS

Iran's crackdown on protests intensifies



AGENCIES

Dubai, Oct 11: Iran intensified its crackdown Tuesday on Kurdish areas in the country's west amid protests sparked by the death of a 22-year-old woman detained by the morality police, activists said.

Riot police fired into at least one neighbourhood in Sanandaj, the capital of Iran's Kurdistan province, as Amnesty International and the White House's national security adviser criticised the violence targeting demonstrators angered by the death of Mahsa Amini.

Meanwhile, some oil workers Monday joined the protests at two key refinery complexes, for the first time linking an industry key to Iran's theocracy to the unrest. Workers claimed another protest Tuesday in the crucial oil city of Abadan, with others calling for protests on Wednesday as well.

Iran's government insists Amini

The world is watching what is happening in Iran. These protestors are Iranian citizens, led by women and girls, demanding dignity and basic rights. We stand with them, and we will hold responsible those using violence in a vain effort to silence their voices

JAKE SULLIVAN | US PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

was not mistreated, but her family says her body showed bruises and other signs of beating. Subsequent videos have shown security forces beating and shoving female protesters, including women who have torn off their mandatory headscarf, or hijab.

From the capital, Tehran, and elsewhere, videos have emerged online despite authorities disrupting the internet.

Iranian journalist pays heavy price

Dubai: Niloofar Hamed, an Iranian journalist specialising in women's rights, got away with hard-hitting stories for years - until the day she took a photo of Mahsa Amini's parents hugging each other in a Tehran hospital where their daughter was lying in a coma. The photo, which Hamed posted on Twitter September 16, was the first sign to the world that all was not well with 22-year-old Amini, who had been detained three days earlier by Iran's morality police for what they deemed inappropriate dress. Amini's death later that day would unleash a wave of mass protests across Iran that were still persisting nearly three weeks later in different parts of the country, despite a government crackdown. The photo of Amini's parents was also one of the last things Hamed, worked for the pro-reform Sharq daily, would post before she was arrested some days later and her Twitter account listed as suspended. "This morning, intelligence agents raided my client Niloofar Hamed's house, arrested her, searched her house, and confiscated her belongings," Hamed's lawyer Mohammad Ali Kamfirooz tweeted September 22. Hamed has not been charged and is being held in solitary confinement in Iran's Evin prison, he wrote.

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN RELATIONS

Lebanon, Israel clinch maritime border deal

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Jerusalem, Oct 11: Israel's Prime Minister said Tuesday that the country has reached a "historic agreement" with neighbouring Lebanon over their shared maritime border after months of U.S.-brokered negotiations.

The agreement would mark a major breakthrough in relations with the two countries, which formally have been at war since Israel's establishment in 1948. But the deal still faces some obstacles, including key legal and political challenges in Israel.

At stake are rights over exploiting undersea natural gas reserves in areas of the eastern Mediterranean that the two countries - which do not have diplomatic relations - claim. Premier Yair Lapid called the deal an "historic achievement that will strengthen Israel's security, inject billions into Israel's economy, and ensure the stability of our northern border." The agreement is expected to enable additional natural gas production in the Mediterranean.

Lebanon hopes gas exploration will help lift its country out of its spiralling economic crisis.

Lebanon and Israel both claim some 860 square kilometers of the Mediterranean Sea.

Under the agreement, those waters would be divided along a line straddling a strategic natural gas field.

According to a senior Israeli official, Lebanon would be allowed to produce gas from that field, called "Qana," but pay royalties to Israel for any gas produced from the Israeli side.



A general view during the Barcolana Sailing Regatta in Trieste, Italy

REUTERS

MALARIA SPREADING FAST

Pak to buy 6mn mosquito nets from India

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Islamabad, Oct 11: Pakistan's health ministry Tuesday approved the purchase of over 6 million mosquito nets from India, as the country scrambles to contain the spread of malaria and other vector-borne diseases due to the unprecedented floods, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The World Health Organisation

(WHO) is using financial resources provided by Global Fund to acquire the nets for Pakistan, according to Geo.Tv. The WHO officials said they are planning to obtain mosquito nets as early as possible and are hopeful that these would be obtained by next month via the Wagah route, the report said.

More than 1,700 people were killed, 33 million displaced and a



third of the country was submerged under water in the worst floods to hit Pakistan, brought about by unprecedented rains since mid-June.

In September, the World Health Organisation (WHO) warned that a surge in diseases like malaria can cause a "second disaster." Last

week, the WHO warned of 2.7 million malaria cases in 32 districts in flood-hit Pakistan by January 2023.

"Malaria is spreading at a rapid pace in 32 flood-affected districts of the country where thousands of children are infected with the mosquito-borne disease," officials said. Pakistan's health ministry had sought permission to procure mosquito nets from India last month, the report said.

The official said they had requested the Global Fund for the arrangement of mosquito nets for the 26 most-affected districts of Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan, where Plasmodium Falciparum cases were reported. In response, it offered to procure these nets from India if the Pakistan government approved such a move.

Man charged with 4 counts of murder

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

San Francisco, Oct 11: The accused involved in the kidnapping and killing of four members of an Indian-origin Sikh family, including a baby girl, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder; one for each life lost, authorities in California said.

Eight-month-old Aroohi Dheri, her 27-year-old mother Jasleen Kaur, her 36-year-old father Jasdeep Singh, and her 39-year-old uncle Amandeep Singh were kidnapped at gunpoint and killed by a former disgruntled employee of their trucking company last week. Jesus Salgado, who was involved in their kidnapping and killing, was arrested on October 6. He was charged on Monday with four counts of first-degree murder; one for each life lost, prosecutors were quoted as saying by the Los Angeles Times.

COVID CURBS LIFTED

Dream come true for many as Japan reopens to tourists

Airlines have added flights in response to the full re-opening of borders. Visa-free travel is back for short-term business visits and tourism from more than 60 countries

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Tokyo, Oct 11: Eager to admire colourful foliage, eat sushi and go shopping, droves of tourists from abroad began arriving in Japan Tuesday with the end of pandemic-fighting border restrictions that had been in place for more than two years.

"We got the news that we can finally come. We are really, really happy," said Nadine Lackmann, a German who was among the crowd of tourists arriving at Tokyo's Haneda airport. Travellers like

Lackmann are expected to deliver a sorely needed 5 trillion yen (\$35 billion) boost to the world's third-largest economy.

And the flood of visitors is expected to keep growing. A daily limit of 50,000 arrivals is gone. Airlines have added flights in response to the full re-opening of borders. Visa-free travel is back for short-term business visits and tourism from more than 60 countries.

David Beall, a photographer based in Los Angeles who's been to Japan 12 times, has already booked



a flight, planning to go to Fukui, Kyoto, Osaka, and Tokyo. The last time he was in Japan was in October 2019.

But it's everyday things the

American is looking forward to, like eating Japan's popular pork cutlet dish, tonkatsu. "As cliched as it sounds, just being back in Japan after all this time is what I am most

looking forward to. That of course includes hopefully meeting new people, eating the food that I've missed like good tonkatsu, being in nature at that time of the year, riding the trains," he said.

As a tip for others planning trips, he recommends getting a Japan Rail Pass and a Suica or some other pre-paid card that allows cashless payments for easy travel. About 32 million tourists visited Japan in 2019, before COVID-19. Their return is welcome for good reason.

Many will have more spending power because the Japanese yen has declined in recent months in value compared to the U.S. Dollar, the euro and other currencies. The only protocols left for entry are that you must be fully vaccinated with one booster or have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of de-

parture. Virtually all visitors from the U.S., the rest of Asia, Europe and South America who fulfill those requirements won't have to quarantine. In August, during the most recent coronavirus surge in Japan, nationwide daily new infections topped 200,000.

By now, both case numbers and deaths have dwindled. Last week, daily deaths averaged eight people nationwide. The government has provided free COVID-19 vaccines, especially encouraging the elderly and the medically vulnerable to get inoculated. Visitors may have to adjust to face masks, worn by most Japanese just about everywhere outside their own homes.

Many stores and restaurants require customers to wear masks and sanitise their hands.

business

of the day quote

There is a need to encourage use of electric vehicles and vehicles that run on biofuels like ethanol and methanol

NITIN GADKARI | UNION MINISTER

Garuda Aerospace is focused on creating high impact solutions for numerous purposes. Our Droni drone is indigenous and can be used for different surveillance purposes. It is efficient, seamless and high quality from a tech and build standpoint

AGNISHWAR JAYAPRAKASH | FOUNDER-CEO GARUDA AEROSPACE

We are not averse to acquisitions but it has to add value to us either from an IP (Intellectual Property) perspective or from a customer base perspective. We do not want to acquire just people but we need to have a corresponding asset

N GANAPATHY SUBRAMANIAM | TCS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

SHORT TAKES

Power Grid acquires SPV

New Delhi: State-run Power Grid Corporation of India Tuesday said it has acquired 100 per cent equity in a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to build an inter-state transmission project for eastern and northeastern regions. The SPV was acquired for an aggregate value of about ₹7.04 crore, including 50,000 equity shares at par at ₹10 each along with assets and liabilities of the company as on the acquisition date (October 10). However, the acquisition price is subject to adjustment as per the audited accounts of the company, it added. "Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, pursuant to its selection as the successful bidder under Tariff based competitive bidding, has on October 10, 2022 acquired ER NER Transmission Ltd (ETL), the Project SPV to establish Inter-State Transmission System for System Strengthening Scheme for Eastern and North Eastern Regions, on build, own, operate and transfer (BOOT) basis from the Bid Process Coordinator - REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd," it said in a BSE filing.

Emami Agrotech aims ₹5,000cr biz

New Delhi: Emami Agrotech Ltd Tuesday announced the relaunch of its edible oil brand Healthy & Tasty and aims ₹5,000 crore business from it in the next 3-5 years. As a part of this relaunch, the company has introduced four new variants - Mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower and Rice Bran, said a statement from Emami Agrotech, the branded food manufacturing arm of diversified group Emami. Besides, it has also roped in actress Katrina Kaif as its brand ambassador. She will be paired with Ravi Kishan in a separate commercial for the mustard oil variant. "With this relaunch, the brand targets a business turnover of ₹5,000 crore within the next 3-5 years," said Emami Agrotech.

Infosys prez quits ahead of Q2 results

New Delhi: IT services major Infosys Tuesday said its president Ravi Kumar S has resigned from his post. The company did not give any reason for the move which comes just days ahead of its second quarter earnings announcement. "The board of directors placed on record their deep sense of appreciation for the services rendered by Ravi Kumar S. For his contributions to the company," Infosys said in a regulatory filing.

IMF cuts India growth forecast to 6.8%

AGENCIES

Washington, Oct 11: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Tuesday cut its projection of India's economic growth in 2022 to 6.8 per cent, as it joins other global agencies that have trimmed forecasts.

The IMF had in July projected a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 7.4 per cent for India in the fiscal year that started in April 2022. Even that forecast was lower than 8.2 per cent projected in January this year.

India had grown at 8.7 per cent in 2021-22 fiscal (April 2021 to March 2022).

In its annual World Economic Outlook report released Tuesday, the IMF said outlook for India is growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022 — a 0.6 percentage point downgrade since the July forecast, reflecting a weaker-than-expected outturn in the second quarter and more subdued external demand.

Global growth is forecast to slow from 6.0 per cent in 2021 to 3.2 per cent in 2022 and 2.7 per cent in 2023. This is the weakest growth profile since 2001, except for the global financial crisis and the acute phase of the COVID-19



pandemic.

The economic growth projections reflect significant slowdowns for the largest economies: a US GDP contraction in the first half of 2022, a euro area contraction in the second half of 2022, and prolonged COVID-19 outbreaks and lockdowns in China with a growing property sector crisis, the IMF said.

"The global economy continues to face steep challenges, shaped by the lingering effects of three powerful forces: the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a cost-of-living crisis caused by persistent

and broadening inflation pressures, and the slowdown in China," said Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Economic Counsellor and the Director of Research of the IMF, in his forward to the WEO released during the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank.

More than a third of the global economy will contract in 2023, while the three largest economies — the United States, the European Union, and China — will continue to stall. "In short, the worst is yet to come, and for many people 2023 will feel like a recession," he wrote. Growth rate projections for

DIM OUTLOOK FOR GLOBAL ECONOMY

The International Monetary Fund is downgrading its outlook for the world economy for 2023, citing a long list of threats that include Ukraine war, inflation pressures, punishing interest rates. The lending agency forecast Tuesday that the global economy would eke out growth of just 2.7% next year, down from the 2.9% it had estimated in July.



Rlys passenger revenue in April-Oct 8 up by 92% YOY



AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: The railways' passenger revenue in the period between April 1 and October 8 was around ₹33,476 crore, an increase of 92 per cent over the corresponding period last year; the national transporter said in a statement Tuesday.

The Indian Railways' passenger revenue on originating basis during the April 1-October 8 period last year was ₹17,394 crore.

In the reserved passenger segment, the total approximate number of passengers booked during the period is ₹42.89 crore as compared to 34.56 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 24 per cent, it said.

The revenue generated from reserved passenger segment during the period from April 1 to October 8, 2022 is ₹26,961 crore as compared to ₹16,307 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 65 per cent.

In the unreserved passenger segment, the total approximate number of passengers booked during the period is ₹90.57 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 197 per cent.

The revenue generated from unreserved passenger segment during the period from April 1 to October 8, 2022 is ₹6,515 crore as compared to ₹1,086 crore during the same period last year, showing an increase of 500 per cent, the statement said.

Markets extend losses as global risks weigh



AGENCIES

Mumbai, Oct 11: Market benchmarks closed deep in the red Tuesday, mirroring a negative trend overseas as tightening monetary policy globally and escalation of the war in Ukraine continued to weigh on sentiment.

Sliding for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex slumped 843.79 points or 1.46 per cent to settle at 57,147.32.

The broader NSE Nifty tumbled 257.45 points or 1.49 per cent to end at 16,983.55.

IndusInd Bank was the biggest laggard among the Sensex constituents, dropping 3.70 per cent, followed by Nestle India, Tata Steel, Infosys, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's, and HUL.

Only two counters managed to close with gains — Axis Bank and Asian Paints, rising up to 1.15 per cent.

The country's largest IT services exporter TCS Monday reported an 8.4 per cent growth in its September quarter net profit at ₹10,431 crore, while revenues jumped 18 per cent to ₹55,309 crore.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 1.61 per cent and the smallcap index fell by 1.47 per cent.

All BSE sectoral indices ended in the negative territory, with realty falling 3.07 per cent, telecommunication 2.45 per cent, IT 2.12 per cent, teck 2.11 per cent, consumer durables 2.01 per cent, and commodities 1.90 per cent.

Rupee darts up 19 paise against \$

Mumbai: The rupee rebounded from its all-time low to close 19 paise higher at 82.21 against the US dollar Tuesday amid softening crude oil prices. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 82.35 against the greenback. It witnessed a high of 82.21 and a low of 82.41 during the session. It finally ended at 82.21, up 19 paise from its previous close. Monday, the rupee had slipped 10 paise to finish at a fresh lifetime low of 82.40. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 2.30 per cent to USD 93.98 per barrel.

Global markets extended their losses as investors offloaded riskier assets amid rising interest rates and geopolitical volatility.

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended lower, while Shanghai settled in the green.

Meanwhile, the international oil benchmark Brent crude futures declined 2.59 per cent to USD 93.70 per barrel.

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled 5 paise higher at 82.35 (provisional) against the US dollar Tuesday.

Foreign institutional investors offloaded shares worth a net ₹2,139.02 crore Monday, according to data available with BSE.

Rlys to replace its fleet with EVs by 2025

UNDER THE POLICY, A VAST CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE CREATED AT MAJOR RAILWAY STATIONS, OFFICE BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: The railways has floated a policy under which it plans to replace its entire fleet of vehicles that run on diesel, biofuels or even natural gas with electric vehicles by December 2025, in a big boost to the Centre's ambitious plan to make India a 100-per cent electric vehicle nation by 2030.

Under the policy, a vast charging infrastructure would be created at major railway stations, office buildings and parking lots.

India needs to set up 46,000 EV charging stations by 2030 to match the global benchmark.

According to the timeline proposed by the railways for the zones,

the target for installing EV-charging stations and phasing out 20 per cent of its fleet is by December 2023, 60 per cent by 2024 and 100 per cent by 2025.

The replacement of the inspection vehicles in the divisional offices and the attached units would not be mandatory in the initial phase of three years since the vehicles would be required by officials for frequent visits to far-flung areas where adequate charging infrastructure may not be available.

The railways will also create an affordable and accessible charging infrastructure for the users, including passengers, visitors and the general public, on its premises. The general managers of the



zonal railways have been asked to advise their officers to identify and demarcate parking spaces in office complexes and station premises for the installation of EV-charging facilities.

Charging point operators (CPOs) would be invited to set-up EV-charging stations at these locations. A parking fee for using the charging infrastructure, as decided by the rail-

ways, shall be applicable. The CPOs would ensure access to all compatible EV owners and have a mobile application for the EV users to locate and book the chargers and pay for the services digitally.

The chargers would be installed in accordance with the safety guidelines issued by the Central Electricity Authority or other competent agencies and departments.

India offers 26 oil, gas blocks in mega offshore round

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: India is offering 26 blocks or areas for finding and producing oil and gas in a mega offshore bid round, upstream regulator DGH said Tuesday.

Simultaneously, 16 areas for prospecting for coal-bed methane (CBM) are also being offered in a separate round. The "government announces the offer of 26 blocks covering an area of approximately 2.23 lakh square kilometers for exploration and development through international competitive bidding," the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) said without giving timelines for bidding.

Out of the 26 blocks, 15 areas are in ultra-deepwater, 8 in shallow sea and 3 blocks are onland.

The bid rounds are being held under the 2016 policy, called the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), which was promulgated March 30, 2016.



Since then, seven bid rounds of the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) have been concluded and 134 exploration and production blocks awarded. These blocks cover 2,07,691 square km of area across 19 sedimentary basins.

An eighth round was launched in July, offering 10 areas. The winners of that round are yet to be announced. Successful award of Round-VIII blocks would add a further 36,316 sq km of exploration acreage and cumulative exploration

acreage under the OALP regime will be increased to 2,44,007 sq km.

DGH is calling the latest round 'Offshore Bid Round (OALP Bid Round-IX) under HELP. The area being offered for exploration in OALP-IX is almost the size of the area bid out in the previous eight rounds put together.

DGH said the 16 CBM blocks being offered in the special bid round are spread over Madhya Pradesh (4), Chhattisgarh, Telangana (3 each), Maharashtra, Odisha (2 each), Jharkhand and West Bengal (1 each).

Just like OALP, the CBM blocks are being offered on a revenue share basis — companies offering the highest share of revenue to the government would win the block.

The exception to this rule are blocks that lie in low prospective basins where the work programme such as shooting of seismic or drilling of wells, will be the deciding factor.

RBI issues guidelines on unhedged foreign currency exposure

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Oct 11: The Reserve Bank Tuesday modified and consolidated guidelines for banks on unhedged foreign currency exposures of any entity to prevent losses due to heightened volatility in the forex market.

The RBI has, from time to time, issued several guidelines, instructions and directives to the banks on Unhedged Foreign Currency Exposure (UFCE) of the entities, which have borrowed from banks.

In the wake of a bank seeking clarification on various aspects related to UFCE, the RBI said a comprehensive review of the extant guidelines has been undertaken and all the existing instructions on the subject have been consolidated.

In an explanatory note, the RBI said unhedged foreign currency exposure of any entity is an area of concern not only for the individual entity but also for the entire financial system.

'India needs to invest ₹13.52L cr annually for full employment'

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 11: The government needs to enact a 'Right to Work' legislation and invest at least 5 per cent of GDP, that is ₹13.52 lakh crore, per year to ensure full employment in the country, as per a study by the People's Commission on Employment and Unemployment.

The People's Commission on Employment and Unemployment, set up by Desh Bachao Abhiyan, released its study 'Right to Work: Feasible and Indispensable for India to be a truly Civilized and Democratic Nation' Tuesday.

The report stated that full em-

ployment cannot be achieved through a piecemeal approach as it requires drastic changes in the legal, socio-political and economic aspects.

It suggested that the government should enact a 'Right to Work' law to ensure decent livelihood for citizens.

It stated that creating employment for 21.8 crore people needs investment of ₹13.52 lakh crore per annum or 5 per cent of the GDP (gross domestic product). It also stressed on increasing this expenditure by 1 per cent of the GDP per annum for the next five years.

Currently, 21.8 crore people immediately need work, which ex-



cludes persons benefitting from the rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA.

Increasing employment will re-

sult in greater production as well as demand, it suggested.

Shortage of resources for achieving full employment is an invalid

argument since it can be self-financing, the report said, adding that this runs counter to the elite perception that full employment would be a negative sum game for them.

It pointed out that at present about 30.4 crore workers have proper work.

If a workable alternative to the present system imposed by international finance capital is worked out in India, it can be a model which other developing nations can also follow, it said.

The report noted that achieving a more civilized and democratic society through moving toward full employment is feasible.

It regretted that markets not only do not guarantee full employment, especially in the short run, but also want unemployment to prevail so that labour is kept weak.

New technology being evolved in the advanced countries is appropriate for their needs but not necessarily good for a developing country like India, the report noted.

Higher technology is supposed to lead to higher profitability of a company. But it also lowers the employment potential. So, those who import technology and reduce employment need to pay a tax which could be used to finance employment, it suggested.

FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP KICKS OFF

India get 0-8 hammering from formidable USA in their maiden appearance



Debut to forget for eves

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: India were overwhelmed by a formidable USA in their opening match of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup as they suffered a 0-8 thrashing in a lopsided Group A match here Tuesday.

Reality bit the Indian team as it was toyed by a far more technically superior USA who were 4-0 up by the half-hour mark and 5-0 ahead at halftime. USA pumped in three more goals in the second session to hand a humiliating defeat on the Indians before a sizeable home crowd at the Kalinga Stadium.

Melina Rebimbas scored a brace (9th and 31st minute) while Charlotte Kohler (15th), Onyeka Gamero (23rd), Gisele Thompson (39th), Ella Emri (51st), Taylor Suarez (59th) and captain Mia Bhuta (62nd) struck a goal each for the CONCACAF champions.

India head coach Thomas

Dennerby had said before the match that her side would be difficult to score against, having prepared well since February but his players' completely were completely clueless and lost the plot on the day. The country's first match in a women's world cup turned out to be a nightmare.

Debutants India, who made it to the age-group showpiece on the basis of being the hosts, were simply run over by USA, who were runners-up in the inaugural edition in 2008 but has not gone past the group stage in three other appearances since then.

The porous Indian defence, including captain Astam Oraon at the left wing back position, leaked goal after goal while the home side could not even stitch even a proper goal-bound move. The Americans had more than 70 per cent ball possession in the first half.

Dennerby made use of the full

quota of five substitutes but India could have just two shots in the whole match with none on target.

The heavy defeat would put India in a difficult position to qualify for the quarterfinals with two matches left in the group stage – against Morocco (October 14) and title contenders Brazil (October 17).

It was, however, India who had the first attacking move of the game when Nitu Linda went past a couple of USA defender and sent the ball to Neha but Cameron Roller made a fine tackle on time to avert the danger. That was the last time India posed any danger to the USA defence.

The first USA goal came from the hard work of Riley Jackson who dribbled past a couple of Indians on the right channel before sending a fine cross for Rebimbas to hit a volley into the net in the ninth minute. Six minutes later, Kohler out jumped her Indian markers to score USA's second goal with a powerful header.

Gamero then punished the Indians for their defensive lapse in the 23rd minute before Rebimbas struck her second of the day as she fired in a left-footed shot from the edge of the box. US right back Thompson joined the party to make it 5-0 in the 39th minute to silence the home crowd.

Captain Bhuta, the first American of Indian heritage to play in a World Cup, provided a fine assist for Emri to head home in the 51st minute before Suarez converted a penalty after an Indian defender brought Kohler down in the box.

Just after the hour mark, Bhuta entered her name in the scoresheet with perhaps the best goal of the match as she curled in a thunderous shot into the roof of the net.



Indian goalkeeper goes for a save as her teammates look on during their match against USA at the Kalinga Stadium, Tuesday

India head coach Thomas Dennerby made use of the full quota of five substitutes but India could have just two shots in the whole match with none on target.

Jhonson helps Brazil pip spirited Morocco

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Brazil opened their campaign with a 1-0 win over one of the debutants Morocco in the first Group A match of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup at the iconic Kalinga Stadium here, Tuesday.

It didn't take too long for Brazil to take the lead through a Jhonson strike. Morocco started off strongly but it was Brazil's calculated play that won it the game.

In the opening minute, Iman el Hammachi met Djennah Cherif's pass on the volley, forcing Leilane – the Brazilian goalie – to make a full-stretched save. But that was Morocco's only shot on target as the Brazilians tightened their grip on the game.

With forwards Aline and Jhonson threatening in the Morocco box, Brazil got the breakthrough in the fifth minute. A counter-attack, starting a one-two between Aline and Lara, progressed with the lat-



WINNING START: Brazil players (in yellow) rejoice after their win against Morocco at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday

ter passing it to Jhonson.

The Brazilian forward – who had finished as the highest goal-scorer at the U-17 CONMEBOL Championship – made a run behind the Moroccan defence and put the ball in the back of the net with a powerful right-footed finish.

Simone Gomez's side was de-

termined to double their advantage seven minutes later. A through ball from Jhonson beat two Moroccan defenders and Ana Julia rushed to slot it home. But Wisaal El Assouli, tracking back at the last moment, cleared the ball to the right end and kept the score 1-0.

Brazil continued to attack, with

Jhonson twice coming close to doubling her tally, in the first half injury time and the 52nd minute, respectively.

Though the win secured three points for Brazil, it was exposed in moments of counter-attack, where the girls took time to track back. This is something a high-intensity team like the USA will take note of before the two teams meet three days later.

Morocco, on the other hand – coming in as the first North African country in the tournament – will take joy in the performance of their goalkeeper Louisa Derbali.

Derbali – who helped Morocco earn qualification with two key saves in the penalty shootout against Ghana – was instrumental in limiting the margin of goals to just one against the women in yellow and blue.

The young Atlas Lionesses will play India next at the same stadium October 14 and will expect the similar fan support it got today, with cheers of 'Maghreb' from the stands.

PICTURES OF THE DAY



1 (From R) Football Association of Odisha (FAO) secretary Asirbad Behera, All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey, FIFA secretary general Fatma Samoura and AIFF secretary general Shaji Prabhakaran during the FIFA official's felicitation ceremony, jointly organised by AIFF and FAO, at a city hotel in Bhubaneswar



2 Fireworks adorn the sky during the inauguration ceremony

3 Stand full of spectators, including school students, wave the Tricolour

4 FIFA U-17 WWC mascot 'Ibha' is having fun with children at Kalinga Stadium, Tuesday



Mauricio brace lifts Odisha FC

PNN & AGENCIES

Jamshedpur, Oct 11: Odisha FC scored two late goals to seal a 3-2 win over Jamshedpur FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex here, Tuesday.

Daniel Chukwu and Boris Singh gave the hosts a two-goal advantage inside the opening 10 minutes. Diego Mauricio then bagged a brace, including the winner, and substitute Isaac Chhakchhuak got on the scoresheet to nab all three points for the Juggernauts.

Torrential rain delayed kick-off but didn't dampen Jamshedpur FC's spirits as they got their noses in front after just three minutes. Ricky Lallawmawma's low cross from the left flank was blocked by Thoiba Singh but the rebound fell to Chukwu before the Nigerian smashed the ball into the net with his left foot.

Lallawmawma then played a low cross from the left flank and found Boris Singh who tapped in at the far post. The Juggernauts reduced the deficit seven minutes later. Raynier Fernandes rolled the ball towards Mauricio near the edge of the box and the Brazilian curled and tucked his effort inside the far post.

The match was then tied with two minutes in regulation time to go. Isak Vanlalruatfela and Isaac Chhakchhuak combined brilliantly on the right flank with Vanlalruatfela pulling it back for Chhakchhuak, who smashed the ball into the back of the net.

The comeback was complete in stoppage time. Vanlalruatfela was involved in the move again as the 21-year-old picked out Mauricio with an inch-perfect ball before the striker fired in his second of the night.

Spinners help India seal series



WRECKER-IN-CHIEF: Kuldeep Yadav is embraced by Sanju Samson in celebration as Bjorn Fortuin walks back after getting out, Tuesday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 11: India gave a good account of their enormous depth as a young and inexperienced side stunned a strong South Africa unit by seven wickets in third ODI here Tuesday to secure a memorable series win.

The spin trio of Washington Sundar (2/15), Shahbaz Ahmed (2/32) and Kuldeep Yadav (4/18) picked the right lengths on a slow Kotla pitch to bundle out South Africa for 99, the Proteas lowest ODI total against India. The home team batters, led by Shubman Gill (49, 57b, 8x4), chased a paltry 100-run target in 19.1 overs.

The series loss further jeopardised South Africa's chances of a direct qualification for the ODI World Cup next year. Pacer Mohammad

Siraj (2/17) too continued his good run to make a strong case for his inclusion in T20 World Cup squad.

While Washington and Shahbaz got wickets up front, left-arm spinner Kuldeep, who missed out on a hat-trick, cleaned up the tail. The quality of the Indian white-ball squad was on full display in the series as the second-string team came from behind to clinch the three-match series 2-1.

Chasing a small total, opener Gill attacked the South African bowlers from the very first ball while skipper Shikha Dhawan (8) played second fiddle.

The Indians, who looked in a hurry to finish the match, lost a bit of momentum after the wickets of Dhawan, whose woeful run in the series continued as he was run out for eight, and Ishan Kishan (10).

Binny likely to replace Dada as BCCI president

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi/Mumbai, Oct 11: Roger Binny, a member of the 1983 World Cup winning team, Tuesday filed his nomination for the post of BCCI President and is likely to get the top job unopposed, Board vice-president Rajeev Shukla said.

Binny, 67, is so far the only candidate to have filed nomination for the post and if no other candidate emerges, he will replace Sourav Ganguly as BCCI chief when the Board holds its AGM October 18 in Mumbai.

After hectic parleys and back-channel discussions over the past week, it was decided that Binny was the best pick as the 36th Board president, one of the sources familiar with the development, said.

Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has also filed nomination and will continue as BCCI Secretary for a second consecutive term if no other candidate throws his hat in the ring. Shah is also expected to replace Ganguly as India's representative at the all powerful ICC Board.

Ganguly was keen to continue as BCCI President but he was told that there is no precedence of giving a second term to the Board president.

"Sourav was offered IPL chairmanship but he politely declined the offer. His logic was that he cannot accept becoming head of a sub-committee in BCCI after heading the same institution. He had expressed interest in continuing in the position," the BCCI source said.

Odisha open campaign with dominating victory



JAYANT BEHERA



SUBHRANSHU SENAPATI

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 11: Odisha opened their 2022-23 domestic campaign in style as they overpowered Sikkim sealing a nine-wicket victory over the north-east side in their first match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy T20 cricket tournament at the Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow, Tuesday.

Sikkim won the toss and elected to bat first. However, it was Odisha who benefitted from the decision. Odisha bowlers' disciplined performance allowed them to restrict Sikkim to 100/6 in their stipulated 20 overs. Jayant Behera bowled brilliantly picking two wickets in his four-over spell giving away only 19 runs. Mustaq Beg (1/15) was also superb in his four-over spell.

For Sikkim, Pankaj was the top scorer with a run-a-ball 34, hitting four boundaries in his innings. Anvesh also had a crucial contribution – a 21-ball 15 with the help of a boundary. In response, Odisha comfortably completed the chase with 4.4 overs in hand. Subhranshu

Senapati and Anshuman Rath were joint top scorers for Odisha having scored unbeaten 33-run knocks each. Subhranshu faced 21 deliveries, hitting one four and a couple of sixes, while Anshuman faced 39 balls, hitting three fours in the process. Lee Yong Lepcha (1/21) was the wicket-taker for Sikkim.

EVES GO DOWN

Odisha women's team suffered nine-wicket defeat against Andhra in their Senior Women's T20 Trophy match at the Alur Cricket Stadium in Bangalore, Tuesday.

Odisha posted 94/6 after being invited to bat first. Kajal Jena (31, 25b, 4x4, 1x6) and Subhra Nirjharini Swain (25 n o, 31b) batted well for Odisha. Saranya Gadwal (2/15) and E Padmaja (2/18) were stand-out among the Andhra bowlers.

Andhra notched up the win in 15.5 overs, courtesy qan unbeaten half century by V Sneha Deepthi (55 n o, 52b, 6x4, 2x6). She was ably supported by N Anusha (23 n o, 30b, 1x4). Rameswari Naik (1/14) got the lone Andhra wicket for Odisha.